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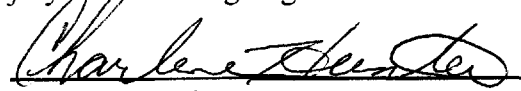
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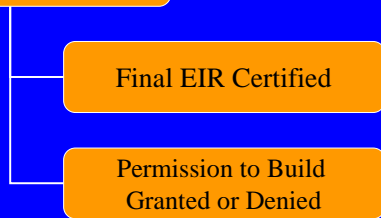
The Process for Reviewing
Transmission Line Applications

Two Processes Merging



TRANSMISSION LINE APPLICATION DECISION

Two Components:



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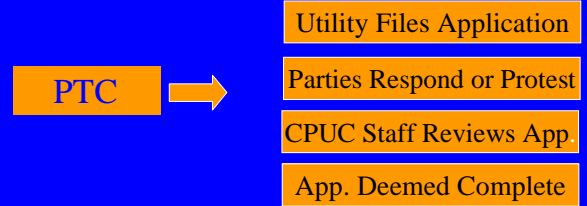
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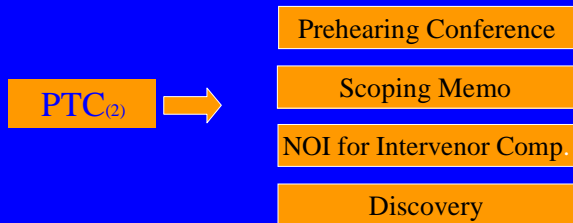
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- Permission to build:
 - Permit to Construct
PTC
- Environmental Review:
 - California Environmental Quality Act
CEQA

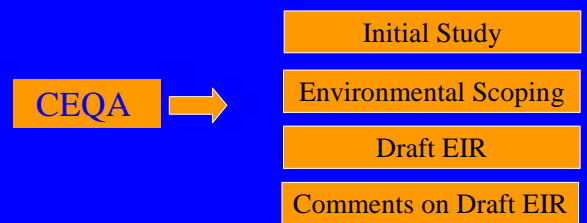
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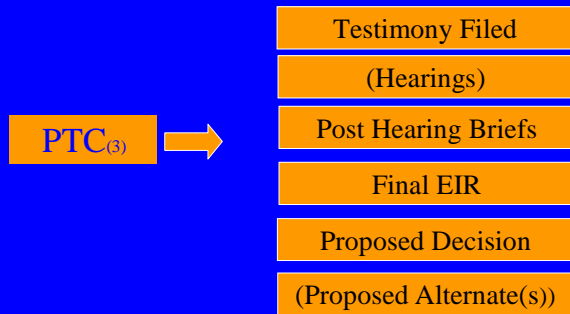
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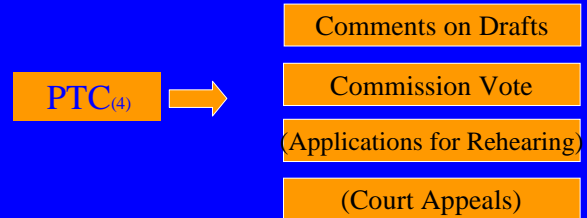
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Ex Parte Communications

- No private, unreported communications with decisionmakers (commissioners, advisor, or the ALJ) on substantive issues related to the proceeding
- **No such private substantive discussions with the ALJ at any time**

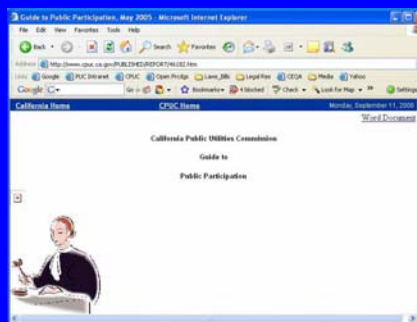
Ex Parte Communications

- Private substantive communications with commissioners require prior public notice and after-the-fact reporting, a create equal-time rights for all other parties.
- Such communications with commissioner's advisors require after-the-fact reporting.

Recommended Resources CEQA Statutes and Guidelines



Recommended Resources Guide to Public Participation



Recommended Resources CPUC Rules of Practice & Procedure



HAVE QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE PUBLIC ADVISOR'S OFFICE

Los Angeles Number
(866) 849-8391

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El Casco System Project



Scoping Meetings
August 1, 2007 – Banning, CA
August 1, 2007 – Beaumont, CA



Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- Overview of the Proposed Project
- The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Environmental Review Process
- Public Comments
- Meeting Conclusion



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Purpose of Scoping

- To inform the public about an upcoming project for which an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared
- To inform the public about the environmental review process
- To identify issues of concern
- To solicit input regarding the appropriate scope of issues, mitigation measures, and potential alternatives to be studied in the EIR



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Key Players and Their Roles in the CEQA Process

- California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC): *Lead Agency under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)*
- Southern California Edison (SCE): *Applicant*
- Aspen Environmental Group: *Environmental Consultant to the CPUC*



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What is the Proposed Project?

