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June 19, 2026

Ms. Lori Iles-Rangel  
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**RE : Minor Project Modification #5 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 May 18, 2026, SCE submitted MPR #5 to the CPUC requesting modifications to Project access, installation of temporary work areas and modification to a pulling area, 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 #5 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 #5 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](mailto:boris.sanchez@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B Sanchez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Boris Sanchez  
California Public Utilities Commission

cc: Rita Wilke, Panorama Environmental

Attachment 1: SCE Request for MPR #5

Attachment 2: CPUC Review of MPR #5

**Attachment 1: SCE Requests for MPR #5**

# MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST FORM



## Part A: Request Description

### MPR Request

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**Request Number:** 005

**Date Requested:** May 18, 2026

**Proposed Duration/  
Timing of Use:** June 1, 2026 to December 31, 2029  
Work activities performed during approved Project hours

**Location:** Multiple – see attachments for details on the 17 modifications included in MPR 5  
Approximate acreage: new proposed 3.64; proposed retired 1.31

**Attached Map?**  Yes  No

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### 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 005 modifications cover various land uses including: public facilities, open space, recreational and developed 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, open space and recreational areas. Agricultural and residential 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 approximately 100 feet southeast and southwest of modification 07 & 08. Residential homes are located within 50' of modification 09. 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:**

The Santa Ana River is north of the overhead alignment within 500' of modifications 01-08. A jurisdictional waterway is 320' to the west of modification 12, a second jurisdictional waterway is 310' to the southwest of modification 15. RTRP was designed to avoid all impacts to riparian habitat and jurisdictional waters. No mitigation is anticipated.

**Has landowner approval  
been granted?**

Yes  No  N/A

**Landowner:** Various, see attachment for details.

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**Surveys**

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

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**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.*

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**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 Riverside and SART.

**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.

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### Part D: Attached Materials

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**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.

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## **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 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 agreements and permitting conditions. A summary description of each proposed modification is provided below.

### **Modification 01 – Water Treatment Plant – Add Paved Road Access (Figure 01)**

- Landowner: City of Riverside
- Land Use: Public facilities
- This road is included in the Water Treatment Plant Work Plan but was not included in the Project GIS files as an approved access road
- Existing paved road with no improvements necessary

### **Modification 02 – Water Treatment Plant – Relocate Pull Site for Const #39 (Figure 02)**

- Landowner: City of Riverside
- Land Use: Public facilities
- Current pull site impedes fire safety ingress/egress road that cannot be blocked (per Kevin at water treatment plant). New proposed location connects with current work area and utilizes an existing flat area. Current pull site will be eliminated.
- Existing, paved previously disturbed area with no improvements needed

### **Modification 03 – Water Treatment Plant – Reroute Access Road to Const #38 (Figure 03)**

- Landowner: City of Riverside
- Land Use: Public facilities
- Proposing an existing, useable paved road to access the Const #38 work area and eliminate the previously proposed access road (see Modification 04 below).
- Existing paved road with no improvements needed.

### **Modification 04 – Water Treatment Plant – Eliminate Access Road to Const #38 (Figure 03)**

- Landowner: City of Riverside
- Land Use: Public facilities
- Proposed elimination of approved access as it is too steep and on top of a large culvert. Will be replaced with an existing paved road (see Modification 03 above).

### **Modification 05 – Water Treatment Plant – Add Existing Access Road to Const #34 (Figure 04)**

- Landowner: City of Riverside
- Land Use: Public facilities
- Proposing an existing paved road to access Const #34 on the west side of the holding bay wall for equipment access.
- Existing paved road with no improvements needed.

### **Modification 06 – Water Treatment Plant – Add Temporary Work Area to Const #34 (Figure 04)**

- Landowner: City of Riverside



- Land Use: Public facilities
- Proposing temporary work area to allow for equipment parking, material storage, and access to Const #34. The larger area was previously included in the Water Treatment Plant Work Plan.
- Existing disturbed paved site with no improvements needed.

**Modification 07 – Reroute Access Road to Const #33 (Figure 05)**

- Landowner: City of Riverside/SART
- Land Use: Open space, recreational
- Proposing an existing Edison access road and gate to access the Const #33 work area and eliminate the previously proposed access road (see Modification 08 below).
- Existing road with no improvements needed.

**Modification 08 – Eliminate Access Road to Const #33 (Figure 05)**

- Landowner: City of Riverside/SART
- Land Use: Open space, recreational
- Proposed elimination of this road as it is blocked by concrete bollards and impassable/unusable. Will be replaced with an existing road (see Modification 07 above).

**Modification 09 – Eliminate Access Road to Const #33 Guard Location (Figure 05)**

- Landowner: City of Riverside/SART
- Land Use: Open space, recreational
- Proposed elimination of this road as it is blocked by concrete bollards and impassable/unusable.

**Modification 10 – Reroute Access Road to/from SART near Const #21 and #22 (Figure 06)**

- Landowner: State of California/Cox II, Henry C/SART
- Land Use: Open space, recreational
- Proposing an existing Edison access road and gate to access Const #21 and #22 work areas and eliminate the previously proposed access road (see Modification 11 below).
- Existing road with no improvements needed.
- Previously approved as TEWS 06 – expires 06/02/2026.

**Modification 11 – Eliminate Access Road to/from SART near Const #21 and #22 (Figure 06)**

- Landowner: State of California/Cox II, Henry C/SART
- Land Use: Open space, recreational
- Proposed elimination of this road as it is blocked by concrete bollards and impassable/unusable. Will be replaced with an existing road (see Modification 10 above).

**Modification 12 – Add Temporary Access from SART to Const #19 (Figure 07)**

- Landowner: State of California/Cox II, Henry C/SART
- Land Use: Open space, recreational
- Proposing a new temporary access road from SART to Const #19 to provide improved ingress/egress and eliminate out-and-back travel from Const #22 to Const #19.
- New temporary access road.

**Modification 13 – Add Temporary Access from Hidden Valley Nature Rd. to Const #17 RTRP Access (Figure 08)**

- Landowner: Riverside County/SART
- Land Use: Open space, recreational
- Proposing a disturbed, existing road/pathway from the Hidden Valley Nature Center Road to connect with Project access on SART. This pathway exists and is currently utilized by the park staff. \*Note – approval of Modification 14 below would include this pathway.
- Existing disturbed access path with no improvement needed.

**Modification 14 – Add Temporary Work Area Near Const #17 (Figure 08)**



- Landowner: Riverside County/SART
- Land Use: Open space, recreational
- Proposing use of an existing disturbed area between Hidden Valley Nature Center Road and the SART for project use, parking, staging etc.
- Existing disturbed area with no improvement needed.

**Modification 15 – Add Temporary Access from SART to Const #15 (Figure 09)**

- Landowner: Riverside County/SART/Rancho West
- Land Use: Open space, recreational
- Proposing a new temporary access road from SART to Const #15 to provide improved ingress/egress and eliminate out-and-back travel from Const #17 to Const #15.
- New temporary access road.

