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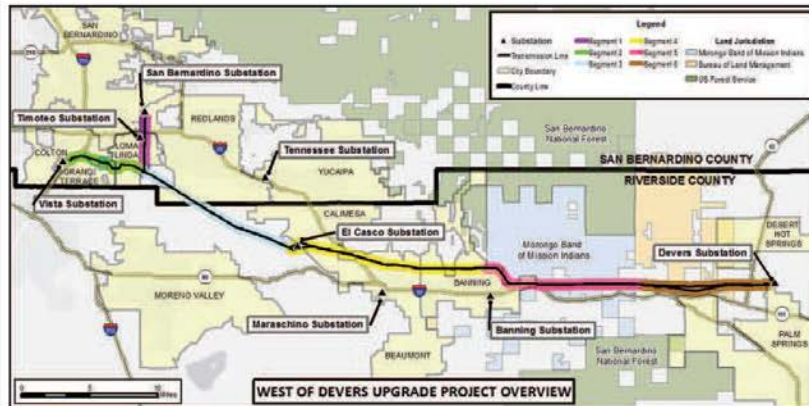


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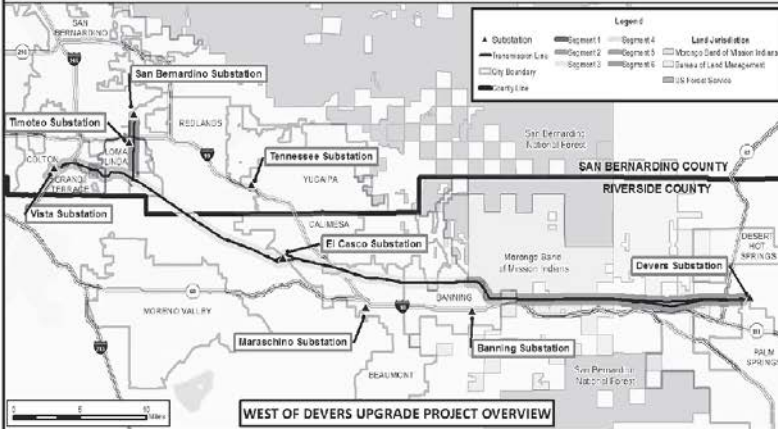
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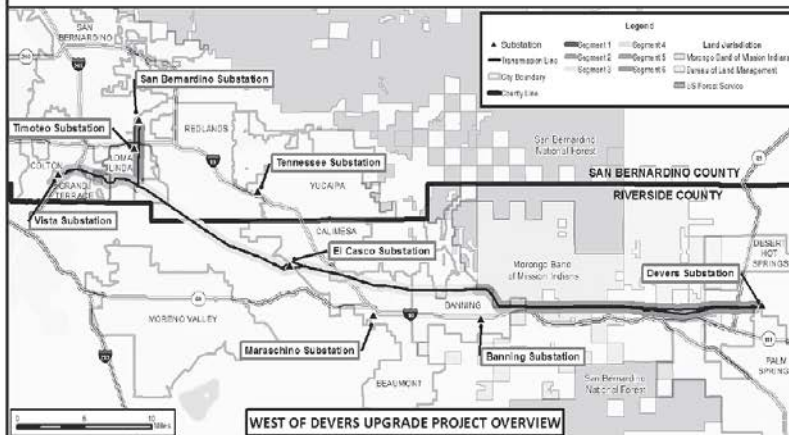
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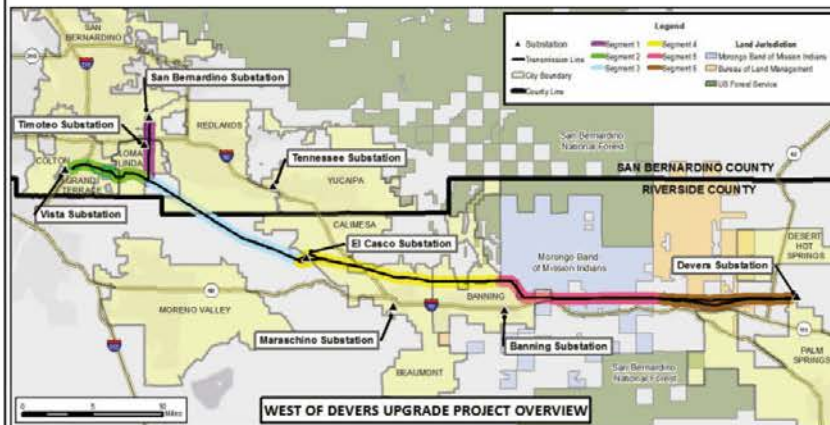
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## Unidos (La Prensa) – Friday, May 16, 2014



### Aviso de preparación para un Informe de Impacto Ambiental/Declaración de Impacto Ambiental conjuntos para el Proyecto de Mejora de West of Devers propuesto por Southern California Edison Solicitud n.º A.13-10-020



La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de California (CPUC, por sus siglas en inglés) y la Oficina de Administración de Tierras (BLM, por sus siglas en inglés) del Departamento del Interior de los Estados Unidos están preparando un Informe de Impacto Ambiental (EIR, por sus siglas en inglés) y una Declaración de Impacto Ambiental (EIS, por sus siglas en inglés) conjuntos, a los que se hará referencia como el EIR/EIS, para el Proyecto de Mejora de West of Devers propuesto por Southern California Edison (SCE). La CPUC (en calidad de agencia principal del Estado de acuerdo con la Ley de Calidad Ambiental de California, CEQA) y la BLM (en calidad de agencia federal principal según la Ley Nacional de Política Ambiental, NEPA) celebrarán reuniones públicas en las siguientes fechas y lugares para recibir ideas de las agencias y del público acerca del alcance y el contenido del EIR/EIS.

