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Ms. Lori Iles-Rangel
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RE : Minor Project Modification #6 for the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project

Dear Ms. Iles-Rangel:

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) prepared a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for Southern California Edison's (SCE's) Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP; A. 15-04-013). The City of Riverside previously prepared and certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on February 5, 2013, approving components of the RTRP that would be owned and operated by the Riverside Public Utilities. On March 18, 2020, the CPUC issued a decision to certify the Final SEIR and grant SCE a Decision Granting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the CPUC-preferred project alternative, Alternative 1 (Decision D.20-03-001). The CPUC adopted the mitigation measures (MMs) and applicant proposed measures, referred to as "environmental protection elements" (EPEs) identified in the EIR and SEIR as conditions of project approval, as well as a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) to ensure compliance with the MMs and EPEs pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081.6 and § 15097 of the CEQA Guidelines (Section 9 of the certified SEIR).

A detailed Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Plan (MMCRP) was developed for the project with direct participation with SCE staff. The MMCRP defines specific procedures that are part of the adopted program including the Minor Project Refinement (MPR) process, which requires SCE to obtain CPUC authorization for any deviations from the approved project.

On August 25, 2026, SCE submitted MPR #6 to the CPUC requesting modifications to Project staging areas, which was not identified in the EIR or SEIR. A copy of the MPR request materials are enclosed as Attachment 1. The CPUC conducted a CEQA consistency review for MPR #6 following the procedures set forth in the MMCRP. A completed review form and summary of findings is provided in Attachment 2. This letter serves to inform you that the CPUC has reviewed and approved SCE's request for MPR #6 on the basis that no new or substantially greater impacts would occur.

Please direct any questions related to this MPR response letter to me at (408) 915-7434 or boris.sanchez@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Sanchez', is displayed on a light gray rectangular background.

Boris Sanchez
California Public Utilities Commission

cc: Rita Wilke, Panorama Environmental

Attachment 1: SCE Request for MPR #6

Attachment 2: CPUC Review of MPR #6

Attachment 1: SCE Requests for MPR #6

MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST FORM



Part A: Request Description

MPR Request

Request Number:	006
Date Requested:	August 25, 2026
Proposed Duration/ Timing of Use:	August 25, 2026 to December 31, 2029 Work activities performed during approved Project hours
Location:	Multiple – see attachments for details on the 5 modifications included in MPR 006. Approximate acreage: 0.79
Attached Map?	☒ Yes ☐ No

Proposed Action(s)

The Wilson construction team has completed a review of all proposed access roads and work areas to assess constructability, operational efficiency, and safety. Based on this evaluation, several modifications are recommended to improve site access while prioritizing worker and public safety, maximizing use of existing roadway infrastructure, and maintaining consistency with current project agreements and permitting conditions. A summary description of each proposed modification is included in the attachments.

Purpose(s)

Construction of RTRP requires identification of access roads for ingress/egress, areas to support staging activities, including materials storage, tailboards, and other activities. The modifications identified fall within previously surveyed project boundaries and have no known sensitive resources present.

Part B: Existing Conditions

Existing Land Uses:	MPR 006 modifications cover open space areas. See attachments for land - ownership associated with each proposed modification. No mitigation is anticipated due to the temporary impacts associated with the requested modifications that will be restored in compliance with project requirements.
Surrounding Land Uses:	Public facilities, open space, recreational, developed areas, agricultural and residential. The properties surrounding the proposed modifications include mostly public facilities, residential, open space and recreational areas. Agricultural areas border the Santa Ana River Trail area south of the project alignment. No mitigation is anticipated due to the current developed land uses adjacent to the requested areas.
Sensitive Receptors within 500 feet:	Residential homes are located within approximately 50' of modification 03, modification 04, and modification 05. No other sensitive receptors are present. Mitigation measures in the FEIR and FSEIR associated with limited work hours, night-time lighting, noise, and air quality will be implemented at the staging yard to minimize impacts on the residential development.

Environmental Recourses within 500 feet: There are no environmental recourses within 500 feet of the proposed work areas. No mitigation is anticipated.

Has landowner approval been granted? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Landowner: Various, see attachment for details.

Surveys

List any new survey reports under Part D and attach a copy.