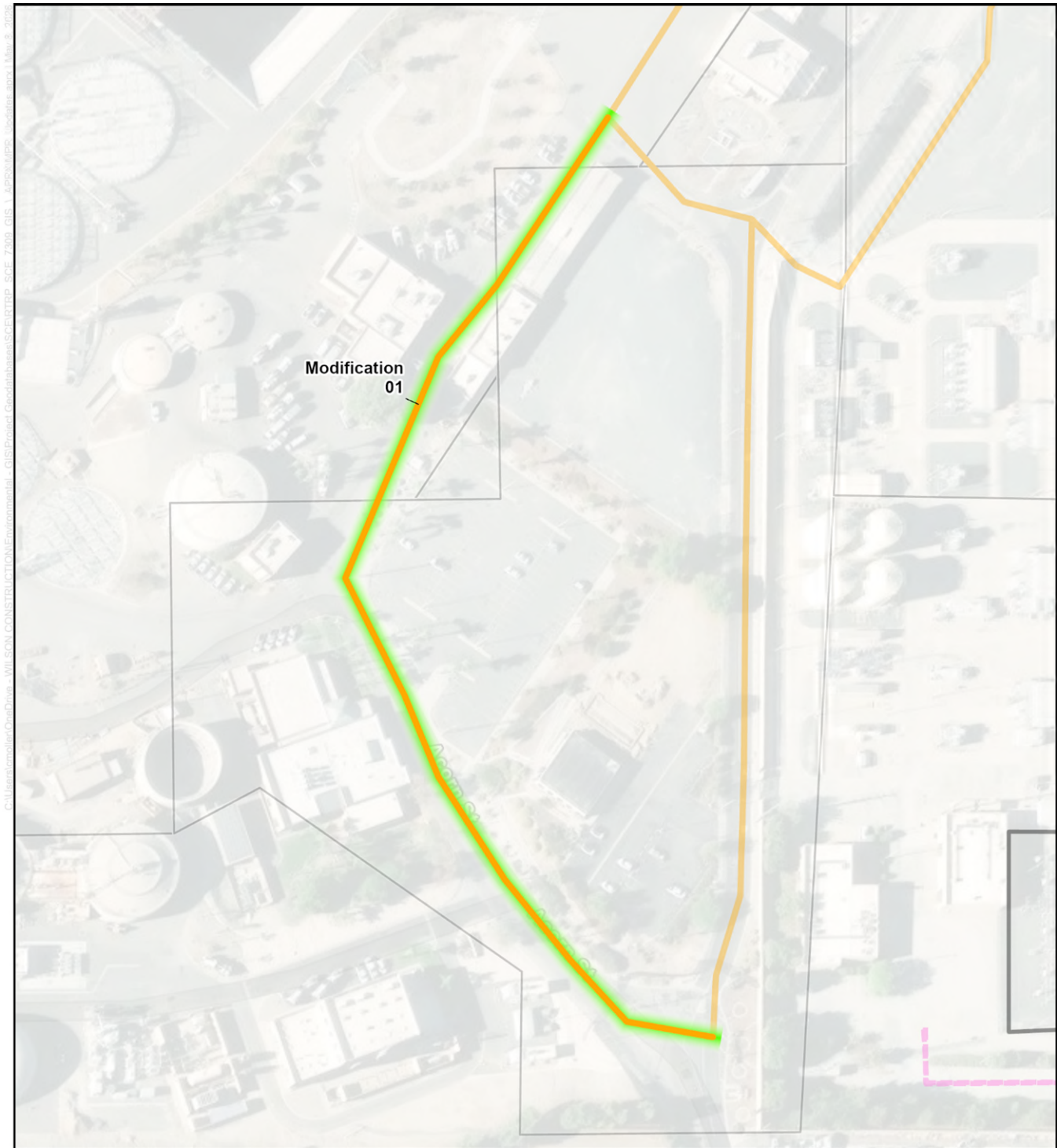
**Modification 16 –Reroute Access Road to Const #6 (Figure 10)**

- Landowner: SCE
- Land Use: Developed area
- Proposing an existing road near Const #6 to create a travel loop from the parking area to current access within the nursery.
- Existing road with minimal improvements needed.

**Modification 17 – New Temporary Work Area at Const #6 (Figure 11)**

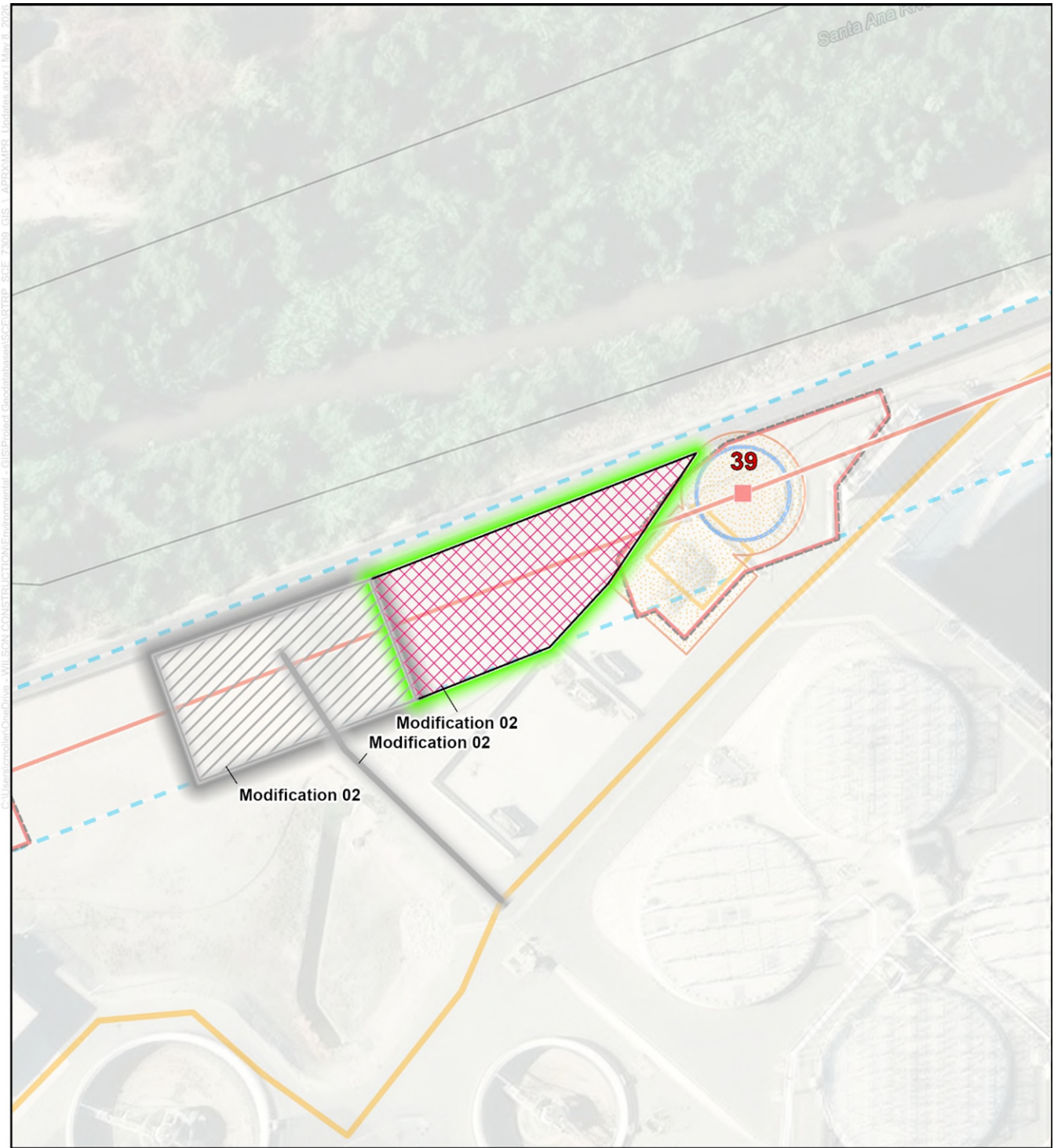
- Landowner: SCE
- Land Use: Developed area
- Proposed additional work area to close a gap in the current temporary work area within the ditch. Work will occur on either side of this gap, and travel will be needed through here. It's not possible to work around it due to the steepness of the existing slope.










