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Re: Data Request #2 for the SCE TLRR Gorman-Kern River 66 kV Project (A.22-02-014)

Dear Mr. Barranda:

Southern California Edison Company (SCE) submitted its Permit to Construct (PTC) application and Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) on February 28, 2022. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Energy Division provided PEA deficiency letters to SCE on March 29, April 29 and October 31, 2022 and SCE is currently completing additional analysis.

As we prepare for the environmental analysis for the CEQA compliance document, we have identified additional information needed from SCE. Attached please find Data Request No. 2, 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 eric.chiang@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Chiang".

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Susanne Heim and Jessica Koteen, Panorama Environmental

Submittal

Document Title: Proponent's Environmental Assessment for Southern California Edison Company's TLRR Gorman-Kern River 66 kV Project

Data Request Form No. No. 2

Description: Data Request #2

From: Panorama Environmental Inc.

To: Southern California Edison

Date Submitted: April 10, 2023

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		
5.3 Air Quality Resources		
Section 5.3.1.2, Sensitive Receptor Locations, Figure set 5.13-1; Section 5.13, Noise of PEA	DR2-1	<p>The Project's Section 5.3.1.2 Sensitive Receptor Locations in Section 5.3 Air Quality Resources, and Table 5.13-3 Construction Noise Levels in Section 5.13 Noise Resources of the PEA states that there are no sensitive receptors near staging areas which have an approximate duration of use of 180 days.</p> <p>If a sensitive receptor is within ¼ miles of the project site but project construction in that vicinity would occur for less than 20 days, no health risk assessment would be required. However, if a sensitive receptor is within ¼ miles of the project site and project construction in that vicinity would occur for more than 20 days (such as a staging area), a health risk assessment should be conducted.</p> <p>On August 18, 2021, we provided a comment about the lack of a health risk assessment in the PEA. "...Based on construction activity duration, location of sensitive receptors relative to the construction activities, the document should state why a health risk assessment was not required."</p> <p>SCE responded on February 29, 2022: "As stated in Section 5.3.4.4 of the PEA, a Health Risk Assessment was not conducted because the GKR Project does not include the operation of new stationary sources that would result in the emissions of toxic air pollutants. Although the total duration of the construction activities could last for 24 months, it is unlikely the activities within the vicinity of the sensitive receptors will occur for more than the 2 months that the OEHHA guidance notes is the minimum time to evaluate cancer risks. Section 3.6.5 Work Schedule, describes the duration of the various activities that generally range from 1 to 20 days. For staging areas that could have a duration of 6 to 24 months, the location of these areas will not be within 1/4 mile of sensitive receptors."</p> <p>In our desktop analysis of sensitive receptors within ¼ mile from any project construction component, we found that the following staging areas had several residences within 1/4 mile. See list below and the attached screen shots from our desk top analysis.</p>

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		Data request: Please provide a list of the proposed staging areas and the duration of use for each staging area and the types of activities which would occur during that duration. If it is determined that staging area activities would occur for more than 20 days and include activities which would generate air toxics at any of the locations identified below, please provide the appropriate health risk assessment.

Staging Area Name	Receptor Type within 1.4 mile	Screen Shot Reference
Gorman Sub	1 resident	Figure 1
Frazier Mountain Road	5 residents	Figure 2
Lebec-Clear Canyon Rd	6 residents	Figure 3
Lebec Rd	1 school (El Tejon School	Figure 4
I-5	11 residents, 1 school (El Tejon School)	Figure 5
Ranco Road	1 resident	Figure 6
Banducci Rd	3 residents	Figure 7
Bakersfield Tehachapi Hwy	1 resident	Figure 8
Bakersfield Tehachapi Hwy (additional yards with the same name but different locations)	1 resident	Figure 9
Kern Canyon Rd	2 residents	Figure 10
Kern Canyon Rd (additional yards with the same name but different locations)	1 resident	Figure 11

