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To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Property Owners, and Interested Parties

From: Connie Chen, Environmental Project Manager

Subject: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DRAFT EIR) AND PUBLIC MEETING:
San Diego Gas & Electric Company's Salt Creek Substation Project (A-13-09-014)

Date: May 15, 2015

Introduction

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of the San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) application to build and operate the Salt Creek Substation Project.

The Draft EIR details the proposed project, evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of SDG&E's Proposed Project; identifies those impacts that could be significant; and presents mitigation measures, which, if adopted by the CPUC or other responsible agencies, could avoid or minimize the significant impacts. The Draft EIR also evaluates alternatives to the proposed project, including the No Project Alternative, as required by CEQA.

Draft EIR Availability

The Draft EIR is available for public review on the CPUC project website:
http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/panoramaenv/Salt_Creek/index.html

Copies of the Draft EIR are available at the Otay Ranch Branch Public Library located on 2015 Birch Road, Suite 409, Chula Vista, CA 91915 and at the CPUC office located at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA. Copies of the Draft EIR on CD, or a separately bound Executive Summary, may be requested by mail. The project website will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce upcoming public meetings. The Draft EIR public review period is from May 15, 2015 through June 29, 2015, for a 45 day review period. Please submit your comments on the Draft EIR no later than June 29, 2015.

Description of the Project.

The SDG&E Salt Creek Substation Project (proposed project) is located within the City of Chula Vista, California, and in unincorporated San Diego County (Figure 1). The proposed project includes the following components, shown in Figure 1:

- **Salt Creek Substation:** Construction and operation of a new 120-megavolt-ampere (MVA), 69/12- kilovolt (kV) electric distribution substation in southeast Chula Vista. The proposed substation would include three distribution circuits to tie into the existing distribution network at Hunte Parkway. The existing 69-kV power line (TL 6910) and fiber optic line located adjacent to the proposed substation site would be looped into the proposed substation.

- **TL 6965:** Construction of approximately 5 miles of aboveground 69-kV power line and approximately 1,000 feet of underground power line between Miguel Substation and the proposed Salt Creek Substation. The aboveground power line would be installed on 41 new steel poles and eight existing steel poles within the existing transmission corridor.
- **Miguel Substation Modifications:** Addition of a new rack at Miguel Substation for TL 6965.

Public Meeting

The CPUC will hold an informational meeting on the Draft EIR. The purpose of the informational meeting will be to respond to questions and provide clarification regarding the impact analysis and conclusions presented in the Draft EIR. A court reporter will be present to record all verbal comments made at the public meeting. The informational meeting will be held on:

**Thursday, June 4, 2015
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Monteville Recreation Center
Multipurpose Hall 1
840 Duncan Ranch Road
Chula Vista, CA 91914**

Public Comment on the Draft EIR

The Draft EIR is available for a 45-day public comment period, May 15, 2015 through June 29, 2015. The public may present comments and concerns regarding the project and the adequacy of the Draft EIR. Written comments on the Draft EIR must be postmarked or received by fax or e-mail no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday June 29, 2015.

Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number in your correspondence. Written comments on the Draft EIR should be sent to:

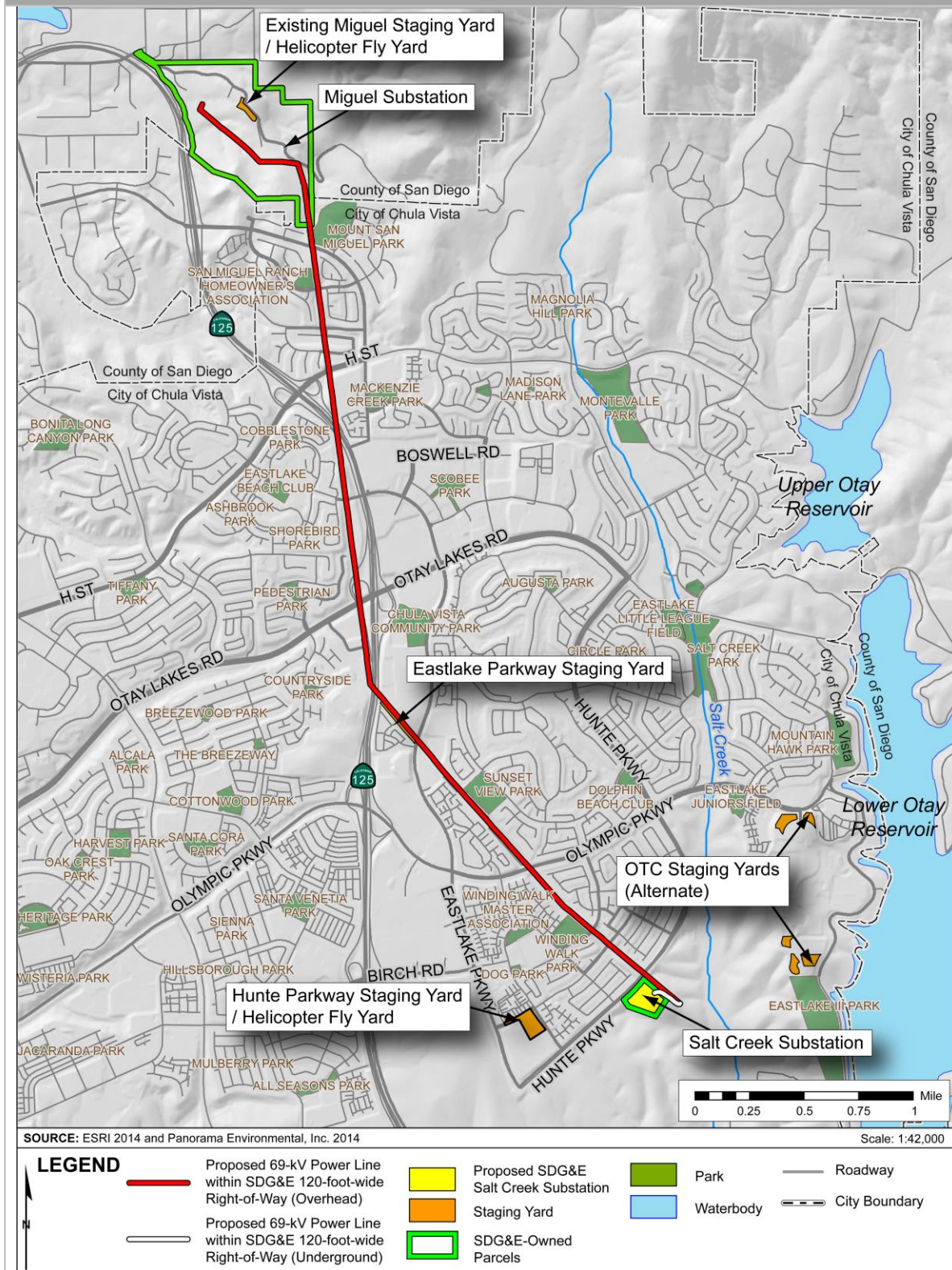
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The CPUC will also receive oral and written comments from interested parties at the public meeting on June 4, 2015.

Following the end of the public comment period, the CPUC will prepare responses to all comments received on the Draft EIR and submitted within the specified 45-day review period. The Final EIR will include the Draft EIR, any changes to the Draft EIR made as a result of comments, and comments and responses.

REMINDER: Draft EIR comments will be accepted by fax, e-mail, or U.S. Mail postmarked on or before June 29, 2015. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number in your correspondence.

Figure 1: Project Area



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