**Figure 01 – Modification 01**





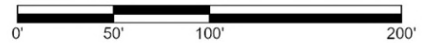
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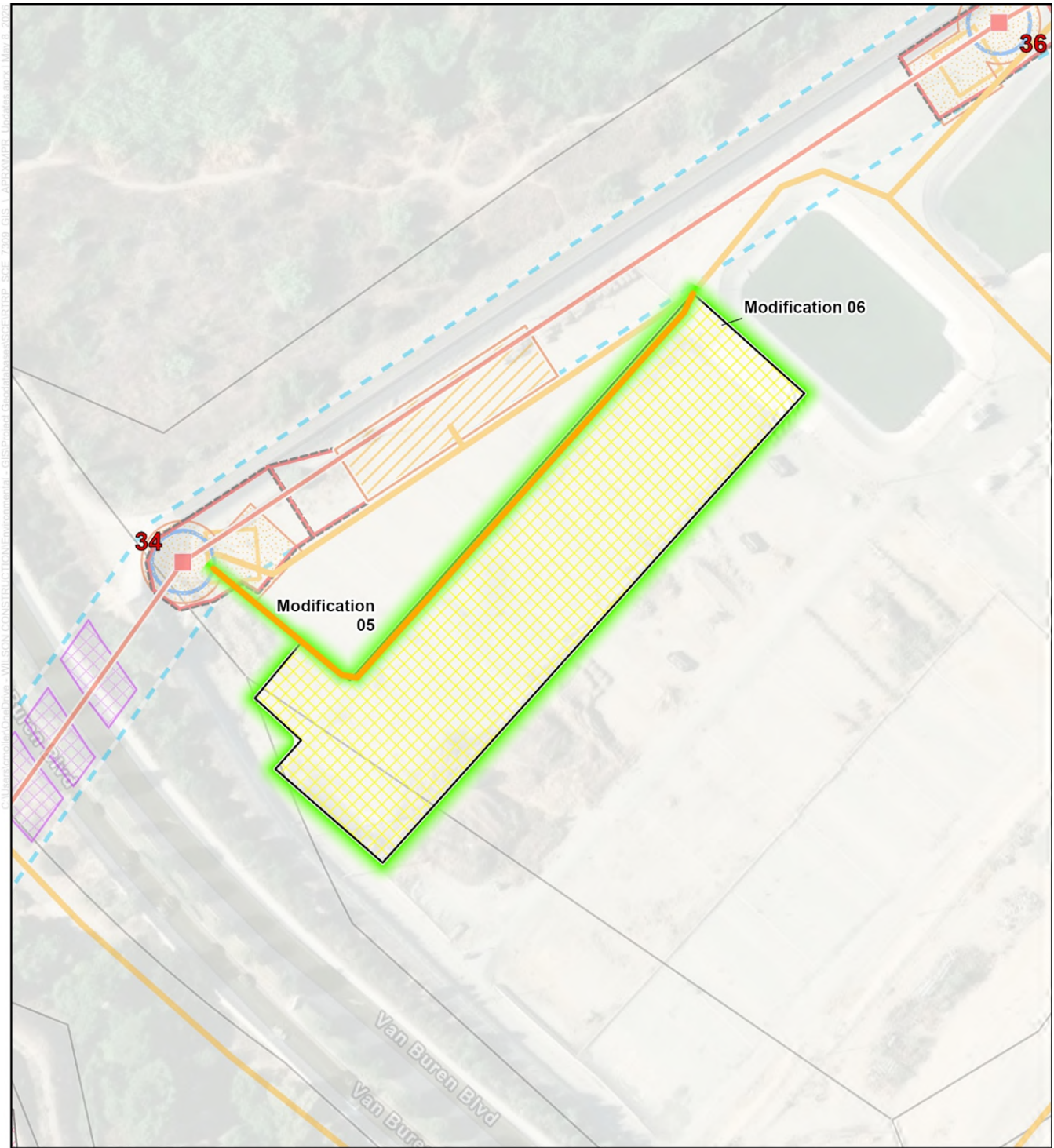
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**Figure 02 – Modification 02**







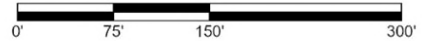
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  - Staging Area
  - Proposed Project Area
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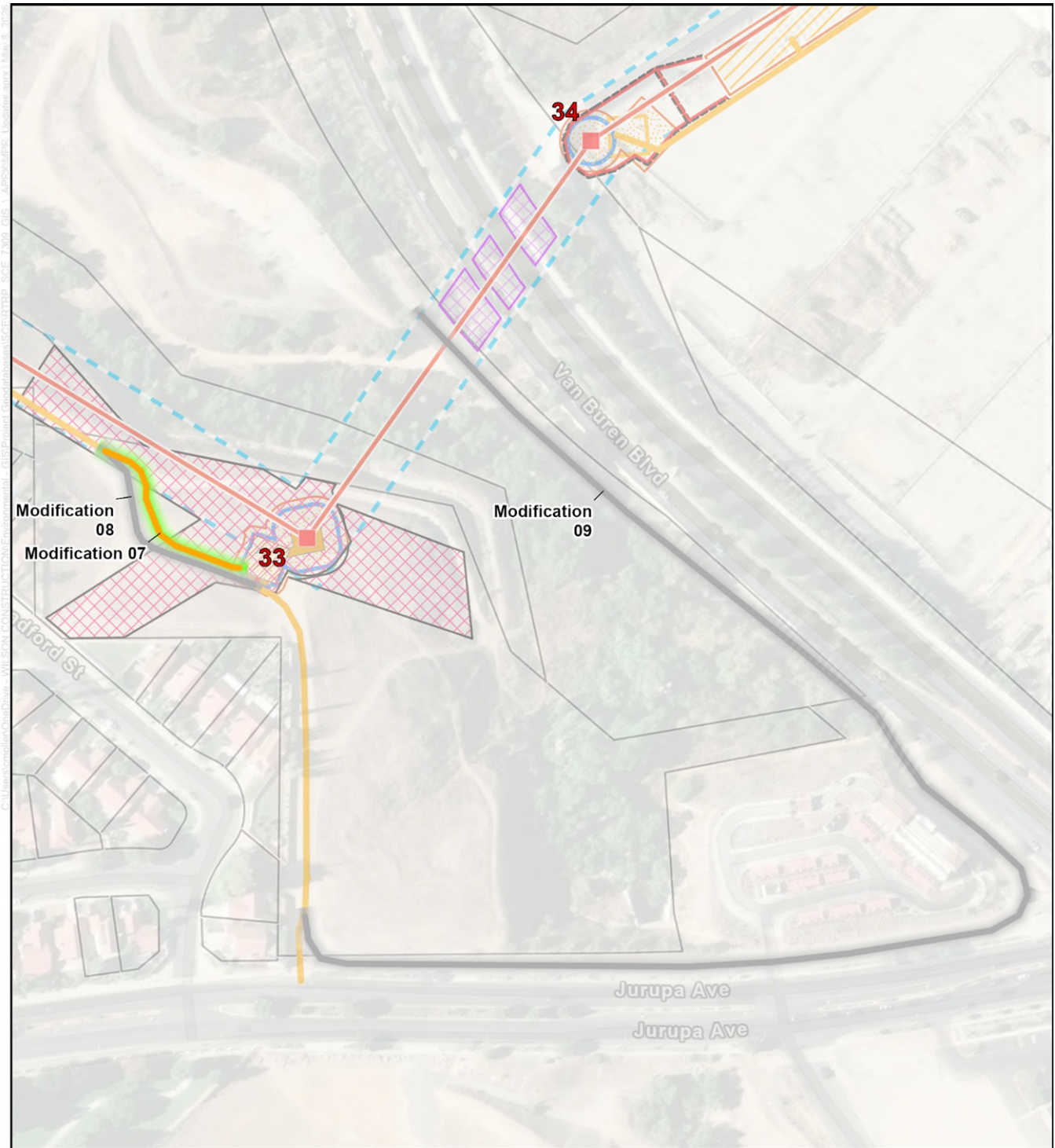


