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Question BIO-16-Supplemental:

BIO-16 Tree Preservation (p. 4.4-115). Riverside County and San Bernardino County each have tree preservation policies or ordinances applicable on unincorporated lands. Please identify the portions of the project route where those policies or ordinances would apply.

We recognize that tree inventories are not yet complete and additional data on tree removal will be submitted in June 2014. To further support the environmental analysis, please provide estimates of the number of native trees that may be removed or damaged when the data is submitted.

Response to Question BIO-16-Supplemental:

Please reference the attached memo regarding the request for SCE to review applicability of tree preservation policies or ordinances within unincorporated San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, as well as an explanation related to removal or damage of native trees.

In summary, a review of the literature concluded that two ordinances are applicable to the Project: 1) County of Riverside Ordinance No. 499 for removal and severe trimming of trees within the ROW of County highways throughout Riverside County; and 2) San Bernardino County Development Code 88.01 on public and private lands in the unincorporated portions of the County for removal of the focus species meeting the evaluation criteria. GIS analysis coupled with a desktop review concluded that the potential for impacts to focus species of the nature described by the potentially applicable ordinances, as well as meeting the evaluation criteria, is very low. Areas featuring vegetation that could support focus species and/or areas where large trees were visible on aerial imagery were flagged for field review. Field surveys concluded that no impacts as defined by the ordinances are anticipated for the Project.