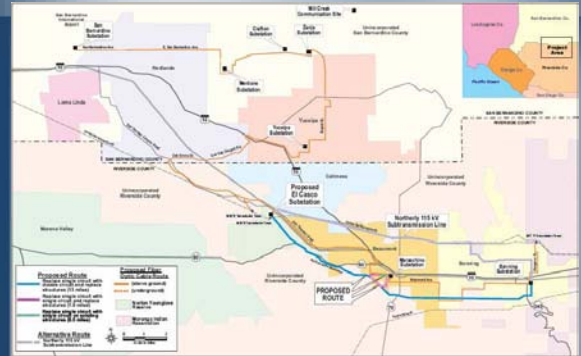
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 - Construction of the El Casco Substation
 - Upgrades at the Zanja and Banning Substations
 - Upgrading the existing transmission lines and installation of new transmission lines between the El Casco Substation and the Banning Substation
 - Improving SCE's telecommunication facilities in the project area



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El Casco Project Area Map



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Proposed El Casco Substation Site



Looking south toward the proposed site for the El Casco Substation on the Norton Younglove Reserve. (Existing SCE towers are shown in the background.)



Looking north toward the proposed site for the El Casco Substation and San Timoteo Creek on the Norton Younglove Reserve.

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Sun Lakes Community



Looking east toward Sun Lakes Community.



Existing 115 kV subtransmission line through the Sun Lakes Community.

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Existing Conditions Along Route



Maraschino Loop West. Replace single-circuit wood poles with new single-circuit steel poles.



Existing single-circuit wood poles going into Maraschino Substation. These will be replaced with new single-circuit steel poles.

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Possible Alternatives

- Northerly 115 kV Subtransmission Line Route – Described in SCE's Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA)
- Alternative El Casco Substation Site – Site 38 as described in SCE's PEA
- No Project Alternative – as required by CEQA
- Other alternatives identified during the scoping process, and during EIR preparation



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Project Purpose

- Build electrical facilities necessary to serve forecasted demand in Calimesa, Beaumont, and the surrounding areas of unincorporated northern Riverside County
- Prevent overloading of existing transmission facilities
- Improve electrical reliability and operational flexibility in northern Riverside County



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California Public Utilities Commission

- Application for a Permit to Construct (Application No. 07-02-022)
- Cost recovery and rate making
- CEQA Lead Agency
- Assigned Commissioner:
 - Dian Grueneich
- Administrative Law Judge:
 - Victoria Kolakowski



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CEQA Environmental Review Process

Objectives

- Assess potential impacts of the proposed project
- Identify and analyze alternatives that would avoid or reduce potentially significant impacts
- Recommend mitigation measures that would help reduce potentially significant impacts
- Provide environmental information to decision makers
- Disclose potential impacts to the public



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Decision to Prepare an EIR

- CEQA Lead Agency (CPUC) reviews the Application/PEA to determine the type of environmental analysis to be conducted for the project
- An EIR is prepared if there is evidence that the project may have potentially significant impacts on the environment



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The EIR Process

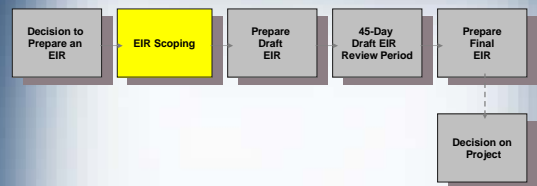
- Distribute Notice of Preparation (NOP) for 30-day public scoping/review period
- Prepare Draft EIR
- Circulate the Draft EIR for public review (45-day public review period)
- Respond to comments and prepare Final EIR
- EIR Certification



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The EIR Process



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Environmental Issue Areas

- Aesthetics
- Land Use/Planning
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards/Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services and Utilities
- Traffic/Transportation
- Cumulative and Growth-Inducing Impacts

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After EIR Completion

- After the Final EIR is issued, the CPUC will prepare a proposed Decision on the El Casco System Project
- 30 days after issuance of the proposed Decision, the CPUC will certify the EIR and issue its final Decision on the proposed project
- If the project or an alternative is approved, monitoring of adopted mitigation measures will be required



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Making Comments

- Fill out and turn in a speaker card
- The facilitator will call you to the microphone individually
- You will have three minutes to make your comments
- Comments can also be provided in writing



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EIR Scoping Comments

- Please focus your comments on environmental concerns
- Please provide input on issues that should be analyzed, possible alternatives, and potential mitigation
- Please avoid comments on the merits of the Project (pro or con)



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Be sure to include your name and address on all comments.
Please write legibly.