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**Figure 04 – Modification 05 & Modification 06**





- Legend**
- Existing - No Improvement
  - Proposed Project Area
  - Retired Project Area
  - - - Right of Way

**Figure 05**

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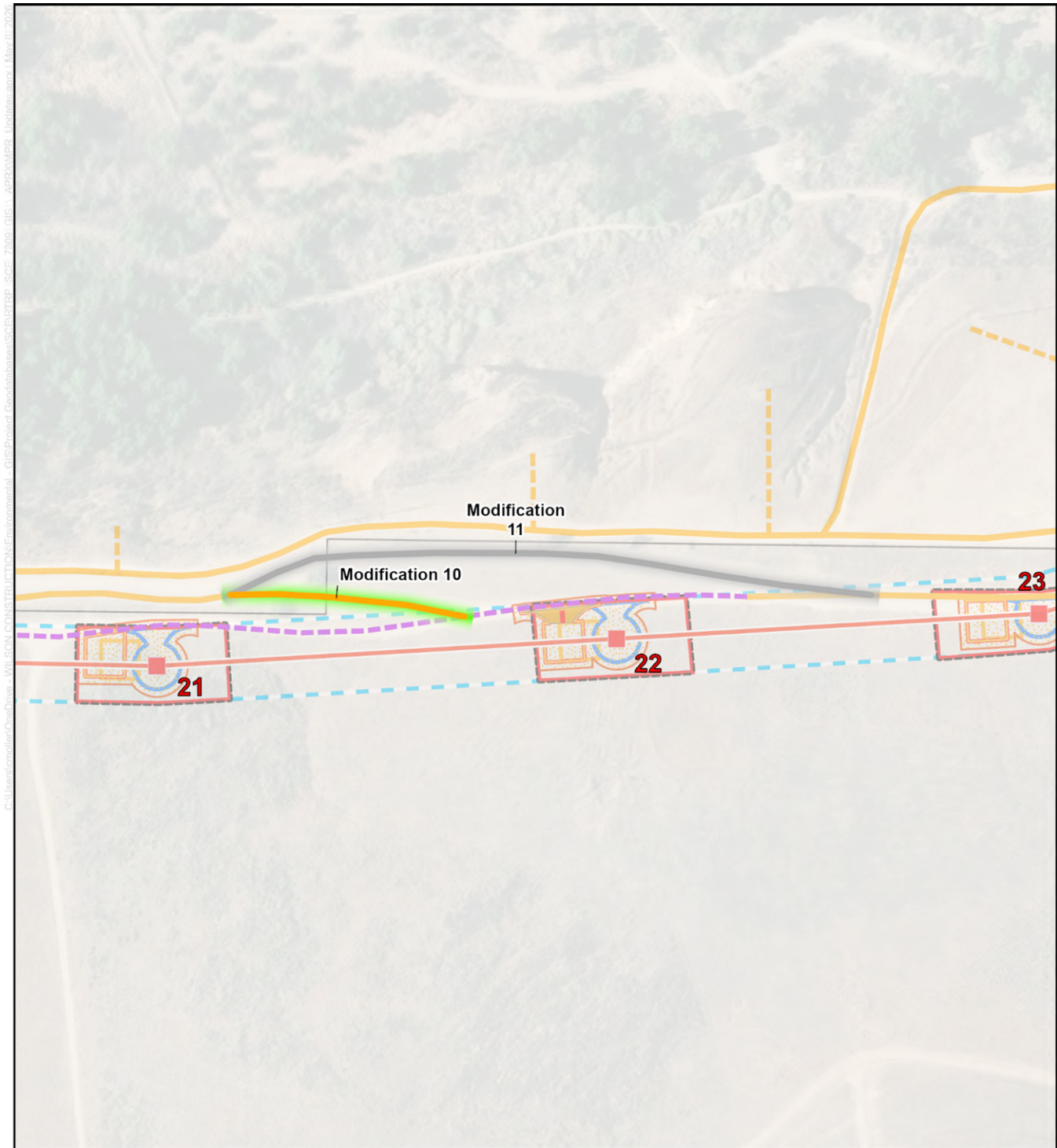


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**Figure 05 – Modification 07, Modification 08 and Modification 09**







**Legend**

- Existing - No Improvement
- Proposed Project Area
- Retired Project Area
- Right of Way

**Figure 06**

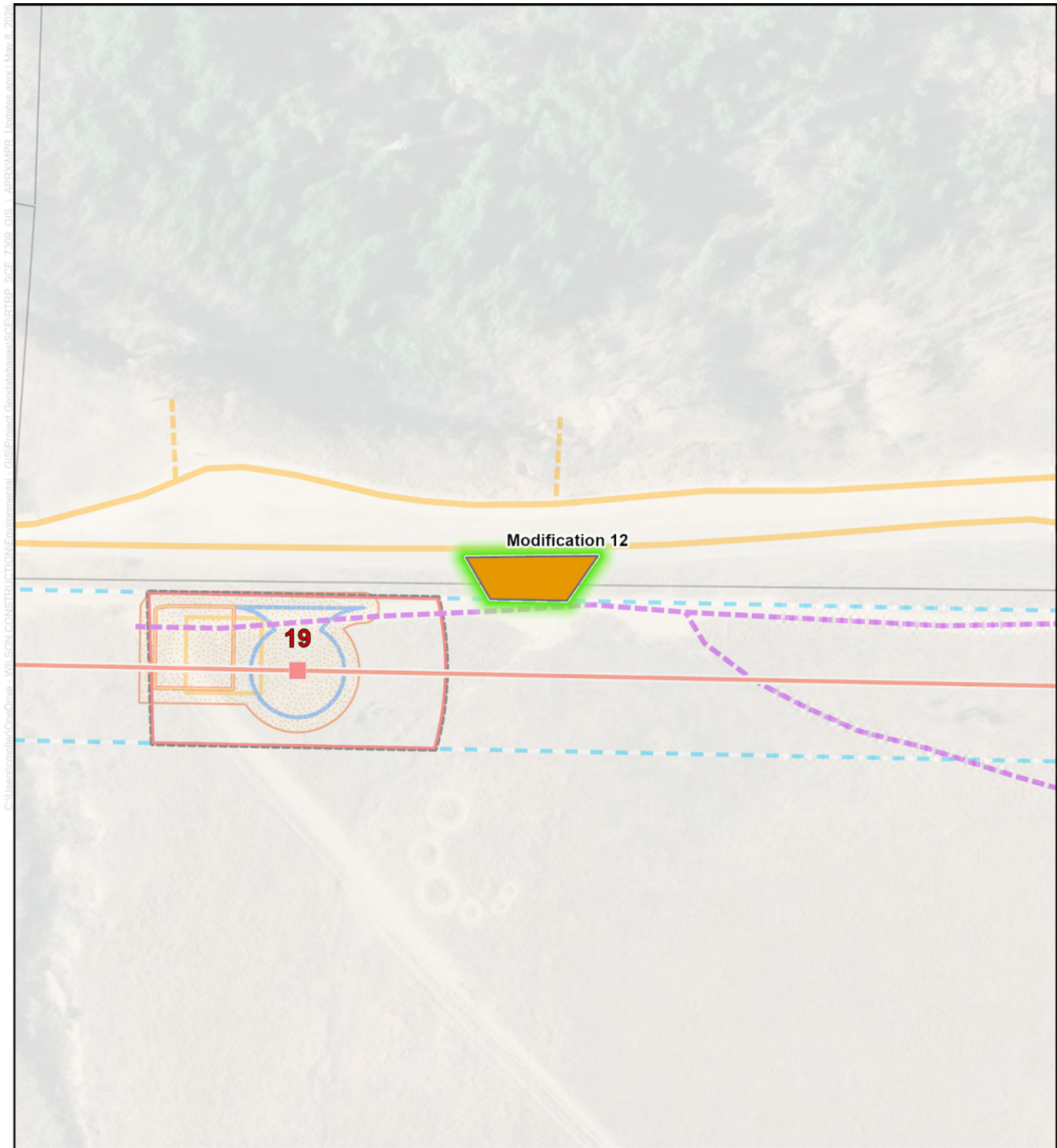
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**Figure 06 – Modification 10 and Modification 11**