Biological Resources. Were all sites associated with the proposed action(s) surveyed for biological resources with the potential to occur in the area? If so, were survey results positive or negative? Were surveys completed during the appropriate timing and season to detect resources?

No new biological surveys are needed for any of the proposed modifications. All areas fall within previous survey boundaries for the project.

Cultural Resources. Were all sites associated with the proposed action(s) surveyed for cultural resources (records search and pedestrian survey)? If so, were survey results positive or negative?

No new cultural surveys are needed for any of the proposed modifications. All areas fall within previous survey boundaries for the project.

Jurisdictional Waters. Were all sites associated with the proposed action(s) surveyed for hydrologic resources? If so, were survey results positive or negative?

Jurisdictional waters identified during project surveys have been designated as ESAs and staked for avoidance in the field.

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Part C: Permits, Agency Approvals, and Environmental Protection Measures

List any new permits or agency approvals under Part D and attach a copy.

Have all required permits, permit amendments/authorizations, or agency approvals been issued by resource agencies with applicable jurisdiction? Describe if necessary.

No new permits, amendments, authorizations, or approvals from state or federal resource agencies are necessary for the proposed modifications. SCE has obtained approval from the City of Jurupa Valley.

Would the proposed action(s) conflict with permit conditions or agency approvals? Describe if necessary.

The proposed modifications do not conflict with any permit conditions or agency approvals.

Would the proposed action(s) conflict with environmental protection elements (EPEs) or mitigation measures (MMs) listed in the Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)? Describe if necessary.

The proposed modifications do not conflict with any permit conditions or agency approvals.

Part D: Attached Materials

List any attached materials (e.g. surveys, maps, photos, memos, agency authorizations, etc.) below. Materials should be attached to the end of this form.

See attached documentation for details on each proposed modification and associated figures.



MPR 05 – RTRP Access Roads and Work Areas

Southern California Edison (SCE)
Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP)

The RTRP construction team has completed a review of all work areas to assess constructability, operational efficiency, and safety. Based on this evaluation, several modifications are recommended to improve site access while prioritizing worker and public safety, maximizing use of existing roadway infrastructure, and maintaining consistency with current agreements and permitting conditions. A summary description of each proposed modification is provided below.

Modification 01 – Wineville Ave. and Bellegrave Ave. – Staging area on dirt shoulder (Figure 01)

- Landowner: City of Jurupa Valley
- Land Use: Open space
- Requesting the use of a previously disturbed shoulder as a staging area for construction materials.
- Existing, disturbed dirt shoulder with no improvements needed.

Modification 02 – Westbound Bellegrave Ave – Staging area on dirt shoulder (Figure 02)

- Landowner: City of Jurupa Valley
- Land Use: Open space
- Requesting the use of a previously disturbed shoulder as a staging area for construction materials.
- Existing, disturbed dirt shoulder with no improvements needed.

Modification 03 – 68th E/O Holmes Ave. – Staging area on dirt shoulder (Figure 03)

- Landowner: City of Jurupa Valley and Southern California Edison (SCE) easement.
- Land Use: Open space
- Requesting the use of a previously disturbed shoulder as a staging area for construction materials.
- Existing, disturbed dirt shoulder with no improvement needed.

Modification 04 – 68th St. Between Frank Ave. and Smith Ave. – Staging area on dirt shoulder (Figure 04)

- Landowner: City of Jurupa Valley and Southern California Edison (SCE) easement.
- Land Use: Open space
- Requesting the use of a previously disturbed shoulder as a staging area for construction materials.
- Existing, disturbed dirt shoulder with no improvement needed.

Modification 05 – Lucretia Ave. – Staging area on dirt and lightly vegetated shoulder (Figure 05)

- Landowner: City of Jurupa Valley and Southern California Edison (SCE) easement.
- Land Use: Open space
- Requesting the use of a previously disturbed dirt and grass shoulder as a staging area for construction materials.
- Existing, disturbed shoulder to the west of Lucretia Ave. Is non vegetated with no improvement needed. Existing, disturbed shoulder to the East of Lucretia Ave. Is lightly vegetated with Bermuda grass with no improvement needed.





