

Comment Set E.15: Applicant – Socioeconomics

**ANTELOPE-PARDEE 500kV TRANSMISSION PROJECT
 SCE COMMENTS & SUGGESTED REVISIONS ON DEIR/DEIS
 C.12 SOCIOECONOMICS**

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Comment No.	Section	Page	Line	Comment	Remarks/How Suggested to Resolve
1	C.12.3	C.12-5	Significance Criteria	Section C.12.3, "Significance Criteria," states that "[i]n EIR documents, the criteria typically used to determine the significance of project-related socioeconomic impacts are in the CEQA Checklist Form." This is incorrect; the CEQA Checklist does not contain a "Socioeconomics" section. CEQA does not examine socioeconomic impacts except under very specific circumstances, which are not present here. (See CEQA Guidelines, § 15131 and Discussion following.) Thus, the Criteria used in the DEIR/DEIS for the "socioeconomic impacts" are incorrect. Criterion SOC1, for instance, does NOT originate in any "socioeconomic" section of the CEQA Checklist as stated in the EIR/EIS, but in the Population and Housing section, part (b). Effects on Population and Housing under CEQA are not the same as socioeconomic effects under CEQA, and these terms should not be used interchangeably. Further, the DEIR/DEIS should note that Criteria SOC2 through SOC5 are not environmental impacts under CEQA or NEPA.	The DEIR/DEIS should be modified to reflect these corrections.
2	C.12.5	C.12-7	Impact S-2	Please note that SCE worked with potentially affected property owners in Haskell Canyon on a proposed reroute that was provided to consultants and not incorporated into the DEIR/DEIS.	

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3	C.12.5	C.12-8	Impact S-4	<p>The statement that the NFS would receive no revenue from the installation of the proposed Project on NFS lands is incorrect.</p> <p>Although this is not an environmental impact under CEQA or NEPA, when SCE applies for or renews a Special Use Authorization on any Federal land it is pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. Title V, Sec. 504(g).of FLPMA states "The holder of a right-of-way shall pay in advance the fair market value thereof, as determined by the Secretary granting, issuing, or renewing such right-of-way."</p>	Revise language to reflect that the NFS would receive revenue from the installation of the proposed Project on NFS lands.	E.15-3
4	C.12.9.2	C.12-17	Alt 4; Impacts and Mitigation Measures Cause a substantial change in revenue for local businesses	Alternative 4 would traverse the proposed McMillin development as well as the Blue Cloud Movie Ranch. Potential impacts to these local businesses are not discussed.	Although this is not an environmental impact under CEQA or NEPA, the DEIR/DEIS should provide discussion of the impacts of Alternative 4 on the McMillin development and Blue Cloud Movie Ranch fairly and equally.	E.15-4
5	C.12.10.1	C.12-18	Alt 5; Affected Environment	The statement that, with the exception of the City of Palmdale the Alternative 5 route would be located within the same jurisdictions as the proposed Project is incorrect and inconsistent with the second sentence in this section that lists the additional communities and jurisdictions that Alternative 5 traverses. Also the ANF and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy were omitted from the list of jurisdictions.	<p>Revise the DEIR/DEIS so that the language in this section is consistent and complete.</p> <p>Please see comment 1.</p>	E.15-5

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- E.15-1 As discussed in Draft EIR/EIS Section C.12.3, “With respect to CEQA, socioeconomic impacts are those that could be considered direct effects on the environment, such as changes to population and housing, and that are separate from strictly economic impacts, such as a loss of revenue.” This sentence differentiates that CEQA considers changes to population and housing as socioeconomic effects.
- E.15-2 Comment noted.
- E.15-3 The National Forest does not retain the utility special use fees. These fees go to the National treasury. As such, the ANF would not benefit from the fees generated by the special use authorization.
- E.15-4 The Alternative 4 Socioeconomic analysis is based on the information provided in Draft EIR/EIS Section C.9.9.1.
- E.15-5 The term “Jurisdiction” represents incorporated cities and counties.