



California Public Utilities Commission



July 24, 2024

VIA EMAIL

Lori Charpentier
Southern California Edison Company
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Rosemead, California 91770

SUBJECT: Cal City Substation 115 kV Upgrade Project – Data Request 5

Dear Ms. Charpentier,

As the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) proceeds with the environmental review for SCE's Cal City Substation 115 kV Upgrade Project (Project), we have identified additional information that is needed to adequately conduct the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review. Please provide the information requested below (Data Request 5) within two weeks (or by August 7, 2024) and submit your responses in electronic format to the CPUC and to our consultant, Environmental Science Associates (ESA).

Please do not hesitate to call me at (408) 705-6030 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Sanchez".

Boris Sanchez
Energy Division Project Manager

cc: Michelle Wilson, CPUC CEQA and Energy Permitting Group Program and Project Supervisor
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Cal City 115 kV Substation Upgrade Project CEQA Evaluation

Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) Biological Resources Technical Report GIS Files and Brief Summaries of Survey Findings

1. SCE has confirmed that surveys were conducted (between March and July of 2024) for biological species including: Mojave desert tortoise, burrowing owl, and western Joshua tree. Please provide GIS data for all these biological resources updates.
 - a. Mojave desert tortoise survey data (all sign and any tortoise specimens encountered).
 - b. All burrowing owl (all sign and any burrowing owl individuals or pairs encountered).
 - c. All western Joshua tree specimens encountered.
 - d. Any new or modified location or configurations for state jurisdictional aquatic resources features.
2. With the understanding that the full species reports are not expected to be completed until September of 2024, please provide brief summaries of these reports to include the following basic information:
 - a. Tortoise (survey dates, methods, and findings)
 - b. Burrowing owl (dates, methods, and findings)
 - c. Joshua tree (changes from prior report- are there new map locations? Confirm/specify if any other new special plant specimens found).
3. If there are any updates to the survey data for biological resources available as GIS data layers (shapefile or geodatabase) that were used to depict the study area, vegetation communities/land cover types, rare plant species habitats, and special status species habitat and wildlife species observations/occurrences identified in the maps prepared for the BRTR, please also include those data along with applicable survey dates and species observation descriptions.
4. Clarify how the more recent aquatic resources survey effort was different from the prior survey such that it is now identified as a "formal delineation."
5. Provide specific data related to the final wetland delineation/aquatic resources jurisdictional determination to show any changes to aquatic resources as compared to the prior version of aquatic resources mapping.
6. Please provide any related agency correspondence pertaining to the jurisdictional determination, if available.