**Legend**

- Access Road Area
- Proposed Project Area
- Right of Way

**Figure 07**

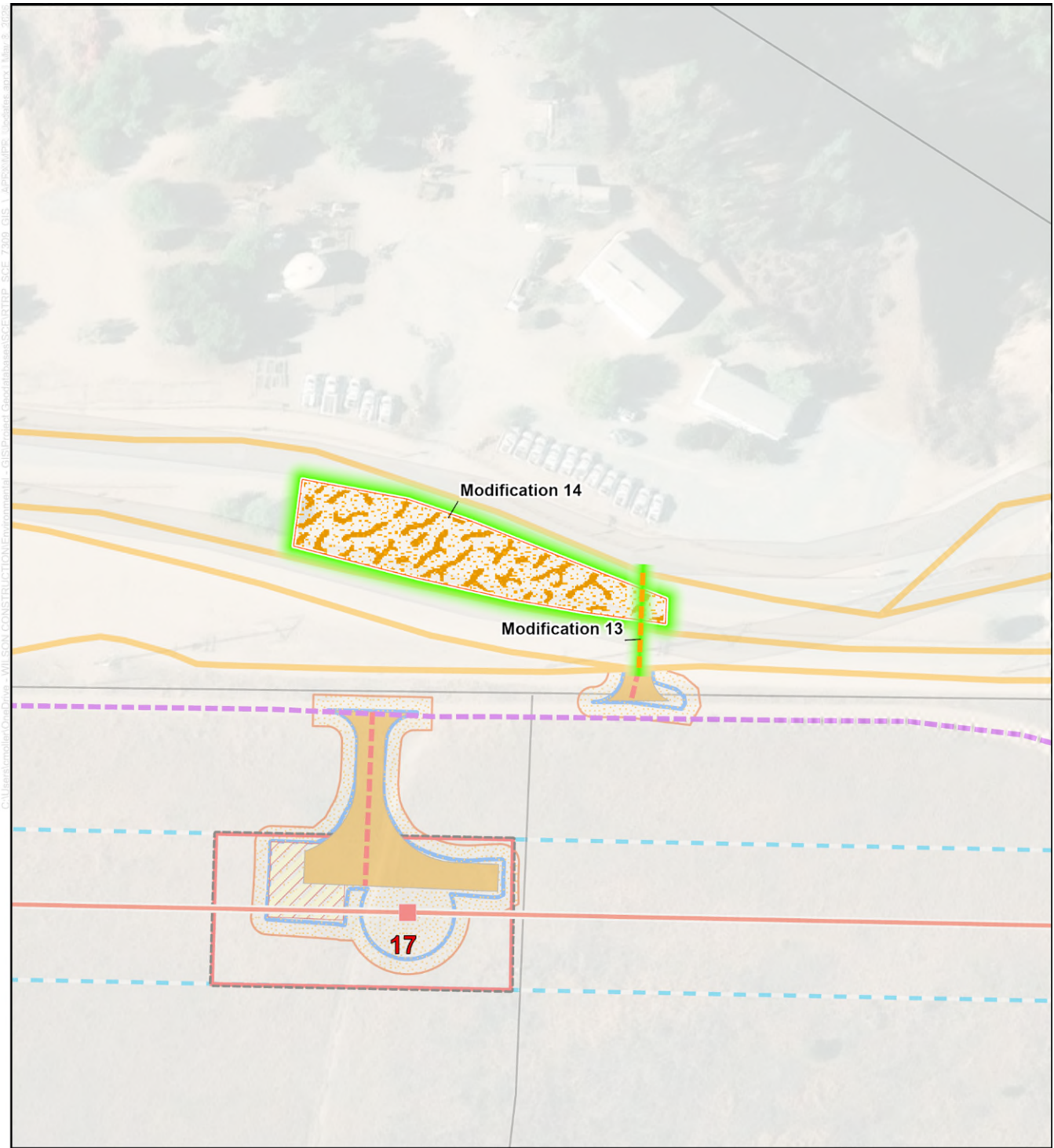
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**Figure 07 – Modification 12**







**Legend**

- New - No Improvement
- General Disturbance Area
- Proposed Project Area
- Right of Way

**Figure 08**

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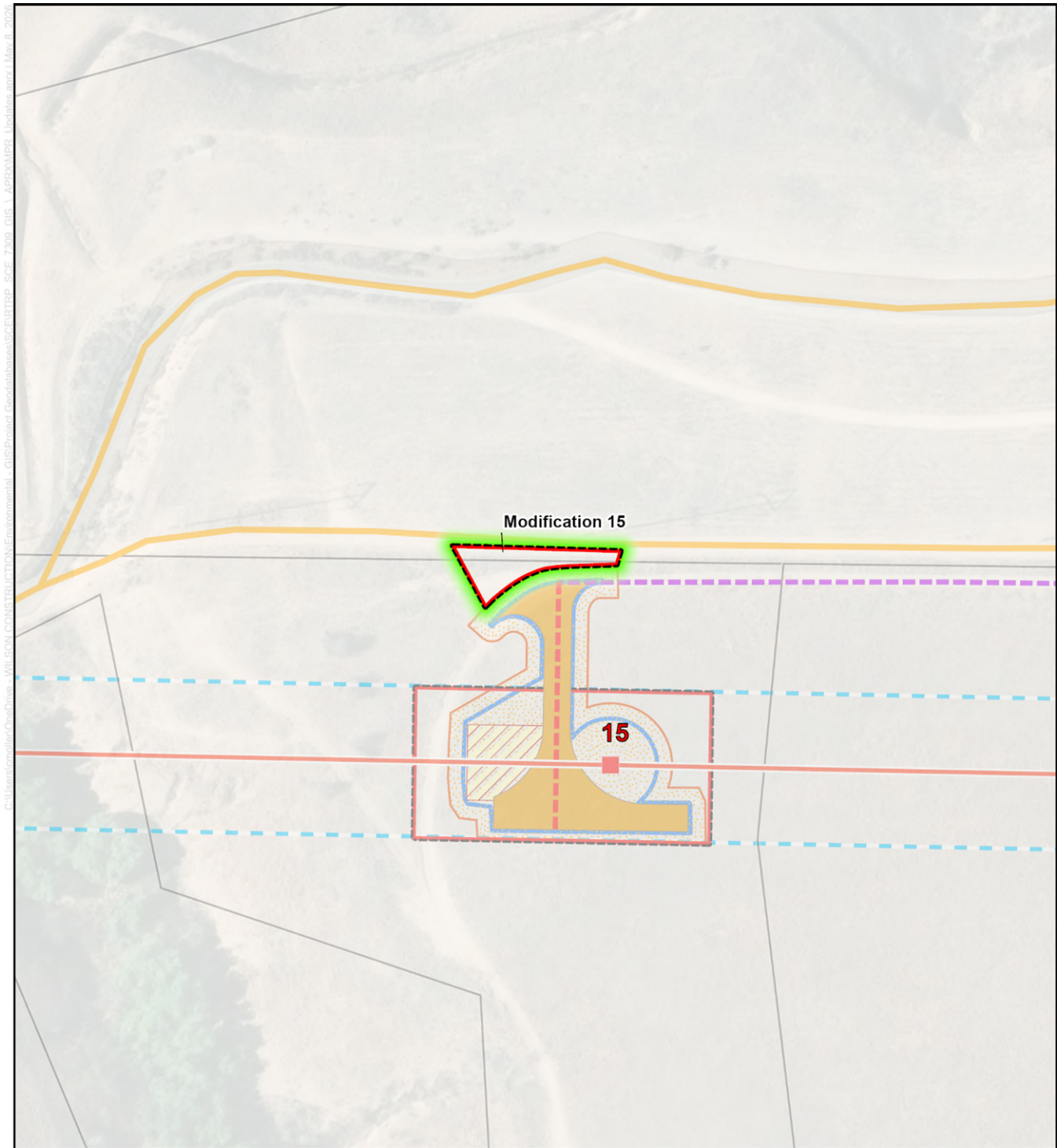
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**Figure 08 – Modification 13 and Modification 14**