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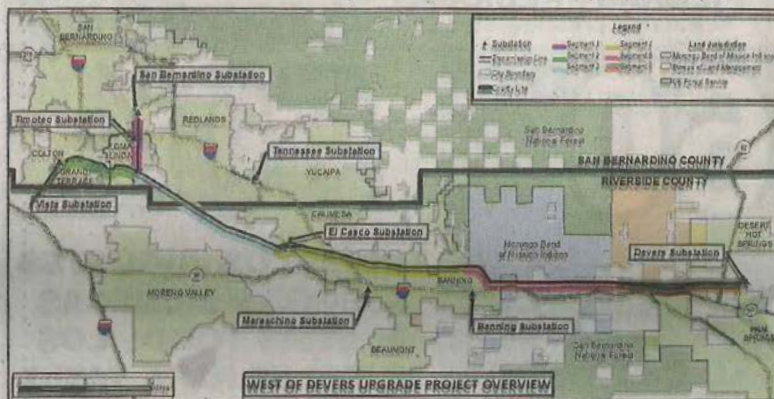
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#### ANTECEDENTES

El Proyecto de Mejora de West of Devers, propuesto por SCE, está situado principalmente dentro del corredor existente de West of Devers, en las áreas incorporadas y no incorporadas de los Condados de Riverside y San Bernardino, las cuales incluyen la reserva Morongo Band of Mission Indians y las ciudades de Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Colton, Grand Terrace, Loma Linda y Redlands. El corredor de West of Devers atraviesa zonas residenciales, comerciales, agrícolas, recreativas y terrenos de espacio abierto.

El Proyecto de Mejora de West of Devers, tal como ha sido propuesto por SCE, implica varios tipos de mejora de la transmisión, los cuales incluyen: (1) **Segmento 1: San Bernardino.** A dos líneas existentes de circuito doble de 220 kV se les quitarán 45 torres y se instalarán 61 nuevas torres dentro del derecho de paso existente. (2) **Segmento 2: Colton y Loma Linda.** Se retirará una línea existente de 220 kV y se la volverá a construir, lo cual incluirá que se retirasen 29 torres de circuito doble y la instalación de 35 torres. (3) **Segmento 3: San Timoteo Canyon.** La remoción de tres juegos existentes de torres de 220 kV y la construcción de dos juegos de torres, lo cual requeriría la remoción de 116 torres individuales y la instalación de 133 torres. (4) **Segmento 4: Beaumont y Banning.** La remoción de aproximadamente 175 estructuras y la instalación de aproximadamente 136 torres. (5) **Segmento 5: Tierras Tribales de Morongo y zonas aledañas.** La remoción de aproximadamente 137 estructuras y la instalación de aproximadamente 108 estructuras. En este segmento, se abandonarían tres millas del derecho de paso existente en el territorio de Morongo y se las reubicaría al sur, cerca de la autopista I-10. (6) **Segmento 6: Whitewater y la Subestación de Devers.** La remoción de aproximadamente 116 estructuras y la instalación de 93 torres. (7) **Mejoras del equipo de la subestación en las Subestaciones de Devers, El Casco, Eliwanda, San Bernardino y Vista** para facilitar la transferencia de mayor potencia en líneas de 220 kV. (8) **Las mejoras de subtransmisión** incluirían la remoción y la reubicación de 2 millas de líneas existentes de 66 kV y mejoras en las subestaciones de 66/12 kV de Timoteo y Tennessee para albergar la línea de 66 kV reubicada. (9) **Las mejoras en la línea de distribución eléctrica** incluirían la remoción y la reubicación de 4 millas de líneas existentes de 12 kV. (10) **La instalación de líneas y equipo de telecomunicación** para la protección, el monitoreo y el control de las líneas de transmisión y el equipo de la subestación.

#### INFORMACIÓN SOBRE EL PROYECTO

Se puede encontrar la información sobre el proceso de revisión ambiental del proyecto, los documentos del proyecto, los datos de contacto/dirección postal y una lista de los repositorios en los que los documentos del proyecto están disponibles para su revisión pública en: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspn/westofdevers/westofdevers.htm>

El plazo para comentar acerca del alcance de la CEQA de la CPUC finaliza el **Jueves 12 de junio de 2014**. Habrá un período de evaluación de alcance adicional definido por la BLM que se indicará en el futuro. Durante el período de comentarios, puede presentar comentarios acerca del alcance y el contenido del documento en las reuniones públicas antes mencionadas, enviarlos por fax al número que se encuentra a continuación, o por correo postal a: **Billie Blanchard (CPUC Project Manager)/Brian Paul (BLM Project Manager), California Public Utilities Commission & Bureau of Land Management c/o Aspen Environmental Group, 235 Montgomery Street, Ste. 935, San Francisco, CA 94104-3002**. Si desea solicitar información o hacer comentarios, escribanos por correo electrónico a [westofdevers@aspnecg.com](mailto:westofdevers@aspnecg.com), o llámenos o envíenos un fax al: (888) 456-0254.