

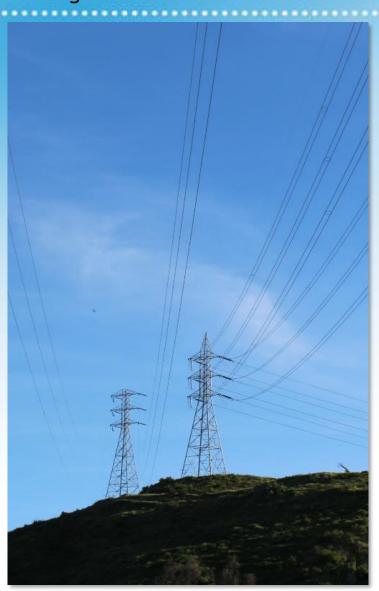


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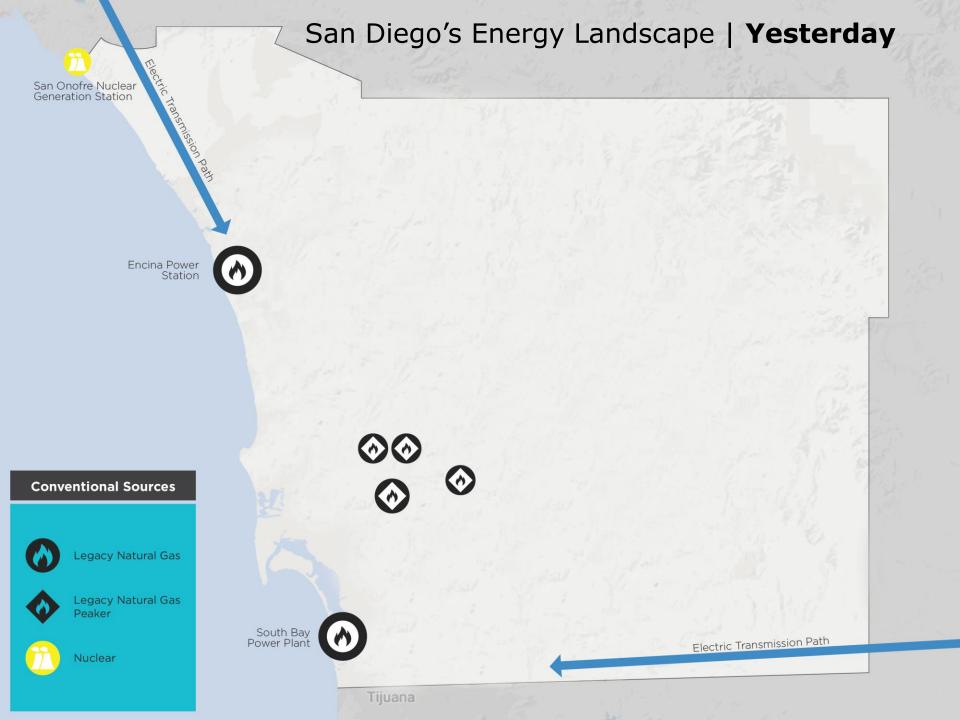
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#### Background



- SDG&E has proposed a new 69 kilovolt (kV) power line between the existing San Marcos and Escondido substations to increase electric system reliability by decreasing congestion on the existing power lines
- The need for this project was reviewed and approved by the California Independent System Operator (CAISO)
- Given the growth of the San Marcos and Escondido areas and surrounding communities, the load pocket in this area has created an increased demand that continues to strain the existing infrastructure



#### Escondido: I-15 and SR-78











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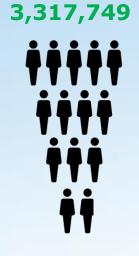


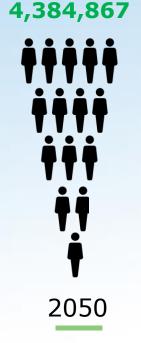
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1960s

