

July 6, 2017

Edith Moreno
San Diego Gas & Electric
8315 Century Park Court
San Diego, CA 92123

**Re: Verification Survey, Sycamore-Peñasquitos 230-Kilovolt Transmission Line Project,
San Diego, California**

Dear Ms. Moreno,

On July 5, 2017, a Verification Survey (Survey) was conducted for three overhead structures to be constructed as part of the San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) Sycamore-Peñasquitos 230-Kilovolt Transmission Line Project (Project).

The Survey was conducted in accordance with Appendix A of the SDG&E Subregional Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP), which states, "If surface disturbance has not commenced within 30 days, the Environmental Surveyor will conduct a verification study." The purpose of this verification study was to document any significant changes that may have occurred to the Project areas and Project design since the date of the original Pre-activity Survey Report (PSR), which was approved by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on March 30, 2017 in accordance with Mitigation Measure (MM) Biology 1-c of the Project's Mitigation, Monitoring, and Compliance Reporting Program (MMCRP).

The Survey was conducted by the Project's Qualified Biologist on July 5, 2017 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at structures P03, P04 and P06 (Attachment 1). Weather conditions consisted of partly cloudy skies (40% cloud cover), winds approximately 0-5 miles per hour, and a temperature ranging from approximately 79 - 83 degrees Fahrenheit.

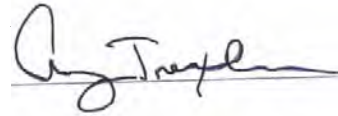
The habitat surveyed during the Survey was consistent with the immediate and surrounding habitat described in the PSR and was primarily composed of bare ground and disturbed habitat, with lesser amounts of coastal sage scrub and chaparral habitat. The results of the Survey indicate that project impacts have been appropriately accounted for in the original PSR, in accordance with SDG&E's NCCP.

Wildlife species detected during survey include American crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*), Anna's hummingbird (*Calypte anna*), bushtit (*Psaltriparus minimus*), California towhee (*Melospiza crissalis*), common raven (*Corvus corax*), European starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*), house finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*), house wren (*Troglodytes aedon*), lesser goldfinch (*Spinus psaltria*), mourning dove (*Zenaidura macroura*), red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*), song sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*), spotted towhee (*Pipilo maculatus*), and wrenit (*Chamaea fasciata*).

This Survey also satisfies the requirements of MM Biology-9, which requires SDG&E to conduct a preconstruction survey to identify potential San Diego desert woodrat houses within project work areas and within 5 feet of edge of the work areas to avoid direct take of the woodrats. Three potential San Diego desert woodrat (*Neotoma lepida intermedia*) middens were located within the work area of structure P03 (32.91996 ° N, -117.03235 °W), (32.91974° N, -117.03222 ° W), (32.9182° N. -117.03197° W). Two potential San Diego desert woodrat (*Neotoma lepida intermedia*) middens were located within the work area of structure P06 (32.92317 °N, -117.04400 °W), (32.92307 °N, -117.04388 °W). The Project's Qualified Biologist will be dismantling the middens consistent with project specific mitigation requirements prior to construction mobilization. No new bird nests, nesting activities, or burrows were observed within the surveyed area during the Survey. No other NCCP-covered species were observed during the Survey.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (315) 263-7005.

Sincerely,



Attachment 1: Photographs

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Figure 1: Northwest-facing view of structure R4 to be removed at location P04.



Figure 2: Northwest-facing view of proposed structure P04 location.

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Figure 3: Southeast-facing view of structure R2 to be removed at location P03.



Figure 4: West-facing view of proposed structure P03A location.

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Figure 5: West-facing view of proposed structure P03B and structure R3 to be removed.



Figure 6: Northwest-facing view of proposed structure P06 and structure R6 to be removed.