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**Question DR6-1:**

Issue: The 2020 Sensitive Species and Habitat Report describes the biological resources survey area as encompassing a 100-foot (30-meter) radius around each existing tower location, along with observations at all known pulling/tensioning sites, laydown areas, and new or modified access routes in Project areas, with surveys covering a 150-foot wide corridor spanning 75 feet on each side of the centerline for the entire alignment, unless otherwise specified (Section 3.2, page 3-4). However, the associated GIS data for these surveys does not include a buffer around the access routes in the Project area, so it is unclear if these were surveyed.

For the 2024 Habitat Assessment Addendum, the same methods as described for the 2020 Sensitive Species and Habitat Report are referenced, yet GIS data has a buffer of 7.5 feet from the centerline of access roads, assuming a 15-foot wide corridor. All roads that overlap with the transmission buffer were not included in this dataset.

How to Address: Please clarify the biological survey area for access roads in the Project area and provide GIS data that matches this survey area. If some roads were not surveyed, please provide an explanation as to why those roads were omitted from the survey efforts.

**Response to Question DR6-1:**

For access roads located outside the original 150-foot wide corridor survey, the biological survey area is an approximately 118 foot-wide corridor (assuming an approximately 18-foot wide road and then a 50 foot-wide survey area from the edge of each side of the road). All access and spur roads have been surveyed. Current GIS data will be provided in response to DR #7, which also requests changes to GIS data.

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**Question DR6-2:**

Issue: A newly detected Muilla species is noted as being described by Dr. James Andre for scientific publication, with an update anticipated within a few months of the addendum publication.

How to Address: Please provide a paper or other reference to support this finding, if it is available.

**Response to Question DR6-2:**

SCE was unable to locate any recent publications by Dr. James Andre and did not find any other papers or references to Muilla species.

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**Question DR6-3:**

Issue: There are several discrepancies between the text in the 2020 Sensitive Species and Habitat Report, Section 3.2, and the tables of surveys in Appendix H of that document and Appendix B of the Habitat Assessment Addendum. Survey dates and types generally align for plant and vegetation community surveys, but wildlife survey details vary between sections and between documents, particularly with regard to which species were surveyed at each survey date. For example, the 2020 Sensitive Species and Habitat Report discusses Protocol desert tortoise survey methods and dates in Section 3.2.2.1, but none of the survey dates in Appendix H list desert tortoise survey dates, and they are also not mentioned in Appendix B of the 2024 Habitat Assessment addendum. Additionally, the 2024 Habitat Assessment addendum notes incidental wildlife species surveys concurrent with 2022 and 2023 botanical surveys in section 4.2.5, but these surveys are not listed in Appendix B.

How to Address: Please provide a comprehensive table listing all survey dates, survey types and focal species, as appropriate.

**Response to Question DR6-3:**

Table provided under separate cover:

- See file “DR6 Q3 - Attachment A”

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**Question DR6-4:**

Issue: Section 3.2.2.2 of the Sensitive Species and Habitat Report does not clarify if a protocol was used for Mohave ground squirrel surveys or if these were just visual surveys conducted alongside desert tortoise surveys.

How to Address: Please confirm if surveys for Mohave ground squirrel conducted April 19 and May 4, 2017 were protocol-level, and if so, which protocol was used.

**Response to Question DR6-4:**

SCE did not perform protocol-level surveys for Mohave ground squirrel on either April 19, 2017 or May 4, 2017.

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**Question DR6-5:**

Issue: The Habitat Restoration Plan included in Appendix T of the PEA includes impact calculations and habitat restoration area calculations that reflect the initial application. Modifications to the project, including the change in staging area locations resulted in changes to the area of impact after initial application filing. The CPUC will use the Habitat Restoration Plan in its MND to support the impact analysis and the impacts in the MND and the restoration plan will need to be consistent and reflect the project that is being analyzed.

How to Address: Please update the Habitat Restoration Plan to reflect updates in the project impact areas and restoration areas by habitat type.

**Response to Question DR6-5:**

See Revised Habitat Restoration Plan to be provided in response to DR #7, which also requests changes to the Habitat Restoration Plan.

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**Question DR6-6:**

Issue: The PEA includes Appendix R - Burrowing Owl Management and Passive Relocation Plan. However, there has since been an update on the Status of the Burrowing Owl to be a State candidate species.

How to Address: Would the change in burrowing owl status require any updates to this Plan? If so, please provide an updated Plan that reflects SCE's proposed approach to Burrowing Owl Management.

**Response to Question DR6-6:**

Updated plan provided under separate cover.

- See Attachment "DR6 Q6 - Attachment B" with redlines that reflect updates.

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**Question DR6-7:**

Issue: The Baker Airport Material staging area is located within the Baker Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan and could result in conflicts if helicopters were refueled or landed at the staging area. How to Address: Please clarify whether helicopters would be refueled or landed at the Baker Airport Material staging area.

**Response to Question DR6-7:**

SCE no longer plans to use the material staging area at Baker Airport. Helicopters may land or refuel at the Baker Airport.

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**Question DR6-8:**

Issue: Staging areas may be lit for security.

How to address: Please provide what type of lighting would be proposed for the staging areas and if it be motion activated and downcast? Please provide more information regarding staging area lighting and any other lighting, such as substation security lighting, if proposed. Please include information regarding how many hours or days lighting would be used. Please also include information regarding how nighttime lighting would be limited/used.

**Response to Question DR6-8:**

As presented in PEA Section 3.5.2.2.5, portable light standards (also referred to as light towers) may be used at staging yards. Any such lighting would be shielded and oriented downward and inward toward the staging area. These lights would not be motion-activated.

The number of hours or days that lighting may be required depend on real-time construction conditions including activity sequencing, work progress, time of year, weather, and safety considerations, all of which can vary and are not fully predictable. As a result, projected lighting use cannot be quantified with greater specificity.

No new permanent substation lighting is proposed.