Figure 1: Gorman Sub Yard

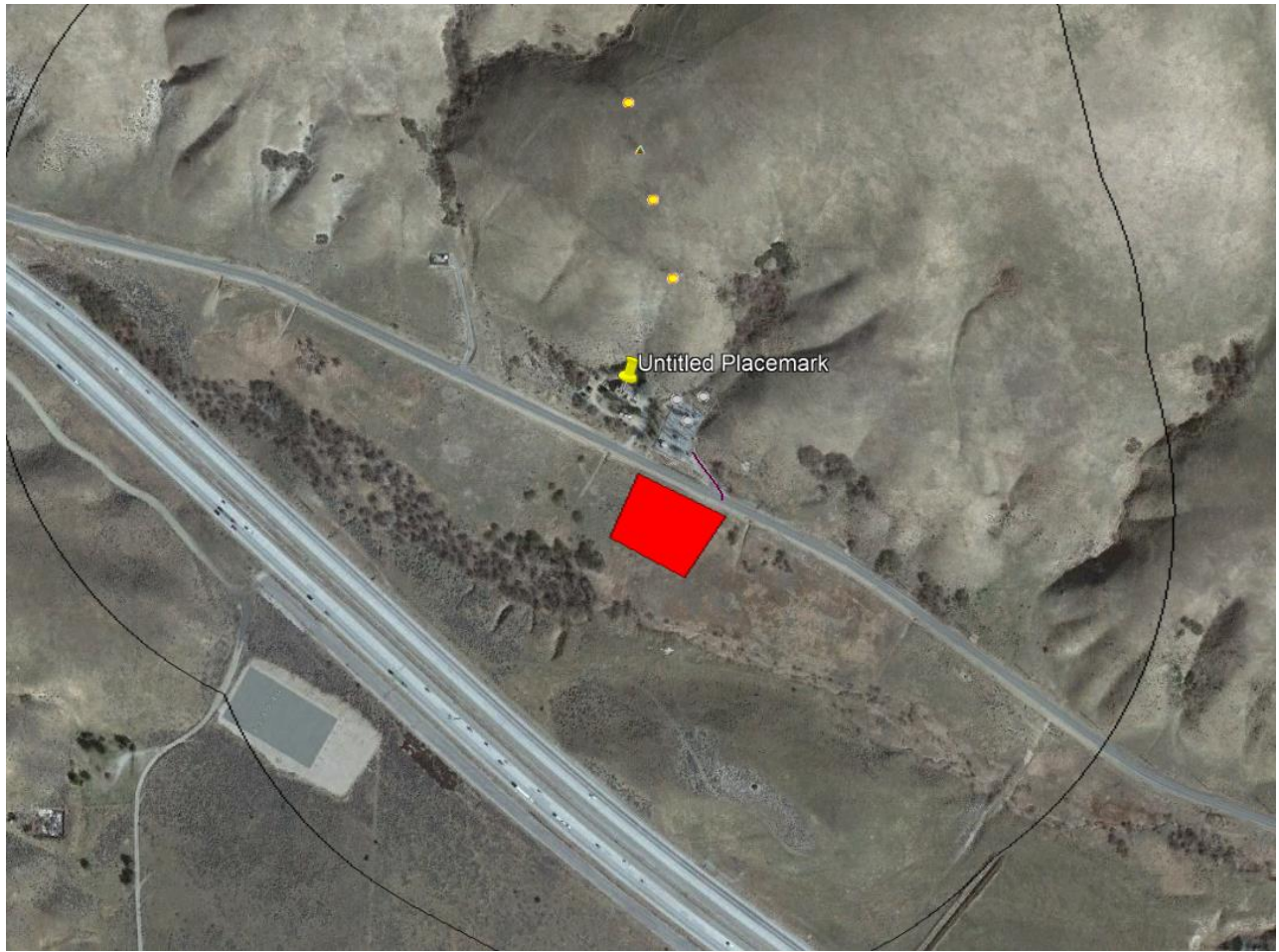


Figure 2 Frasier Road Yard



Figure 3 Lebec-Clear Canyon Rd Yard