Figure 01 – Modification 01



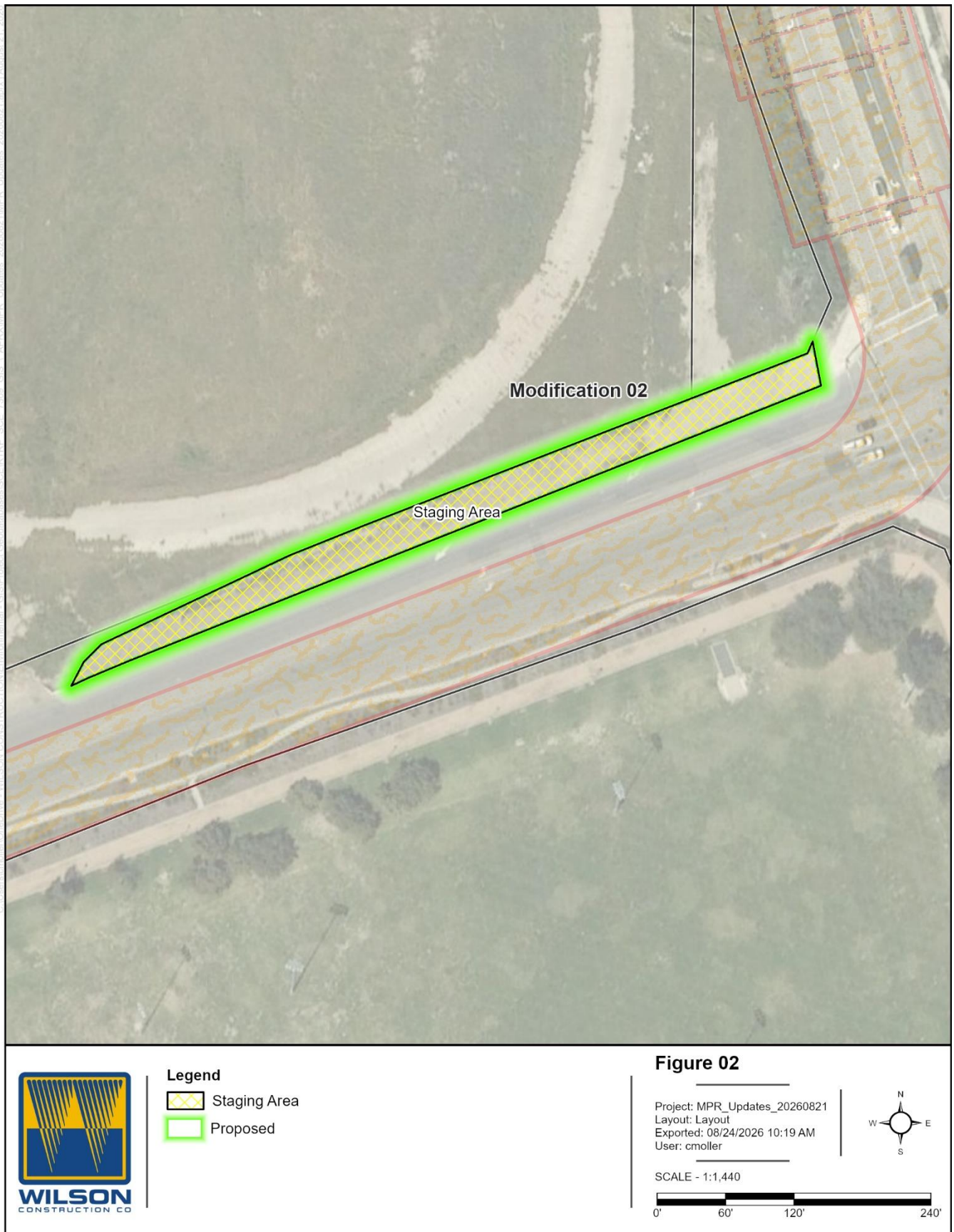


Figure 02 – Modification 02





Figure 03 – Modification 03



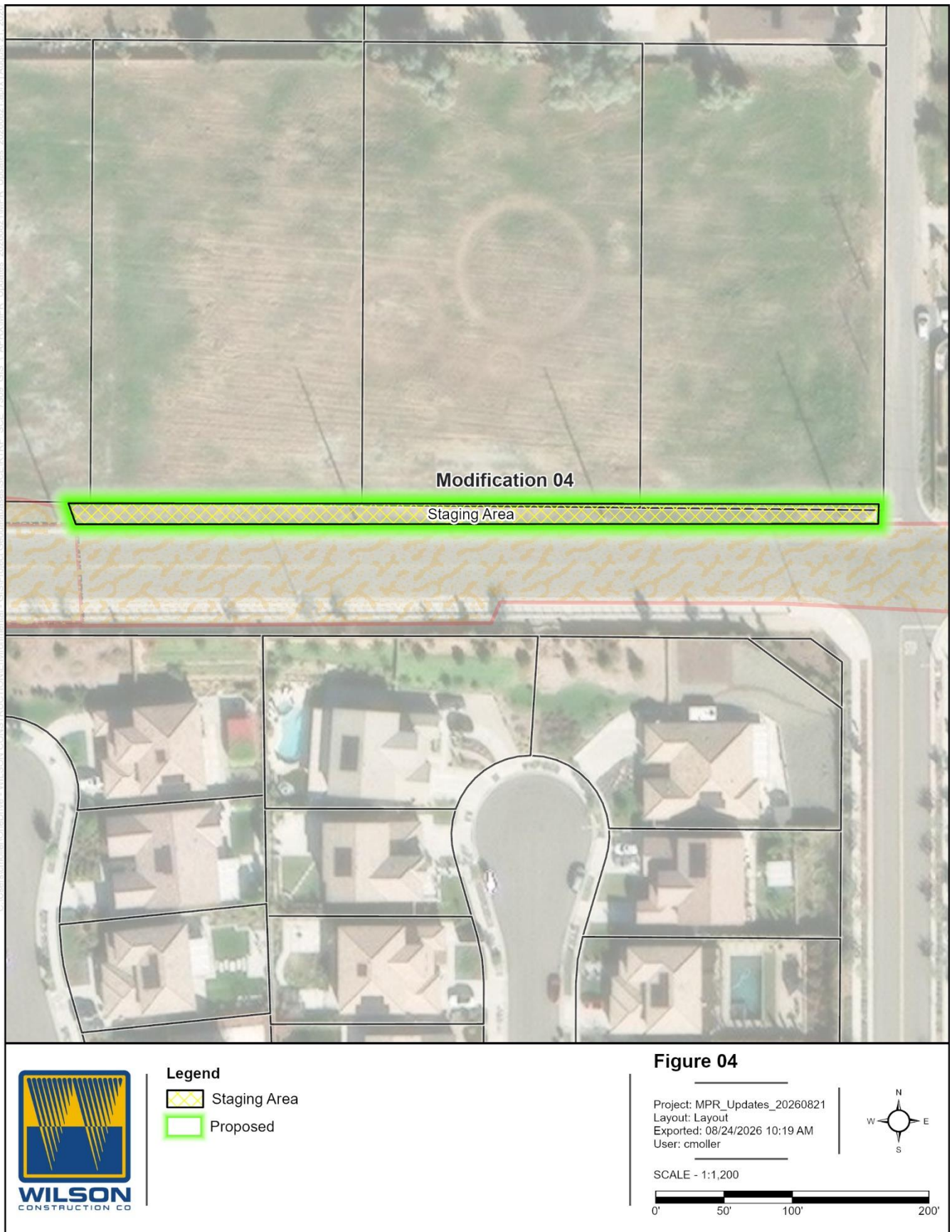


Figure 04 – Modification 04





Figure 05 – Modification 05

Attachment 2: CPUC Review of MPR #6

MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REVIEW FORM



Part A: Summary of Minor Project Refinement Request

MPR Request

Request Number:	006
Date Requested:	August 26, 2026
Proposed Duration/ Timing of Use:	August 26, 2026 to December 31, 2029 Work activities performed during approved Project hours
Location:	Multiple locations. See Minor Project Refinement Request form for locations of the proposed modifications. Approximate acreage: 0.79 acres
Attached Map?	☒ Yes ☐ No

Proposed Action(s)

Southern California Edison (SCE) proposes several modifications to areas surrounding the Project site for construction staging. A summary description of each proposed modification is included in the attachment.