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- Check out our website:
<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspeneq/elcasco/elcasco.htm>
- Visit repositories at five local area libraries including: Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, University of Redlands Armacost Library, and Yucaipa
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Thank you for your input.



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Fact Sheet

El Casco System Project



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The objective of SCE's Proposed Project is to build the electrical facilities necessary to serve forecasted demand in Calimesa, Beaumont, and the surrounding areas of unincorporated northern Riverside County, and to maintain safe and reliable service to customers in the area.

The Proposed Project includes the following components, which are detailed in the attached map.

Construction of the El Casco Substation.

The new 14-acre El Casco 220/115/12 kV Substation would be located on a 28-acre plot within the Norton Younglove Reserve in Riverside County. This component would include associated 220 kV and 115 kV interconnections and new 12 kV distribution line connections (getaways). The substation would be designed with a low profile (structures no taller than 40 feet). Landscaping around the substation would incorporate primarily native vegetation and would be designed to screen views of the substation site.



Looking south towards the proposed site for the El Casco Substation on the Norton Younglove Reserve (existing SCE towers are shown in the background)

Upgrades to the Zanja and Banning Substations. The 115 kV switchracks within the Zanja and Banning Substations, located in the Cities of Yucaipa and Banning, respectively, would be rebuilt to accommodate the new 115 kV subtransmission line, thereby allowing for at least two subtransmission lines to serve each substation at all times. This would reduce the likelihood of temporary power outages, which currently occur due to the fact that each substation is served by only one 115 kV subtransmission line at a time. If there is a problem with the primary (or "preferred") line, a brief delay occurs before the secondary (or "emergency") line can be connected. The upgrades to the Zanja and Banning Substations would eliminate this delay by providing a connection for a second 115 kV subtransmission line for each substation that would be active at all times. Replacement of the switchracks in both substations would occur within the existing fenced-in areas.

Transmission Line Upgrades and Installation. These upgrades would include replacement of existing single-circuit 115 kV subtransmission lines with new, higher capacity lines; tying in existing 115 kV and 220 kV lines to the new El Casco Substation (looping in); and installation of new 12 kV distribution line getaways at the El Casco Substation.

The proposed upgrades of the existing single-circuit subtransmission lines would include the following:

- Approximately 13 miles of single-circuit 115 kV lines would be replaced with 115 kV double-circuit lines between the new El Casco Substation and the Banning Substation, traversing the Cities of Banning,

Beaumont, and unincorporated Riverside County. Single-circuit 115 kV structures would be replaced with 115 kV double-circuit structures.

- Approximately 1.9 miles of subtransmission line would be replaced with new, higher capacity single-circuit 115 kV subtransmission lines and support structures within existing SCE Right-of-Ways (ROWs) in the City of Beaumont and unincorporated Riverside County.
- Approximately 0.5 miles of subtransmission line would be replaced with new, higher capacity single-circuit 115 kV subtransmission lines on existing support structures in the City of Beaumont.