Figure 4 Lebec Road Yard



Figure 5 I-5 Yard

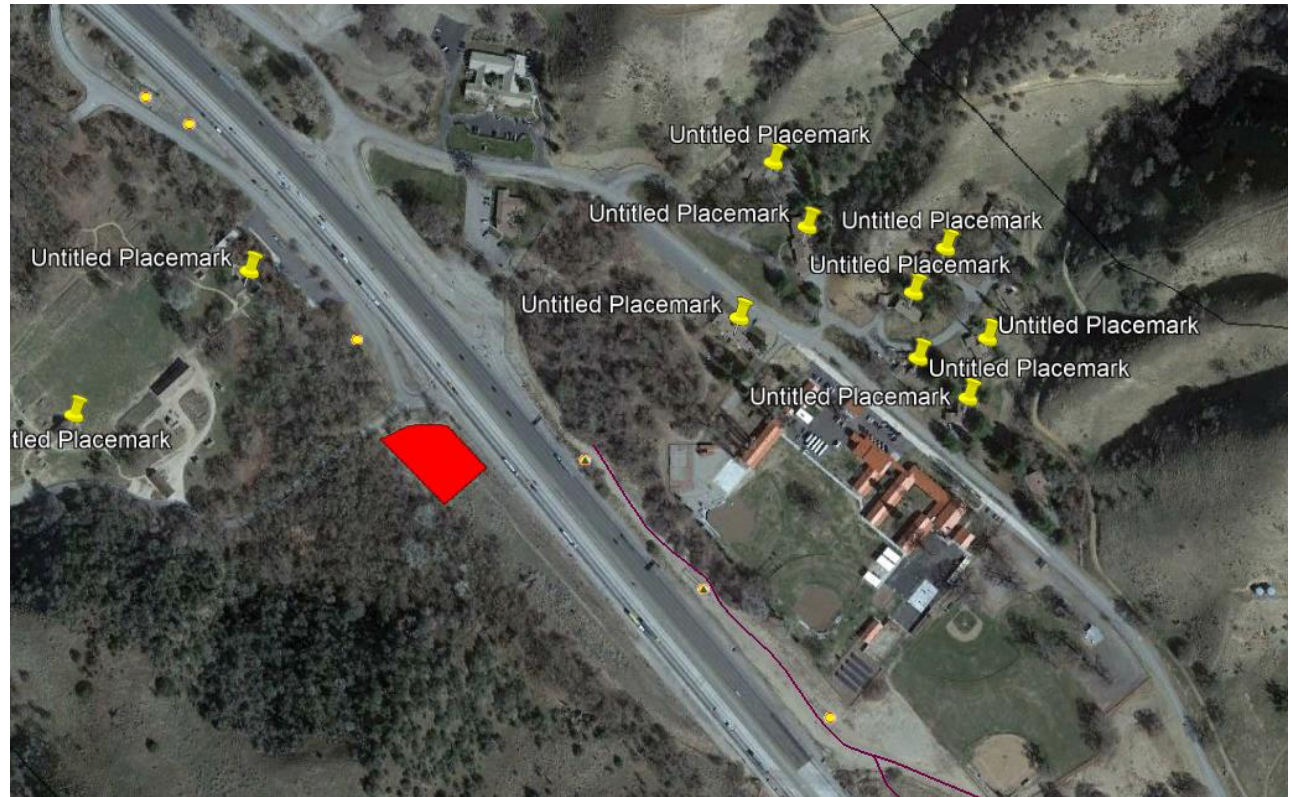


Figure 6 Rancho Road Yard



