

Appendix B
Public Involvement
Information

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SCE encourages communication and outreach to local communities, local business, elected and appointed officials, and other interested parties. SCE's goal is to ensure that the company understands and addresses, where possible, issues of interest or potential concern regarding its proposed projects.

The target audiences for the activities are the property owners along the proposed routes, local communities, local businesses, elected and appointed officials, and other interested parties.

Project Fact Sheet: SCE developed a *Project Fact Sheet* which described the project, its scope, and purpose. It was mailed in early December to all property owners within 300 feet of the proposed sub-transmission line route, as well as to elected/appointed officials, and other interested parties in the area. Included in the fact sheet was contact information for the local SCE personnel whom would be responsible for facilitating a response to their questions. (Typically this is the Region Manager.)

Open Houses: SCE hosted two open houses on January 23, 2007. One was for the general public, and the other was for the residents of the Sun Lakes, a retirement community in the City of Banning. Open House invitations were mailed to all property owners within 300 feet of the proposed transmission line route and substation site, elected and appointed officials, and other interested parties in the project area. Additionally, SCE placed advertisements in the Riverside Press Enterprise and the Banning/Beaumont Record Gazette newspapers. SCE worked with the Sun Lakes Home Owners Association to inform residents of the forthcoming Open House.

The purpose of the open houses were to provide area residents, businesses, local officials, and others interested in the project area with direct access to the El Casco System Project team including: SCE's project manager, technical experts, and others involved in project planning. Approximately 180 persons attended the two open houses

Briefings: SCE personnel have met with elected and appointed officials who represent communities along the proposed route to provide information on the project.

Attached are copies of the El Casco System Project Fact Sheet, newspaper advertisements, open house invitations, and the storyboards utilized at the open house.

Fact Sheet

El Casco System Project

December 2006

Important community information concerning a proposed Southern California Edison Company project in your area

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Electrical demand in northwest Riverside County will soon exceed the capacity of Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) electrical system serving this area. To address northwest Riverside County's increasing electrical demand and to improve electric reliability in the area, SCE proposes to construct the El Casco System Project.

The proposed El Casco System Project includes the following components:

- Construct a new substation (to be named El Casco Substation) on approximately 28 acres of land located within the Norton Younglove County Reserve adjacent to San Timoteo Canyon Road and approximately 5 miles east of Live Oak Canyon Road.
- Connect an existing SCE 220 kilovolt (kV) transmission line into the proposed substation.
- Replace approximately 13 miles of existing single-circuit 115 kV subtransmission lines with new, higher capacity double-circuit 115 kV subtransmission lines and replace support structures within existing SCE rights-of-way in the Cities of Banning, Beaumont, and unincorporated areas of Riverside County.
- Replace approximately 1.9 miles of existing single-circuit 115 kV subtransmission lines with new, higher capacity single-circuit 115 kV subtransmission lines and replace support structures within existing SCE rights-of-way in the City of Beaumont.
- Replace approximately 0.5 miles of existing single-circuit 115 kV subtransmission lines with new, higher capacity single-circuit 115 kV subtransmission lines within existing SCE rights-of-way in the City of Beaumont.
- Modify equipment within two existing substations in the Cities of Banning and Yucaipa.

- Install telecommunications equipment at the proposed El Casco Substation and at SCE's Mill Creek Communications Site.
- Install fiber optic lines within public streets and on existing SCE structures between the Cities of San Bernardino and Banning.

These components are further described in the Project Description section below.

PURPOSE OF THIS FACT SHEET

The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide area residents, businesses, local officials, local organizations, and other interested parties current information about the El Casco System Project. Additionally, this fact sheet provides general information on SCE's project planning process and the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) project approval process. This fact sheet also provides the names and phone numbers of local SCE representatives who can answer questions about the proposed El Casco System Project.

WHY IS THE PROJECT NEEDED?

Northwest Riverside County's electrical needs are currently served by an electrical system of interconnected substations and transmission lines. SCE has determined based on its evaluation of planned and approved residential, commercial, and industrial development projects that these electric facilities will be unable to reliably serve customer needs in this area during periods of high demand. To meet the electrical needs of the area, SCE is proposing to construct the El Casco System Project, as described in this fact sheet, to be phased into operation from mid-2009 to mid-2010. The project will also improve reliability to the City of Banning's electric utility customers by providing additional lines into Banning Substation.

