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Thomas Diaz
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Re: Data Request #7 for the SCE EPL TLRR Project (A.23-04-009)

Dear Mr. Diaz:

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) submitted its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) and Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) on April 26, 2023. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Energy Division provided PEA deficiency letters to SCE on May 19 and June 27, 2023 and September 18, 2025 and SCE is currently completing the additional analysis.

As we continue to prepare the environmental analysis for the CEQA compliance document, we have identified additional information needed from SCE. Attached please find Data Request No. 7, which defines the additional questions we have at this time. We would appreciate your prompt responses to our data requests.

One set of responses should be sent to the Energy Division and one to our consultant Panorama Environmental, Inc. in electronic format. Any questions on this data request should be directed to me by email at andrew.chan@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Andrew Chan

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cc:

Case Administration, Southern California Edison
Susanne Heim and Jessica Koteen, Panorama Environmental

Submittal

Document Title: Proponent's Environmental Assessment for Southern California Edison Company's TLRR EPL Project

Data Request Form No. No. 7

Description: Data Request #7

From: Panorama Environmental Inc.

To: Southern California Edison

Date Submitted: February 9, 2026

Determination

- Meets CPUC Requirements, No Additional Information Needed
- Does not Meet CPUC Requirements (see Deficiencies below)
- Additional Data Needed (see Data Requests below)

Data Request

PEA Section or Page #	Comment Code	Data Request
Section 5: Environmental Analysis		
3.0 Project Description		
PEA Table 3.5-4. Work Area Disturbance Areas and associated GIS files	DR7-1	<p>Issue: The GIS data provided for project impacts (proj_AccessRoad_Line, const_Construction_Area, const_CMY_Area) miscategorized project features as permanent impacts.</p> <p>How to Address: Please provide clean, updated versions of the GIS datasets mentioned above, which correctly portray the new permanent and temporary impacts associated with the project.</p>
5.4 Biological Resources		
PEA Appendix S – Nesting Bird Management Plan	DR7-2	<p>Issue: Swainson's Hawk</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> PTO discrepancy between NBMP and Sensitive Species and Habitat Report: NBMP states "Low potential to forage but unlikely due to lack of suitable nesting habitat". Sensitive Species and Habitat Report, states "likely to forage within the EPL alignment on an occasional basis during spring and summer months and may nest in isolated locations; based on documented nesting records, the one location where the Swainson's hawk may nest occurs near the Cima Substation and the area to the east within the Mojave National Preserve. It is unlikely to nest elsewhere within the EPL alignment, based on the lack of nesting records within 5 miles (8 kilometers) of the alignment" Swainson's hawk is not included in Table 2 – Nesting Bird Buffers for Horizontal and Vertical Ground and Helicopter Construction. Where it is noted in Appendix B (Birds of Prey – Category 4), the horizontal buffer distance (0.25 to 0.5-mile) does not match 2010 CDFW monitoring and mitigation plan recommendations, which state "During nesting season, ensure no new disturbances, habitat conversions, or other project-related activities that may cause nest abandonment or forced fledging occur within 0.5 mile of an active nest between March 1 and September 15."

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		<p>How to Address: Please update NBMP to reflect the likelihood of Swainson's hawk potential to occur from the occurrence data in the Sensitive Species and Habitat Report. Also update the NBMP to include Birds of Prey (Category 4), which should include Swainson's hawk as well as prairie falcons and peregrine falcons, which are currently in Category 2. This category should include a 0.5-mile disturbance buffer as described in "California Energy Commission and Department of Fish and Game. 2010. <i>Swainson's Hawk Survey Protocols, Impact Avoidance, and Minimization Measures for Renewable Energy Projects in the Antelope Valley of Los Angeles and Kern Counties, California</i>"</p>
PEA Appendix S – Nesting Bird Management Plan	DR7-3	<p>Issue: Section 2.1 – Management Summary notes "Only one avian species listed under CESA and/or FESA has a potential to occur within or near the EPL Project alignment, the gilded flicker".</p> <p>Burrowing owl has an updated status under CESA (Candidate Threatened), and Swainson's hawk is CA Threatened (see above), but are not in this section.</p> <p>How to Address: Please include both burrowing owl and Swainson's hawk in the Section 2.1 language.</p>
PEA Appendix S – Nesting Bird Management Plan	DR7-4	<p>Issue: The NBMP does not include updates to observations and associated occurrence potential based on the 2024 revisit survey results in the TLRR Sensitive Species and Habitat Report – Botanical Addendum.</p> <p>How to Address: Please revise the NBMP to add bird species observed during 2024 surveys, and update potential to occur for species with additional observations during that survey period that now have a greater potential to occur.</p>
PEA Appendix - Habitat Restoration Plan	DR7-5	<p>Issue: The HRP was written prior to development of the Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act and doesn't include Western Joshua Tree-specific avoidance, minimization and mitigation strategies that align with the WJTCA.</p> <p>How to Address: Please revise the HRP to include restoration and mitigation specifications from the WJTCA. Much of this language is already included in the WJT Census Report and Appendices prepared for the project in 2024.</p>