Existing 115 kV Subtransmission Line through the Sun Lakes Community

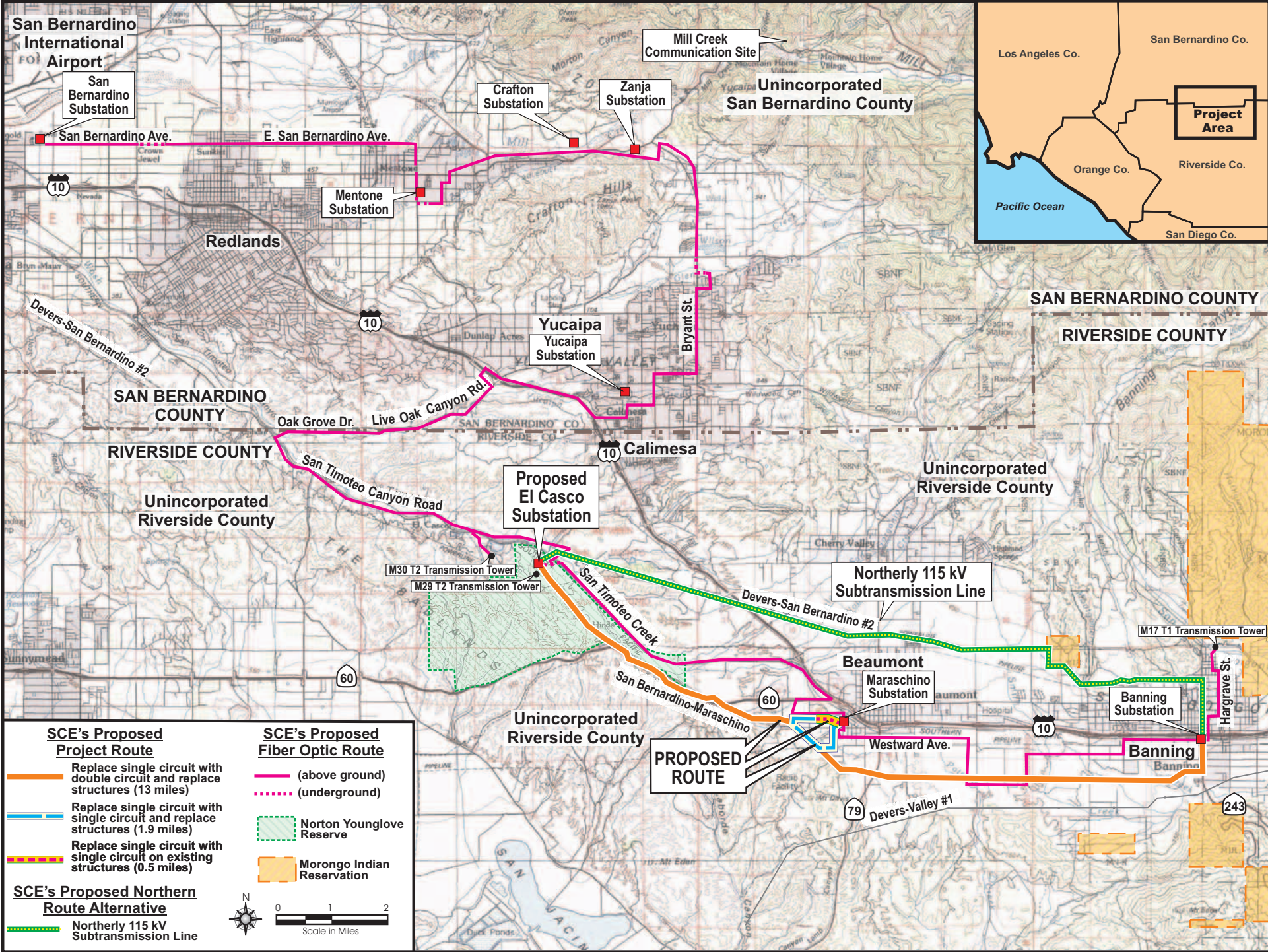
The existing San Bernardino-Maraschino 115 kV subtransmission line would be looped into the new El Casco Substation 115 kV switchrack on two new approximately 900-foot long line segments between the existing ROW and the 115 kV switchrack. The Devers-San Bernardino No. 2 220 kV transmission line would be looped into the new 220 kV switchrack on two new approximately 500-foot long line segments between the existing ROW and the 220 kV switchrack. Two approximately 400-foot-long underground duct banks would be constructed for the 12 kV distribution line getaways, traversing beneath San Timoteo Creek and the railroad tracks. These distribution lines would eventually be connected to future distribution lines in the area.

Telecommunications Improvements. Proposed improvements to the telecommunications systems include the construction of a microwave system at the proposed El Casco Substation and SCE's existing Mill Creek Communications Site in the San Bernardino National Forest, as well as installation of fiber optic cables within public streets and on existing SCE structures in the Cities of Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Redlands, and Yucaipa, as well as unincorporated parts of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties..

Alternatives to the Proposed Project. If it is determined that the Project would require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report, the following alternatives developed by SCE in their Proponent's Environmental Assessment, and additional feasible alternatives developed by the CPUC would be considered. SCE's proposed alternatives include a Northerly 115 kV Subtransmission Line Route Alternative, and a Vista System Upgrade Alternative. The Northerly Alternative includes a 115 kV Subtransmission Line Route that begins at the El Casco Substation and proceeds east and southeast to the Banning Substation. The Northerly Alternative, unlike the Proposed Project, does not loop into the Maraschino Substation. The Vista System Upgrade Alternative includes the construction and replacement of several 115 kV Subtransmission lines as well as the addition of new transformers at both the Vista and Maraschino Substations. The Vista System Upgrade Alternative would not include the construction of the El Casco Substation.

Additional Project Information. For additional information on the proposed project, please contact Juralynne Mosley, CPUC Project Manager at 415-703-2210, jbm@cpuc.ca.gov.

El Casco System Project



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
RIVERSIDE COUNTY

SCE's Proposed Project Route

- Replace single circuit with double circuit and replace structures (13 miles)
- Replace single circuit with single circuit and replace structures (1.9 miles)
- Replace single circuit with single circuit on existing structures (0.5 miles)

SCE's Proposed Fiber Optic Route

- (above ground)
- (underground)
- Norton Younglove Reserve
- Morongo Indian Reservation

SCE's Proposed Northern Route Alternative

- Northerly 115 kV Subtransmission Line



PROPOSED ROUTE

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