In 2004, SCE initially proposed the Oak Valley System Project to serve northwest Riverside County's electrical needs. As a result of further project planning, SCE determined that the El Casco

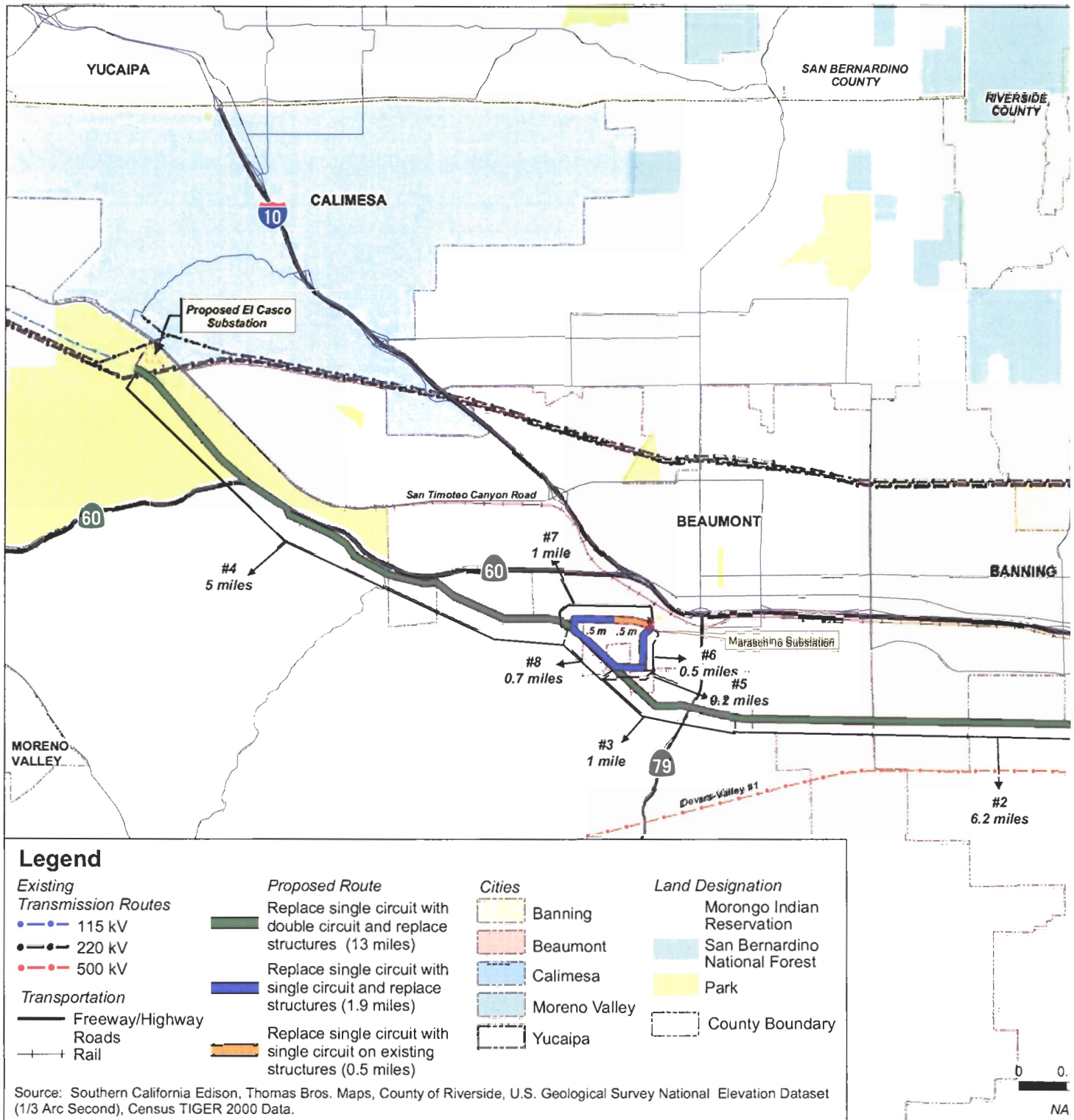


Figure 1



System Project would more effectively serve the electrical needs of northwest Riverside County.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