Purpose(s)

To provide additional areas for staging areas for the Project.

Existing Conditions

Existing Land Uses:	The modifications included in MPR 6 cover land use areas such as roadway shoulders, inactive agricultural land, and a vacant lot. See Minor Project Refinement Request form for details on each proposed modification.
Surrounding Land Uses:	Land uses include public facilities, open space, recreational, developed, agricultural, and residential. The properties surrounding the proposed modifications include mostly public facilities, open space, recreational, and residential areas.
Sensitive Receptors within 500 feet:	Residences are located approximately 305 feet northwest of Modification 1, 484 feet northwest of Modification 2, 15 feet east of Modification 3, 26 feet east of Modification 4, and 42 feet north of Modification 5.
Environmental Resources within 500 feet:	Isolated potential Waters of the State are located within the boundary of Modification 1.
Has landowner approval been granted?	☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
Landowner:	Multiple landowners. See Minor Project Refinement Request form for details on each proposed modification.

Surveys

Biological Resources.

No new surveys have been conducted for biological resources. Surveys would be required in all areas that have not been included in previous preconstruction surveys, including Modification 5.

Cultural Resources.

No additional surveys have been completed. Proposed modifications are located within areas previously surveyed for cultural resources.

Jurisdictional Waters.

There is a potential Water of the State located within the boundary of Modification 1. MM BIO-10 requires a wetland delineation to be performed to define the resource and delineate the boundary prior to impacting the potential Water of the State.

Permits, Agency Approvals, and Environmental Protection Measures

Have all required permits, permit amendments/authorizations, or agency approvals been issued by resource agencies with applicable jurisdiction? Describe if necessary.

No permits, amendments, authorizations, or approvals from state or federal resource agencies are necessary for the proposed modifications. SCE has obtained approval from the City of Jurupa Valley.

Would the proposed action(s) conflict with permit conditions or agency approvals? Describe if necessary.

No, the proposed change does not conflict with any permit conditions or agency approvals.

Would the proposed action(s) conflict with project applicant proposed measures or mitigation measures listed in Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)? Describe if necessary.

No, the proposed change does not conflict with any permit conditions or agency approvals. As part of MM BIO-10, a formal wetland delineation would be required if authorized modifications would impact a potential wetland or water. If impacts to wetlands or waters are not able to be avoided, authorization from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife would be obtained prior to impacting the resource.

Part B: EIR/SEIR Consistency Summary

CPUC has prepared the EIR/SEIR Consistency Summary below to review the consistency questions for each resource category. The consistency questions were developed using the CEQA Checklist provided in the EIR and SEIR. Refer to the certified EIR and SEIR for the details on the project impact evaluation.

Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
Aesthetics (e.g., damage scenic resources or vistas, degrade the existing visual character of the site and its surroundings, or create sources of light or glare)?	☒	☐	☐

EIR and SEIR evaluation: Significant and Unavoidable

Storage and staging of construction materials and equipment at the proposed modifications would be temporary and limited to the duration of underground construction in the immediate vicinity of the proposed modifications. Public views of the proposed staging areas would occur from public streets within the City of Jurupa Valley throughout the construction period and would include construction equipment, crew, and vehicles. However, approved work is already occurring in the areas adjacent to the proposed staging areas therefore views of construction equipment are not uncommon in the area. Environmental Protection Elements (EPEs) and mitigation measures (MMs) identified in the EIR and SEIR would reduce temporary impacts from staging areas by ensuring staging areas are kept organized and tidy (EPE AES-09), limiting work hours (MM NOI-1 and NOI-2) and night-time lighting (EPE AES-08), and requiring restoration of construction impacts to pre-construction conditions (MM AES-01). The proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on aesthetics as identified in the EIR and SEIR.

Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
Agriculture and Forestry Resources (e.g., convert Farmland to nonagricultural use, or create a conflict with existing agricultural zoning or a Williamson Act)? <u>EIR and SEIR evaluation: Significant and Unavoidable</u> The proposed staging activities would not convert agricultural land to non-agricultural use, or result in the loss of agricultural land. The proposed activities would have no effect on agriculture or forestry resources.	☐	☐	☒
Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions (e.g. produce additional emissions, or expose sensitive receptors to additional pollutants, generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment)? <u>EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation</u> Construction activities have been analyzed in the EIR and SEIR. The proposed activities are similar to those previously analyzed. The proposed activities would result in generation of the same air quality emissions and odors analyzed for staging to support underground construction activities in the EIR and SEIR. The proposed activities would implement MM AQ-01 (Fugitive Dust Control Plan) which requires implementation of the Fugitive Dust Control Plan. All construction activities would comply with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) requirements applicable to the Project (EPE AQ-01). The proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on air quality.	☒	☐	☐
Biological Resources (e.g., cause an adverse effect to sensitive or special-status species, or impact riparian, wetland, or any other sensitive habitat, or conflict with local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources)? <u>EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation</u> The footprint of the proposed areas are mostly disturbed. As described under Part A (Surveys), surveys have not been completed at the proposed modification areas. Prior to use of the proposed modifications, a qualified biologist would assess the areas to determine whether suitable habitat is present within any of the proposed staging areas. The proposed activities would implement MM BIO-3 (Preconstruction Surveys for Sensitive Species and MSHCP Compliance) which would require preconstruction surveys in habitat identified as suitable for sensitive species, including western burrowing owl, narrow endemic pants, and bats. These surveys would be required in all areas that have not been included in previous preconstruction surveys, including Modification 5. In addition, the proposed activities would comply with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act in the event any active nests per MM BIO-8 (Migratory Bird Treaty Act Compliance: Avoidance of Active Nests), as potential nesting bird habitat is present at Modification 1 and Modification 5. While no vegetation trimming is proposed, Modification 1 contains facultative wetland vegetation that may be consistent with a wetland. If activities within Modification 1 would impact this potential wetland, MM BIO-10 would apply. MM BIO-10 requires a formal wetland delineation to be conducted. If determined that impacts to wetlands and or jurisdictional waters cannot be avoided, authorization from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and/or Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) would be obtained prior to impacting the wetland. Equipment and vehicles would be washed prior to entering Project sites, including the proposed modification areas, in order to minimize the potential for the spread of invasive species located at the proposed modifications per MM BIO-9 (Invasive Species Management). Additionally, no ground disturbance would be required for the proposed modification activities. As a result of these factors, the proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on biological resources.	☒	☐	☐
Cultural, Tribal Cultural, and Paleontological Resources (e.g., cause adverse change to a historical, archeological, or tribal	☐	☐	☒

Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
cultural resource, cause adverse change to a paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature)? <u>EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation</u> The proposed activities would take place within existing road shoulders, which are disturbed. In addition, new ground disturbance would not occur as a result of the proposed modifications, therefore the proposed activities would not have an impact on cultural, tribal cultural, and paleontological resources.			
Geology and Soils (e.g., cause or expose people or structures to geologic or soil hazards, including erosion or loss of topsoil)? <u>EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant</u> The proposed activities at the staging areas are located in disturbed areas, and the proposed use of the area (construction staging) would be similar to the EIR and SEIR analyses. Additionally, no substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil would occur, as new ground disturbance would not occur as a result of the proposed modifications. The proposed activities would not have an impact on geology and soils.	☐	☐	☒
Hazards and Hazardous Materials (e.g., create or increase the exposure of people or structures to hazardous materials or wildland fires, involve the use of additional hazardous materials or equipment, or interfere with an adopted emergency plan)? <u>EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation</u> Proposed activities would require use and storage of the same types of equipment and hazardous materials that were analyzed in the EIR and SEIR. In addition, ground disturbance would not be required and the proposed modification areas do not contain known hazardous materials sites (Department of Toxic Substance Control, n.d.; Regional Water Quality Control Board, n.d.). Vehicles and equipment involved with the proposed actions would use hazardous materials (such as fuels and oils) that would be consistent with the types of materials analyzed in the EIR and SEIR. Potential hazards associated with the proposed activities would be addressed through implementation of EPE HAZ-01 (Health and Safety and Emergency Response Procedures), EPE HAZ-03 (Environmental Management Program), and EPE HAZ-04 (Worker Environmental Awareness Training) to ensure that hazardous materials stored or transported from the staging yards are properly handled to avoid a significant impact. The proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on hazards and hazardous materials.	☒	☐	☐
Hydrology and Water Quality (e.g., degrade water quality, discharge waste or sediment, deplete groundwater, alter the existing drainage pattern, create additional runoff water or polluted runoff, place structures in a 100-year flood hazard area, or expose people or structures to a significant risk involving flooding)? <u>EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation</u> The existing sheet flow hydrology at the proposed modification areas would remain unaltered because the proposed modifications would not involve ground disturbance and the proposed modifications are located within disturbed or developed areas adjacent to roadways. As noted above, Modification 1 encompasses an isolated potential Water of the State. As a result, MM BIO-10 would be implemented. MM BIO-10 requires a wetland delineation to be conducted if proposed modification would impact this potential wetland. In addition, coordination with USACE, CDFW, and RWQCB to obtain appropriate permits would occur prior to impacting a wetland.. Modification 5 is located approximately 49 feet west of a pond within Goose Creek Golf Course. However, all SWPPP requirements and BMPs would prohibit any runoff from entering the pond. All dust created by vehicle and equipment movement and storage would be sprayed down with water in accordance with MM AQ-01, which requires preparation and implementation of a Fugitive Dust Control Plan. Therefore, the proposed activities not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on hydrology and water quality.	☒	☐	☐

Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
Land Use (e.g., conflict with a land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project, or conflict with a habitat conservation plan)? <u>EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation</u> The proposed activities would be located within the same jurisdictions as the Project and the same land use plans, policies, and regulations would apply. Modifications would be consistent with construction staging activities analyzed in the EIR and SEIR. The proposed modifications would not divide an established community or conflict with any conservation plans. The proposed activities would have no effect on land use or zoning designations, and would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on land use and planning.	☒	☐	☐
Noise (e.g., expose sensitive receptors to additional noise or vibration)? <u>EIR and SEIR evaluation: Significant and Unavoidable</u> Noise from the proposed staging activities would be temporary and short-term, consisting of the storing and transporting of materials in and out of the proposed staging areas. Beeping from backup alarms may be disruptive to nearby receptors, especially in morning or evening hours. EPE NOI-01 (Noise Complaint Reporting), EPE NOI-02 (Noise Complaint Investigation), EPE NOI-03 (Construction Practices) and EPE NOI-04 (Noise Reduction Practices), and EPE NOI-05 (After-Hours Construction) would be implemented to reduce noise at the staging areas. In accordance with MM NOI-02 (Additional Noise Reduction), staging activities related to the proposed Project would be required to meet non-construction noise limits set by the City of Jurupa Valley if construction activities occur outside of approved construction hours 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM (June through September) and 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM (October through May). The proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on noise.	☒	☐	☐
Population and Housing (e.g., induce substantial population growth in an area, or displace substantial numbers of people or housing)? <u>EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant</u> The proposed activities would consist of modifications to Project construction staging and would not result in population growth or the displacement of people or housing. The proposed modification would have no impact on population and housing.	☐	☐	☒
Recreation (e.g., increases the use of, or cause adverse effects to, parks or other recreational facilities)? <u>EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation</u> The proposed activities would not be located adjacent to or within a park or recreational facility. The proposed activity would have no impact on recreation.	☐	☐	☒
Transportation and Traffic (e.g., increase traffic congestion or degrade performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation, or increase hazards due to a design feature)? <u>EIR and SEIR evaluation: Significant and Unavoidable</u> The proposed activities would not occur within public roads. No lane closures would be required as part of the proposed activities. The proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on transportation and traffic.	☒	☐	☐
Utilities and Public Services (e.g., result in construction of new, or expansion of existing, water facilities, stormwater drainage	☐	☐	☒

Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
facilities, require additional water entitlements, or creation of new solid waste disposal needs)? <u>EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation</u> The proposed activities would not involve the construction of new, or expansion of existing, permanent water facilities, stormwater drainage facilities, and/or require water entitlements, or creation of new solid waste disposal needs. No power outages or other utility interruptions are anticipated as a result of the proposed activities. The proposed modification would have no impact on utilities and public services.			