

**SDG&E 7/21/11 Partial Response**  
**A. 10-06-007 South Bay Substation Relocation Project PTC**  
**Energy Division Data Request 07 Dated July 5, 2011**  
**SDGE-ED-007: Q 2**

**Question 1:**

Visual Simulations: As identified in Data Request #5 submitted by the CPUC on May 5, 2011, SDG&E was to provide visual simulations of the GIS alternative as follows; “Provide a visual simulation(s) from vantage points presented in the PEA and those requested through the data request process”. SDG&E provided visual simulations from the viewpoints identified in the PEA; however the additional visual simulation requested by the CPUC and provided by SDG&E on August 24, 2010 was not provided in response to Data Request #5. Please provide the additional visual simulation of the GIS alternative as requested in Data Request #5.

Please also clarify as to why no landscaping improvements were included in the GIS alternative visual simulations.

**SDG&E Response:**

Attached please find the simulations requested in the above data request.

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**Question 2:**

Biological Studies: Please provide all biological studies that were included in response to Data Request #6 in strike-out/underline format to indicate changes that have occurred since the PEA submittal in May 2010.

**SDG&E Response:**

The biological studies that were included in response to Data Request #6 on June 22, 2011 are new reports that were prepared subsequent to submittal of the PEA, rather than updates to previously submitted reports. The reports provided with Data Request #6 include the 90-Day Report for the Listed Branchiopod Wet-Season Surveys, Rare Plant Survey Report, and Biological Resources Technical Report. The 90-Day Report for the Listed Branchiopod Wet-Season Surveys was prepared in response to Data Request #2, which required that vernal pool/fairy shrimp surveys be completed to identify whether fairy shrimp were present within any portion of the Proposed Project site where construction activities would occur. Wet-season surveys were completed in May of 2011, and the original report was provided to the CPUC as part of Data Request #6 on June 22, 2011. The Rare Plant Survey Report was prepared based upon the rare plant surveys required by the California Coastal Commission (CCC) to make a determination as to whether the Proposed Project site is an environmentally sensitive habitat area; the report was submitted to the CCC as part of the Coastal Development Permit (CDP) application package on June 1, 2011. The Biological Resources Technical Report was prepared to accompany the CDP application package for the Proposed Project, as requested during consultation with the CCC. The report was based on the information in Section 4.4 Biological Resources of the PEA, but was updated to reflect the surveys completed for the Proposed Project after submittal of the PEA. Each of these three reports reflects the current conditions of the Proposed Project site as no revisions have occurred subsequent to June of 2011.

The information provided in Attachment 4.4-B: Preliminary Jurisdictional Wetland Delineation Report of the PEA is still current with respect to the wetland features on the Proposed Project site. However, some of the wetlands that were thought to be exempt from regulation when the PEA was submitted have since been regarded as subject to jurisdictional regulation. Following discussions with the United States (U.S.) Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), SDG&E prepared a Wetland Delineation Overview Report, which provides only factual data regarding the on-site wetlands, so that a jurisdictional determination can be made by the USACE. This report was previously provided to the CPUC on June 1, 2011 for informational purposes as Attachment F: Wetland Delineation Overview Report to the CDP application package. No revisions to the

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Preliminary Jurisdictional Wetland Delineation Report have been made as SDG&E is awaiting input from the USACE prior to finalizing the report.