Figure 7 Banducci Rd Yard



Figure 8 Bakersfield Tehachapi Hwy Yard

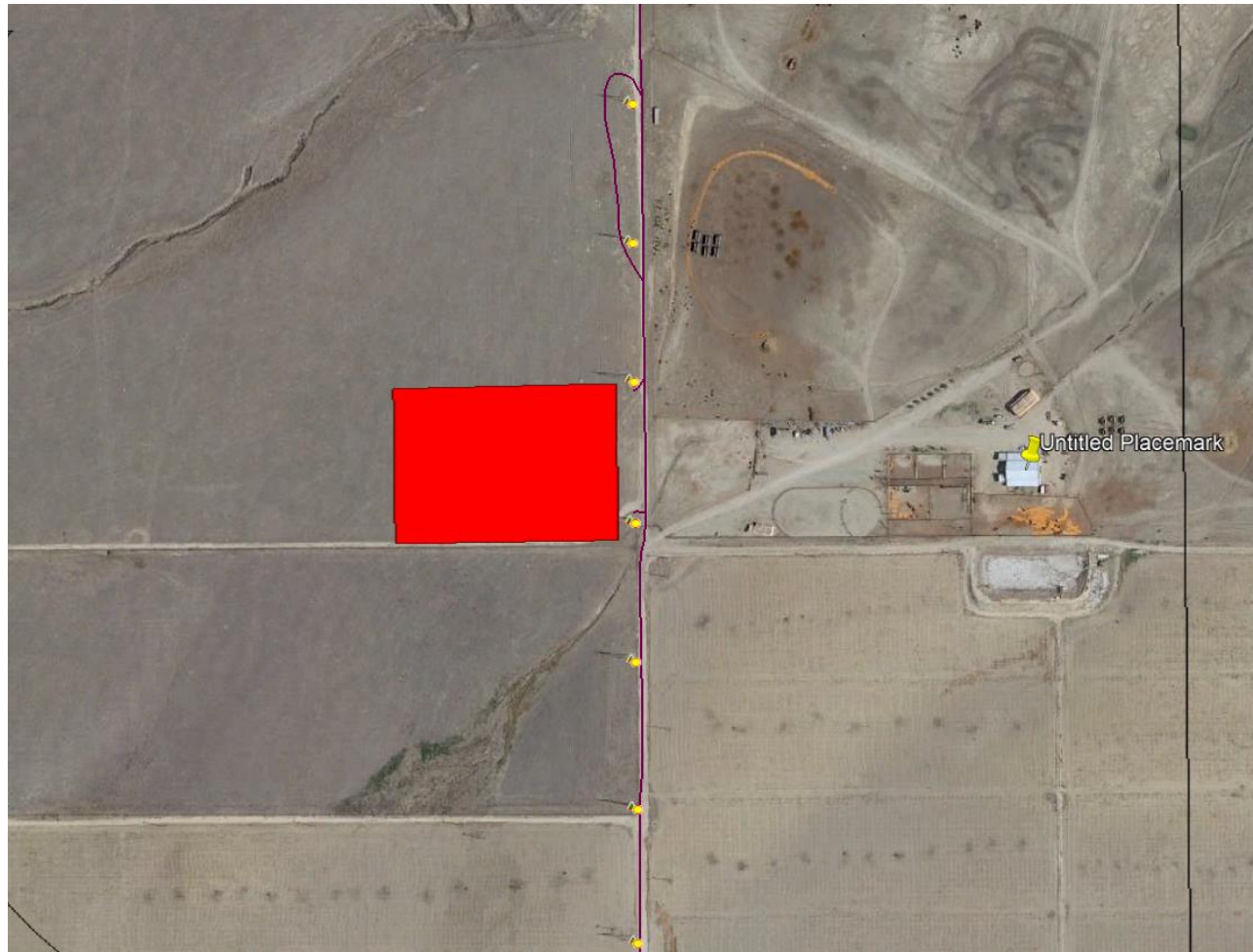


Figure 9 Bakersfield