1990s

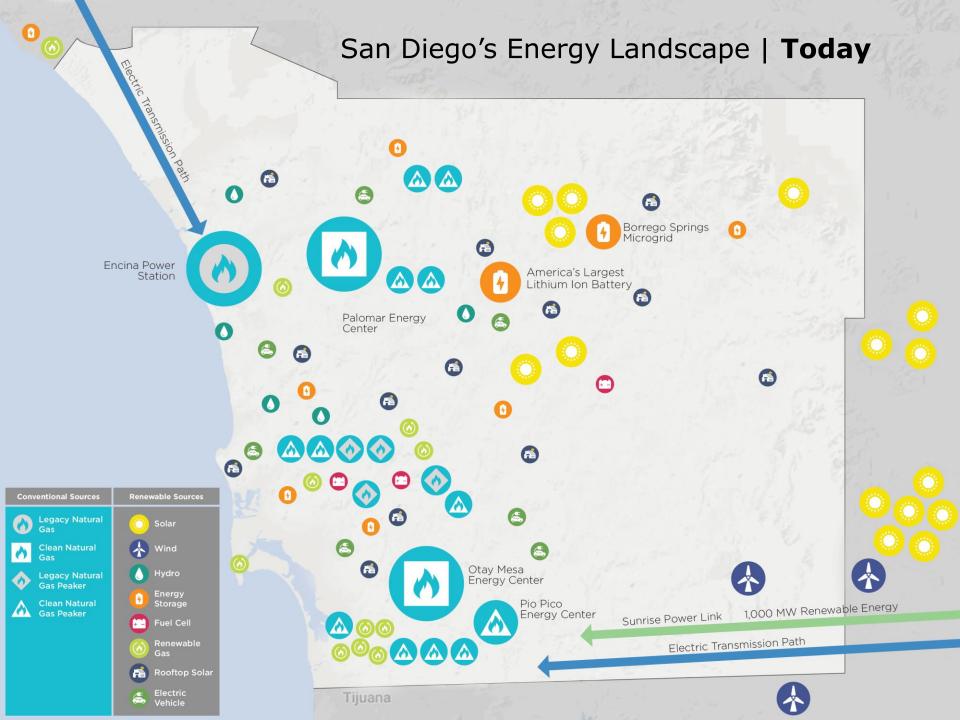




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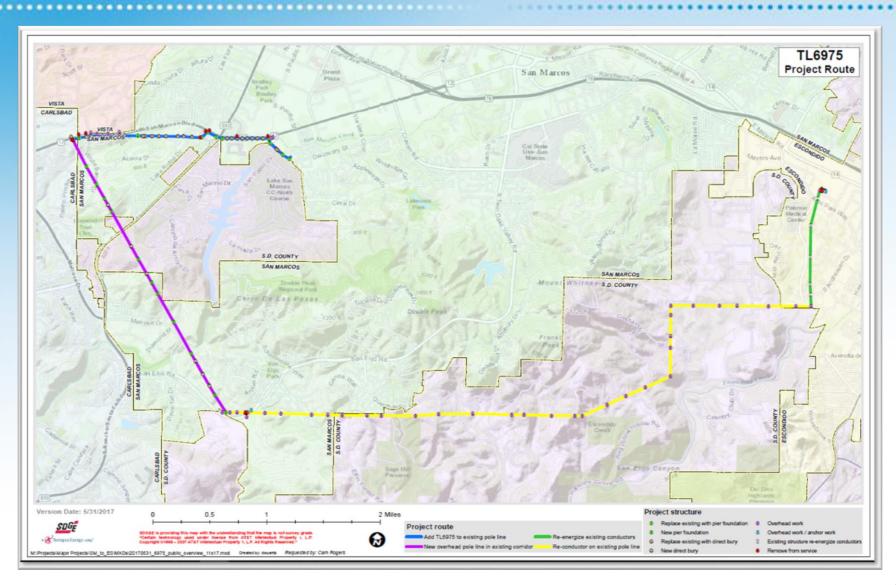
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- Electrical load planning studies show that the system has vulnerabilities under contingency conditions that do not meet the required standards set forth by the North American Reliability Corporation (NERC)
- The newly proposed 69 kV power line between the existing San Marcos and Escondido substations will eliminate these vulnerabilities, and replace aging infrastructure with state of the art equipment and fire resistant steel poles
- The Escondido portion of this project does not require any new structures
- The project calls for the re-energization of an existing line and the replacement of new wires on existing structures within SDG&E's existing Right-of-Way







#### **Anticipated Project Schedule:**

- Project Permit to Construct (PTC) application filed with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in November, 2017
  - On April 1<sup>st</sup> the CPUC issued a draft environmental document (Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration) for the project, which is currently in circulation for public review and comment. The issuance of the Draft CEQA document is anticipated in the second quarter of 2019
  - SDG&E anticipates, based on the current project schedule, that the CPUC will issue a Notice to Proceed (NTP) for the project in the first or second quarter of 2020
  - One year construction schedule anticipated from Q1 or 2 of 2020 Q1 or 2 of 2021
  - Helicopters will be utilized for construction and support activities
  - It is important to note that construction activities often occur intermittently and are often not completed concurrently



#### Opportunity for Public input:

- During the 45-day public comment period on the Draft CEQA document, the CPUC will accept public comments regarding the project
- The CPUC will host a local public open house public presentation on the project during the comment period
  - Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 p.m. at the San Elijo Recreation Center
  - Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 p.m. as the San Marcos Community Center



### Questions?

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