El Casco Substation

As shown on Figure 1, the proposed 220/115/12 kV El Casco Substation would be constructed on approximately 28 acres within the Norton Younglove Reserve adjacent to San Timoteo Canyon Road and approximately 5 miles east of Live Oak Canyon Road. Because the substation would be constructed on what is currently public parkland, SCE would purchase and transfer to Riverside County sufficient acreage to mitigate for the quantity and quality of park and biological resource habitat used to construct the substation within the Reserve. The Substation would be located between SCE's existing transmission line corridors. (See Figure 2 for a simulation of the proposed substation)

220 kV Transmission Lines

The adjacent 220 kV Devers-San Bernardino No. 2 transmission line would deliver electricity to the El Casco Substation. The line would be extended approximately 500 feet on three new lattice steel towers from SCE's existing right-of-way (ROW) into the substation.

115 kV Subtransmission Lines

Three 115 kV subtransmission lines would connect the El Casco Substation to other substations in the area. This connection requires modifications to SCE's existing 115 kV subtransmission lines. SCE proposes to replace approximately 13 miles of single-circuit 115 kV subtransmission line between SCE's existing Banning Substation and the proposed El Casco Substation. The existing single-circuit H-frame structures and single pole structures would be removed and replaced with new double-circuit steel poles. These new poles are approximately 20-35 feet taller than the existing H-frame

structures but require less ground space. Where there are existing distribution lines on the poles, they will be transferred to the new poles. (See Figure 3 for a before and after simulation). The new poles and lines would remain within existing SCE ROW. In addition, SCE proposes to replace approximately 2.5 miles of existing single-circuit 115 kV subtransmission line with new, higher capacity single-circuit 115 kV subtransmission line, and structures would be replaced for approximately 2 miles. As shown on Figure 1, the existing 115 kV lines would be modified in the following locations:

Segment 1 – South on existing ROW for approximately 0.75 miles from SCE's Banning Substation to Wesley Street.

Segment 2 – West on Wesley Street and existing ROW for approximately 6.2 miles from Durward Street

Segment 3 – Northwest on existing ROW for approximately 1 mile from west end of Segment 2.

Segment 4 – Northwest on existing ROW for approximately 5 miles from west end of Segments 7 and 8 to El Casco Substation.

Segment 5 – East on existing ROW for approximately 0.2 miles from north end of Segment 3 to Vielle Street.

Segment 6 – North on Vielle Street within existing ROW for approximately 0.5 miles from east end of Segment 5 to Maraschino Substation.

Segment 7 – West on Fourth Street within existing ROW for approximately 1 mile from Maraschino Substation to east end of Segment 4.

Segment 8 – Northwest on existing ROW for approximately 0.7 miles from north end of Segment 3 to east end of Segment 4.

Upgrade Equipment at Existing Substations

As part of the El Casco System Project, equipment modifications would

be required at SCE's existing Banning Substation (within the City of Banning) and Zanja Substation (within the City of Yucaipa). All modifications would occur within each substation's property boundaries. However, in some cases due to spacing constraints, it may be necessary to lay down construction equipment outside the substation fence, but still on substation property. These substation modifications improve the reliability of the subtransmission system.

Telecommunications

The proposed El Casco System Project would require two communication

paths using physically separate routes. One communication path would utilize microwave technology and the second communication path would use fiber optic cable.

The microwave communication path would require construction of two microwave towers: one 85-foot tall tower would be erected inside the proposed El Casco Substation and one 110-foot tall tower would be erected at the existing Mill Creek Communications Site (see Figure 1). Approximately 52.5 miles of optical ground wire and fiber optic cables would be installed within existing ROW.

