

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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Lead Agency (if different from above):
N/A

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2013091070

Project Title: Master Special Use Permit (MSUP) and Permit to Construct (PTC) Power Line Replacement Projects

Project Applicant: San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)

Project Location (include county): Unincorporated San Diego, Orange County near unincorporated communities of Alpine, Boulevard, Pauma Valley, Warner Springs, Santa Ysabel, Julian, Descanso, Pine Valley, and Campo

Project Description: SDG&E's proposed power line replacement projects combines over 70 existing special use permits for SDG&E facilities within the Cleveland National Forest (CNF) into one MSUP to be issued by the Forest Service. Project approval would allow the continued operation and maintenance of approximately 102 miles of SDG&E's existing 69-kilovolt (kV) power lines, 12 kV distribution circuits (C), and ancillary facilities, as well as approximately 31 miles of existing access roads required to maintain and operate SDG&E electric facilities.

In addition to combining the permits and easements for existing SDG&E facilities within the CNF into one MSUP, SDG&E's proposed project includes the replacement of five existing 69 kV power lines and six 12 kV distribution circuits located within and outside of the CNF, referred to herein as the proposed power line replacement projects. Power line replacement would primarily include fire hardening (wood-to-steel pole replacement) along with relocation, removal, undergrounding, and single-circuit to double-circuit conversion along certain facilities and segments. The proposed replacement projects allow for the continued operation and maintenance of SDG&E electric facilities within the CNF and authorize the replacement of certain existing power lines on and adjacent to CNF lands.

The study area is located within multiple locations within Orange and San Diego counties. The proposed power line replacement projects are located within and outside the Palomar and Descanso ranger districts of the CNF. The proposed projects not only traverses National Forest System lands, but due to the patchwork of land ownership in the project study area, also traverses lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); tribal lands of the La Jolla, Campo, Inaja/Cosmit, and Viejas Indian Reservations managed by the respective tribes and held in trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA); Cuyamaca Rancho State Park lands managed by California State Parks (CSP); lands under the jurisdiction of the City of San Diego, and private holdings within unincorporated San Diego County.

This is to advise that the California Public Utilities Commission has approved the above described Lead Agency or Responsible Agency

project on May 26, 2016 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.
(date)

1. The project will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Governor's Office of Planning & Research
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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/CNF/CNF.htm>

Signature (Public Agency): _____ Title: CPUC Project Manager / PURA

Date: May 26, 2016 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.