**Legend**

- Structure Work Area
- Proposed Project Area
- Right of Way

**Figure 09**

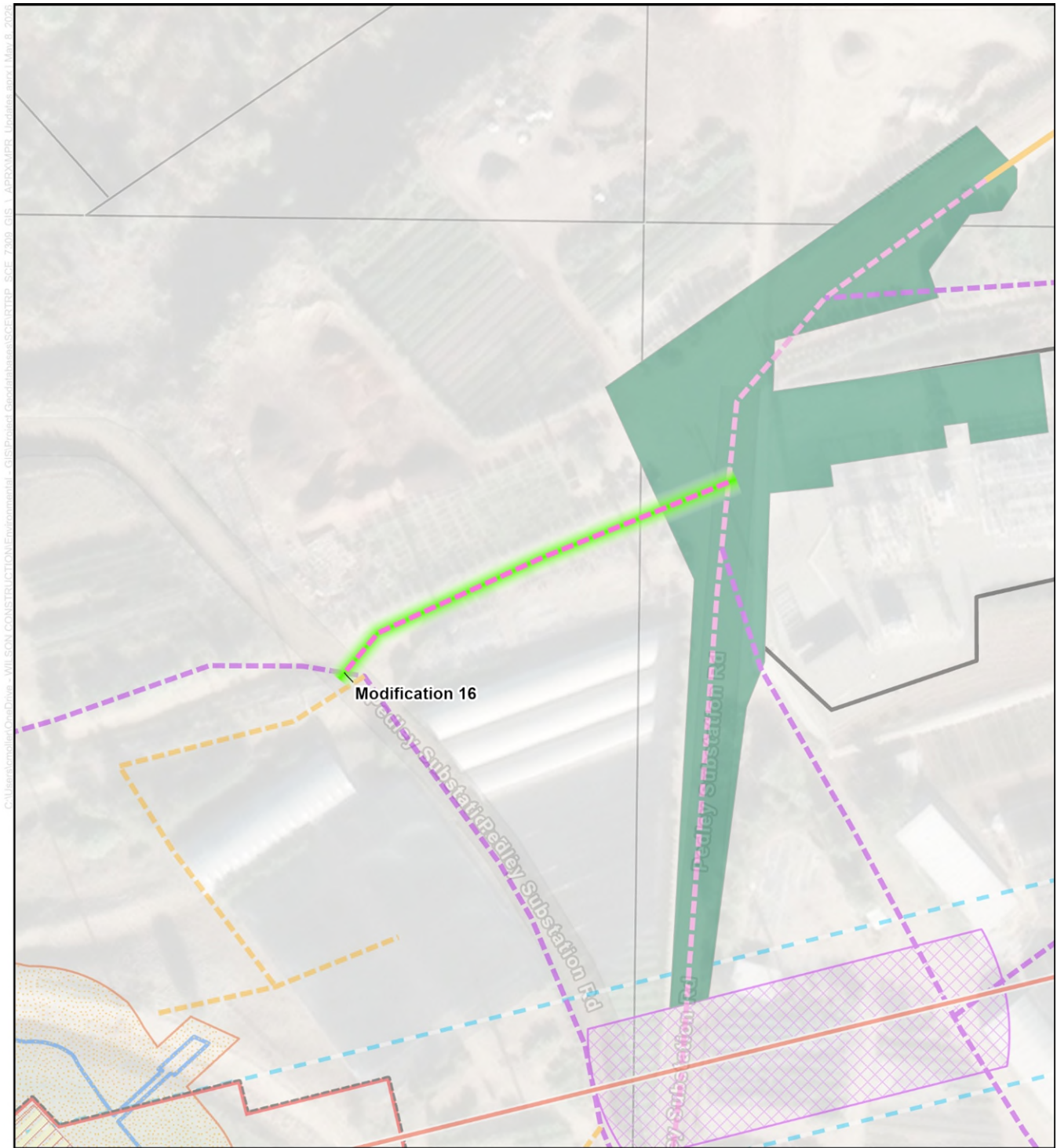
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**Figure 09 – Modification 15**







**WILSON**  
CONSTRUCTION CO.

**Legend**

- Existing - Minimum Improvement
- Proposed Project Area
- Right of Way

**Figure 10**

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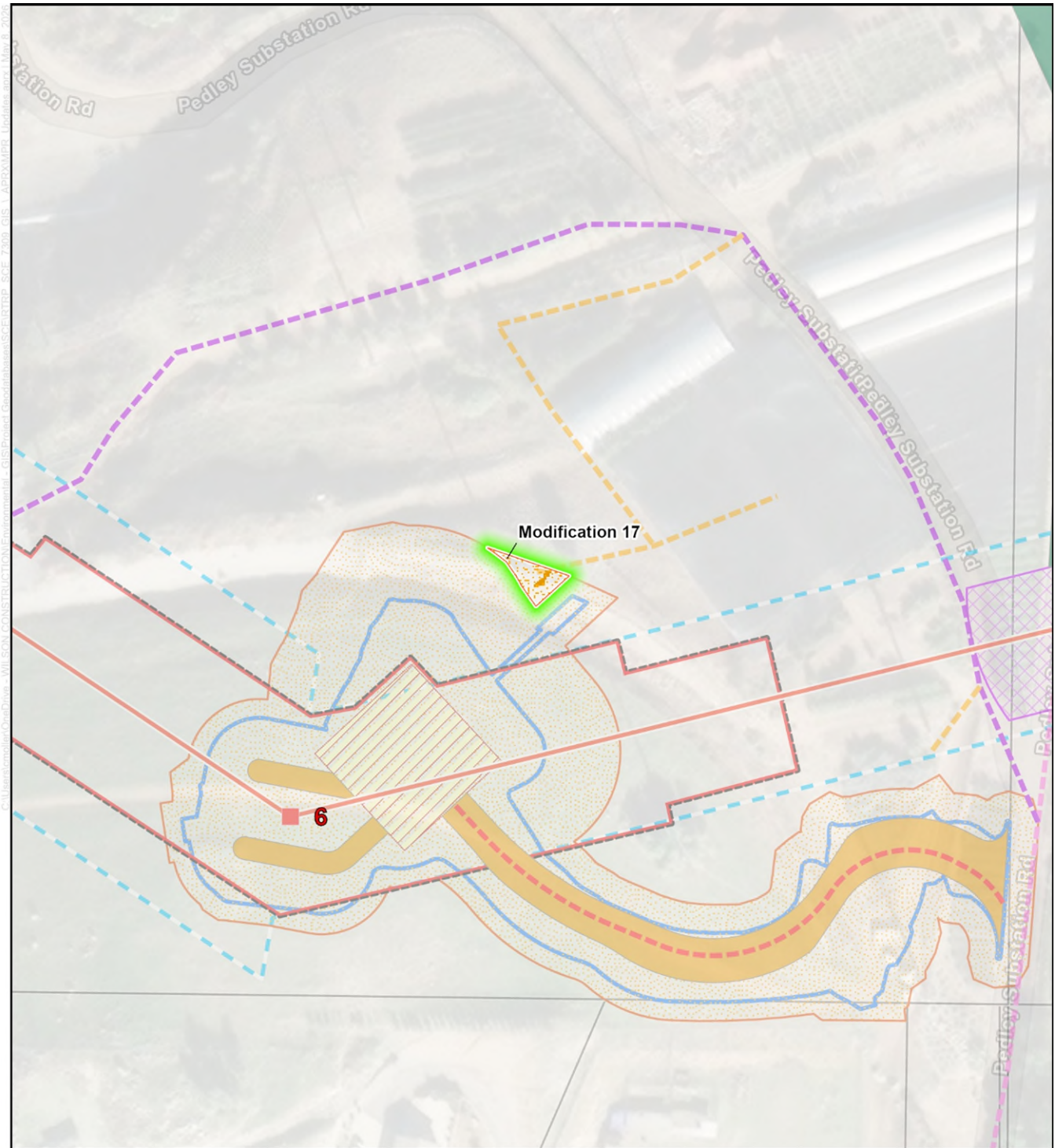
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**Figure 10 – Modification 16**