PROJECT APPROVAL PROCESS

The proposed El Casco System Project falls within the jurisdiction of the CPUC. During project planning activities, SCE will conduct information and outreach activities designed to help inform area residents, businesses, and other interested parties about the project. At the conclusion of project planning, SCE will submit an application to the CPUC requesting authority to construct the project. The CPUC will review the project in compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). SCE anticipates that it will



Figure 2. Proposed El Casco Substation looking northwest



Figure 3A. Looking East from Highland Springs Road Existing 115 kV Subtransmission Line



Figure 3B. Looking East from Highland Springs Road Proposed 115 kV Subtransmission Line

submit its application to the CPUC in early 2007. The CPUC will review SCE's application and will either approve the project as filed, approve the project with modifications, or deny the project.

The lease of the land in the Norton Younglove Reserve requires approval of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. Approval of the lease is expected to occur after CPUC approval of the project.

CURRENT PROJECT STATUS

SCE is completing environmental studies for this project. Current activities include preparation of environmental documents in compliance with environmental laws such as CEQA. The environmental documents will be included in SCE's application and will be thoroughly and independently reviewed and approved by the CPUC.

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS

SCE has notified city, county, and state agencies about its intent to file an application to construct the project. SCE will work with affected communities, local officials, and any other interested parties, to fully describe the project and to respond to questions that may arise. Additionally, if the project is approved, SCE will begin working immediately with all affected communities to plan for and coordinate its construction activities so as to minimize disruptions wherever possible.

SCE will host two El Casco System Project open houses in early 2007. The open houses are informal gatherings that provide the public an opportunity to learn more about the project and talk to SCE project team members. These open houses will be located in the Beau-

mont/Banning area and will be open to the general public. SCE will mail invitations to property owners within 300 feet of the proposed project. SCE will also inform local governments and will publish announcements for the open houses in local newspapers.

RELATIONSHIP OF THIS PROJECT TO SCE'S PROPOSED DPV2 PROJECT

The El Casco System Project is the second of two projects SCE is proposing to build in northern Riverside County. The other proposed project is called the Devers Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Project (DPV2).

Construction of DPV2 would add transmission facilities needed to import surplus lower cost electricity into California from Arizona or the southwestern United States.