Tehachapi Hwy Yards

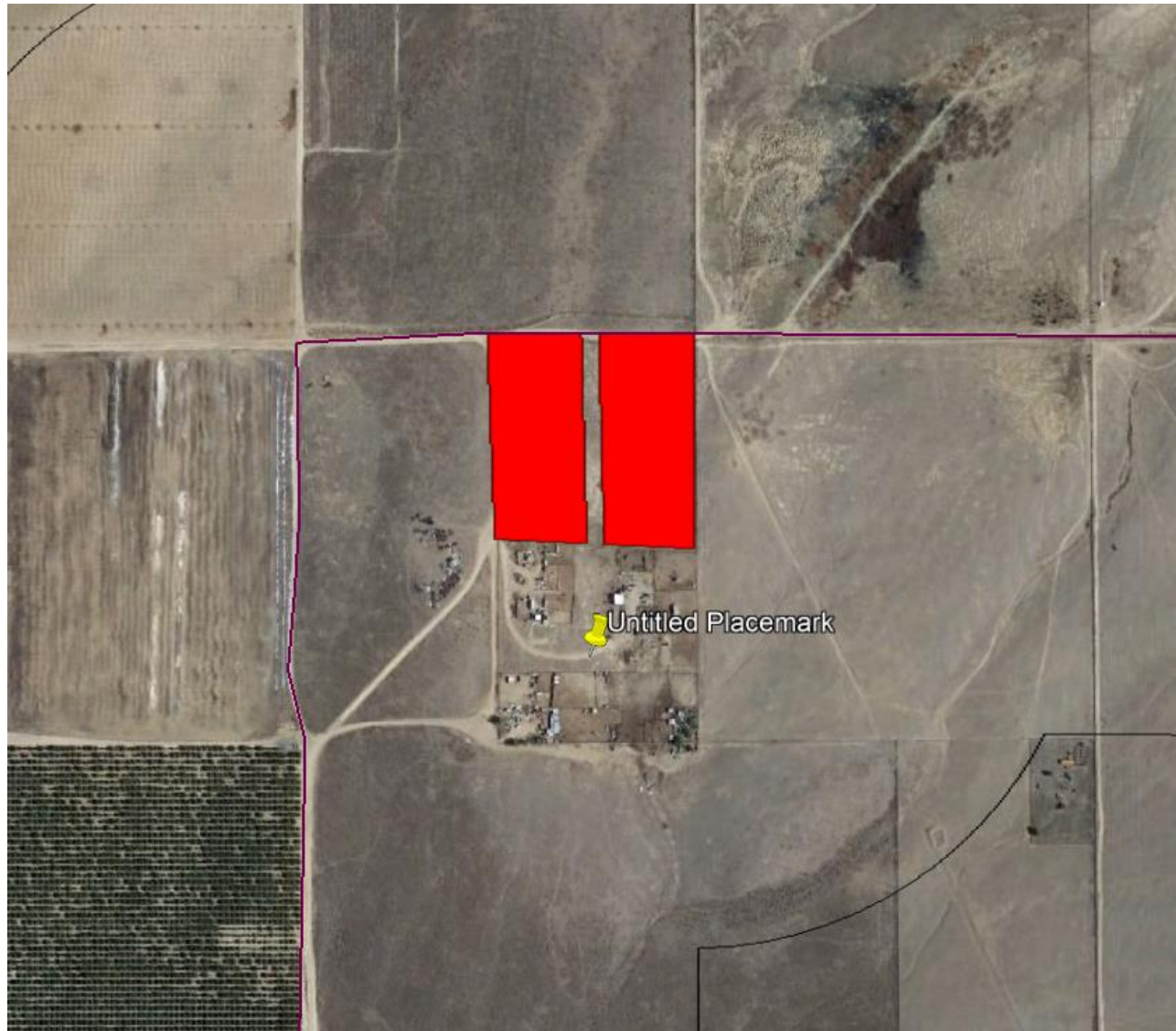


Figure 10 Kern Canyon Rd Yard



Figure 11 Kern Canyon Rd Yards