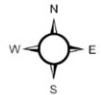




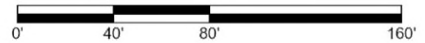
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  -  Proposed Project Area
  -  Right of Way

**Figure 11**

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**Figure 11 – Modification 17**



**Attachment 2: CPUC Review of MPR #5**

# MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REVIEW FORM



## Part A: Summary of Minor Project Refinement Request

### MPR Request

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**Request Number:** 005  
**Date Requested:** May 18, 2026  
**Proposed Duration/  
Timing of Use:** June 1, 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: New proposed 3.64; proposed retired 1.31  
**Attached Map?**  Yes  No

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### Proposed Action(s)

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Southern California Edison (SCE) proposes several modifications to site access. A summary description of each proposed modification is included in the attachment.

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### Purpose(s)

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To update available access routes and provide additional access to support construction of the Project.

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### Existing Conditions

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**Existing Land Uses:** Various land uses including public facilities, open space, recreational, and developed areas. See Minor Project Refinement Request form for details on each proposed modification.

**Surrounding Land Uses:** Public facilities, open space, recreational, developed areas, agricultural, and residential. The properties surrounding the proposed modifications include mostly public facilities, open space, and recreational areas. Agricultural and residential areas border the Santa Ana River Trail area south of the project alignment.

**Sensitive Receptors within 500 feet:** Residential homes are located approximately 100 feet southeast and southwest of Modification #7 and #8. Residential homes are located approximately 40 feet east of Modification #9. Residences are located approximately 475 feet south of Modification #16. Residential homes are located approximately 410 feet west of Modification #17.

**Environmental Resources within 500 feet:** No jurisdictional waters are within the proposed modification areas.

**Has landowner approval been granted?**  Yes  No  N/A

**Landowner:** Multiple landowners. See Minor Project Refinement Request form for details on each proposed modification.

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### Surveys

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#### Biological Resources.

No new surveys have been conducted for biological resources. Proposed modifications are located within areas previously surveyed for biological resources.

#### Cultural Resources.

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

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**Jurisdictional Waters.**

No jurisdictional waters are present within the footprint of the proposed modifications.

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**Permits, Agency Approvals, and Environmental Protection Measures**

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**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 Riverside and Santa Ana River Trail (SART).

**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.

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**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.*

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**Consistency Summary For Modifications That Do Not Require Ground Disturbance, Paving, or Road Widening**

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The following modifications would not require ground disturbance, paving, road widening, or any physical alteration to existing conditions:

Modification #1: Water Treatment Plant (Add Paved Road Access)

Modification #2: Water Treatment Plant (Relocated Pull Site for Construction Location #39)

Modification #3: Water Treatment Plant (Reroute Access Road to Construction Location #38)

Modification #4: Water Treatment Plant (Eliminate Access Road to Construction Location #38)

Modification #5: Water Treatment Plant (Add Existing Access Road to Construction Location #34)

Modification #6: Water Treatment Plant (Add Temporary Work Area to Construction Location #34)

Modification #7: Reroute Access Road to Construction Location #33

Modification #8: Eliminate Access Road to Construction Location #33

Modification #9: Eliminate Access Road to Construction Location #33 Guard Location

Modification #10: Reroute Access Road to/from SART near Construction Location #21 and #22

Modification #11: Eliminate Access Road to/from SART near Construction Location #21 and #22

Modification #13: Add Temporary Access from Hidden Valley Nature Road to Construction Location #17 RTRP Access

Modification #14: Add Temporary Work Area Near Construction Location #17

Modification #17: New Temporary Work Area at Construction Location #6

The proposed Modifications #1, #3, #4, #5, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, and #13 involve elimination of previously proposed construction impacts and addition of construction access on existing paved and unpaved roads. Sensitive receptors are located as close as 100 feet from new access routes (#7).

Modification #9, which includes the elimination of an access road, is located approximately 40 feet east of residential homes. Access roads would be used for vehicle and equipment access during approved construction hours. Vehicle speeds would be limited to 15 miles per hour in accordance with Mitigation Measure (MM) AQ-01 (Fugitive Dust Control Plan).

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Modifications #2, #6, #14, and #17 involve establishment of temporary construction work areas (#6, #14, #17) and a pull site (#2) within developed or previously disturbed areas that are void of vegetation. These activities would not require new ground disturbance. Activities would occur during approved construction hours. The pull site proposed as Modification #2 would be located approximately 1,900 feet south of the closest sensitive receptor and noise from pulling activities, reaching 51 A-weighted decibels (dBA). The proposed temporary work areas (#6, #14, and #17) are located at least 400 feet from sensitive receptors and noise at nearby receptors would be approximately 61 dBA. All construction would occur during approved construction hours and construction noise would not exceed noise standards. Temporary lighting, if necessary, would be implemented in accordance with Environmental Protection Element (EPE) AES-08 (Nighttime Construction Lighting).

Proposed activities would require use and storage of the same types of equipment and hazardous materials that were 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.

EPEs and 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 modifications listed above would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact as identified in the EIR and SEIR. Modifications #12, #15, and #16 are analyzed further below.