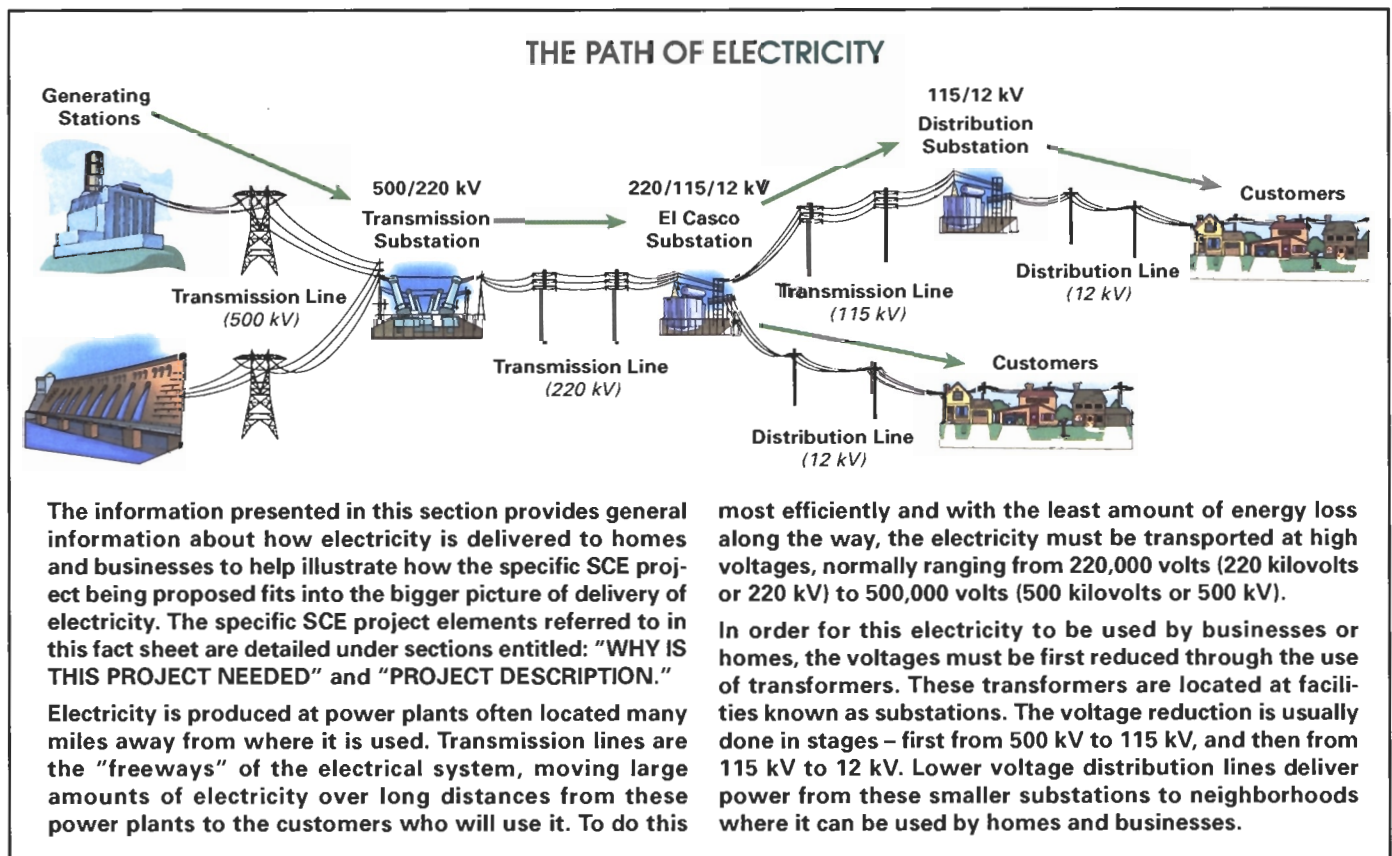


Figure 4

The proposed DPV2 project includes construction of a 230-mile transmission line that will originate in Arizona and terminate near Palm Springs, California. In SCE's application to the CPUC for approval to construct DPV2, SCE requested approval to upgrade existing 220 kV transmission facilities within an existing ROW in northern Banning, Beaumont and the southern portions of Calimesa. Recently, SCE withdrew the 220 kV transmission upgrade plan and requested that the CPUC authorize construction of a new 500 kV transmission line instead. As shown in Figure 1, this proposed new 500 kV line known as Devers-Valley No.2 would be built parallel to the existing Devers-Valley No. 1 500 kV line located in southern Banning and Beaumont.

TIMELINE

Construction and operation of the El Casco System Project would occur in two phases. First, SCE would construct the 115/12 kV portion of the El Casco Substation to be followed by construction of the 220/115 kV portion of the substation and remainder of the project.

Late 2006–Early 2007	Conduct public outreach and communication
Early 2007	File for Permit to Construct with CPUC
Early 2007–Mid 2008	CPUC conducts permitting activities
Mid 2008	Commence construction of the 115/12 kV portion of the substation upon receipt of required approvals
Mid 2009	Complete construction of and operate the 115/12 kV portion of the substation. Commence construction of the 220/115 kV portion of the substation and the remaining elements of the project
Mid 2010	Complete construction of and operate the 220/115 kV portion of the substation and the remaining elements of the project

HOW TO STAY INFORMED

If you have any questions or comments regarding the El Casco System Project or the DPV2 Project, would like to be added to the project mailing list, or have suggestions about future communications, please contact the SCE representatives listed below for your area.

Unincorporated Riverside County

Louis Davis

Region Manager

(951) 928-8208

SCE San Jacinto Service Center

26100 Menifee Road

Romoland, CA. 92585

Beaumont and Banning

Lin Juniper

Region Manager

(760) 202-4231

SCE Palm Springs Service Center

36100 Cathedral Canyon Drive

Cathedral City, CA 92234

Yucaipa

Beverly Powell

Region Manager

(909) 307-6742

SCE Redlands Service Center

287 Tennessee Street

Redlands, CA. 92373

A project website has been established at

www.sce.com/elcasco



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Tuesday, January 23

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Sun Lakes – South Clubhouse

5925 Myrtle Beach Drive • Banning, CA 92220

*For additional information please contact **Lin Juniper** at (760) 202-4231*

About the Project

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Tuesday, January 23

4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Beaumont Civic Center Gymnasium
550 East Sixth Street • Beaumont, CA 92223**

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