<b>Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on:</b>	<b>No Change</b>	<b>Potentially Significant Change</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<p><b>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)?</b></p> <p><i>EIR and SEIR evaluation: Significant and Unavoidable</i></p> <p>Public views of Modification sites #12, #15, and #16 would occur from Santa Ana River Trail and from the residential neighborhoods adjacent to Construction Structure #6. Views of the modifications would be visible throughout the construction period and would include construction equipment, mobilizing crew and vehicles, and vehicle travel. However, Modification #16 is an existing road that would maintain visual character after minimal improvements. In addition, approved work is already occurring in the area and views of construction equipment are not uncommon in the area due to construction of various housing developments in the project vicinity. 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.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Agriculture and Forestry Resources (e.g., convert Farmland to nonagricultural use, or create a conflict with existing agricultural zoning or a Williamson Act)?</b></p> <p><i>EIR and SEIR evaluation: Significant and Unavoidable</i></p> <p>The proposed plumbing 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.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>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)?</b></p> <p><i>EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation</i></p> <p>Construction activities have been analyzed in the EIR and SEIR. The proposed activities include access road establishment and maintenance, and are similar to those previously analyzed. The proposed</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

activities would result in generation of the same air quality emissions and odors analyzed for 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. Additionally, MM AQ-02 (Exhaust Emissions Control) provides control measures for exhaust emissions generated by the Project and would be implemented during actions associated with the proposed activity. 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)?**

*EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The proposed Modifications occur in the same vicinity as approved project activities and has potential to affect the same species that were analyzed in the EIR and SEIR. As described under Part A (Surveys), recent surveys have not been completed for all proposed modification sites. Ground disturbance required to establish Modifications #12 and #15 would occur on land previously disturbed by the recent Bain Fire (burned May 19, 2026 to May 29, 2026) and associated fire suppression activities. CPUC conducted a site visit on June 9, 2026, and confirmed that the footprint of these modifications has been fully graded and no vegetation exists. Ground disturbance required to establish Modification #16 would be limited to the footprint of the existing road and would not remove vegetation or disturb sensitive habitat. Grading to smooth the road surface is occasionally completed as part of SCE's ongoing maintenance of Pedley Substation facilities and the proposed work would occur within the same footprint. Therefore, there is little potential for special-status species to occur at the site.

The developed land surrounding Modifications #12, #15, and #16 provide low-quality habitat for nesting birds, given the lack of trees and shrubbery and recent fire and fire suppression activities. However, SCE would be required to implement MM BIO-8 (Migratory Bird Treaty Act Compliance: Avoidance of Active Nests) prior to ground-disturbing activities required to establish Modifications #12, #15, and #16. Rare plant surveys have been conducted for Modifications #12 and #15; however, the survey coverage did not fully encompass the disturbance footprint of Modification #16. As a result, preconstruction surveys would be required prior to implementing access road improvements associated with Modification #16, in accordance with MM BIO-3 (Preconstruction Surveys for Sensitive Species and MSHCP Compliance).

No jurisdictional waters occur within the footprint of Modifications #12, #15, and #16.

The proposed modifications would not conflict with any local policies or plans such as the County of Riverside's tree removal ordinance, Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF), Western Riverside MSHCP, biological opinion, or the Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP).

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 cultural resource, cause adverse change to a paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature)?**

*EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The proposed modifications were included in the study area of the cultural resources records search and surveys conducted for the EIR and SEIR. No archaeological or historical resources were identified within the footprint of the proposed modifications. The construction of new access roads (Modifications #12 and #15) would occur in areas recently disturbed by the Bain Fire, and the minor road improvements in Modification #16 would be limited to the existing road footprint. The likelihood of discovering or impacting a historical, archeological, or tribal cultural resource is low. However, if subsurface archaeological, historical resources are located during construction, MM CUL-02 (Archaeological Monitoring), MM CUL-02A (Tribal Resource Monitoring), and MM CUL-02B (Cultural Resource Monitoring, Evaluation, and Treatment of Resources), would be required. All project personnel would receive a project-specific cultural resource training prior to the initiation of construction activities (MM CUL-02C).

The proposed actions would also adhere to the provisions outlines in MM CUL-02D, which pertains to the discovery of human remains at the project site.

Proposed Modifications #12, #15, and #16 would occur in geologic formations with high potential to contain significant paleontological resources. Activities would involve ground disturbance that could damage or destroy a paleontological resource if the resource occurs within the grading area. MMs CUL-03 (Paleontological Pre-Construction Coordination), CUL-04 (Paleontological Monitoring), CUL-05 (Significant Fossil Recovery), CUL-06 (Significant Fossil Treatment), CUL-07 (Fossil Donation), CUL-08 (Paleontological Mitigation Report), and CUL-08A (Paleontological Mitigation Report Approval) would be implemented in locations where ground disturbance occurs within high-sensitivity formations.

With implementation of the mitigation measures identified above, proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on cultural, tribal cultural, and paleontological resources.

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**Geology and Soils (e.g., cause or expose people or structures to geologic or soil hazards, including erosion or loss of topsoil)?**

*EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant*

The proposed modifications are located in disturbed areas, with the recent Bain Fire disturbing the areas surrounding Modification #12 and Modification #15. The proposed modifications (access) would be similar to the access roads analyzed in the EIR and SEIR. Constriction activities associated with the proposed modifications would be consistent with access road establishment activities analyzed in the EIR and SEIR. EPE HAZ-03 (Environmental Management Program) requires implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to protect water quality from runoff. Best management practices (BMPs) would be implemented in accordance with the soil erosion and water quality protection measures specified in the SWPPP(EPE GEO-02). The proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on hydrology and water quality. With implementation of the measures identified above, proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on geology and soils.

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**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)?**

*EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

Minimal ground disturbance would be required. 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.). Establishment of access roads and improvements to an existing road would not require the use of hazardous materials. However, 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 to and from the proposed access roads are properly handled to avoid a significant impact on the surrounding environment. The proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on hazards and hazardous materials.

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**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)?**

*EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The existing sheet flow hydrology within the proposed modification sites Chas recently been altered due to the Bain Fire that affected the area in May 2026. The Project's SWPPP would apply to the proposed modifications. The SWPPP requires BMPs to ensure that runoff is treated on-site, reducing the potential for

off-site erosion or water quality degradation. EPE GEO-02 (Implement Soil Erosion Protection Measures) would ensure that access road construction would be performed in accordance with the soil erosion and water quality protection measures specified in the SWPPP. BMPs required in the SWPPP would prevent runoff from effecting water quality in the surrounding area. Therefore, the proposed activities would not have an impact on hydrology and water quality.

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**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)?**

EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation

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 access road 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.

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**Noise (e.g., expose sensitive receptors to additional noise or vibration)?**

EIR and SEIR evaluation: Significant and Unavoidable

The proposed activities would require minimal ground disturbance and would not produce long-term noise impacts. Residences are located approximately 475 feet south of Modification #16, which requires minimal improvements to an existing road. There are no sensitive receptors within 500 feet of the proposed new access roads (Modifications #12 and #15). The access roads would be established using a motor grader to remove vegetation, loose soil, and surface irregularities along the alignment of the proposed road. Noise generated from establishment of access roads would occur during approved construction hours and would not be unusual for the area, given the surrounding industrial and commercial land uses that likely have similar equipment operating. Noise from the proposed construction activities would be temporary and short-term, consistent with noise impacts analyzed in the EIR and SEIR. SCE would be required to issue notification to sensitive receptors within 500 feet of construction activities, consistent with MM NOI-04 (Construction Notification). Noise from the proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of noise impacts previously analyzed for the project.

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**Population and Housing (e.g., induce substantial population growth in an area, or displace substantial numbers of people or housing)?**

EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant

The proposed activities would consist of modifications to Project access routes and would not result in population growth or the displacement of people or housing. The proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on population and housing.

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**Recreation (e.g., increases the use of, or cause adverse effects to, parks or other recreational facilities)?**

EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation

The proposed activities would be located adjacent to the SART. No modifications would require the permanent or temporary closure or restriction of the SART. The proposed activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on recreation.

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**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)?**

*EIR and SEIR evaluation: Significant and Unavoidable*

The proposed activities would occur on private land and 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.

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**Utilities and Public Services (e.g., result in construction of new, or expansion of existing, water facilities, stormwater drainage facilities, require additional water entitlements, or creation of new solid waste disposal needs)?**

*EIR and SEIR evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

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 activities would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on utilities and public services.

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