

2. Summary of Public Participation

2.1 Notice of Preparation and Public Scoping

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental review process for Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line and Fogarty Substation Project (the Project) started on January 22, 2008, with the California Public Utility Commission's (CPUC's) issuance of a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to the State Clearinghouse (SCH# 2007071076). Pursuant to CEQA Section 15082, the NOP summarized the Project, stated the CPUC's intention to prepare an EIR, and requested comments from public agencies and interested parties on the scope of the EIR. The NOP also included notification about the CPUC's two public scoping meetings held on February 6 and 7, 2008 in the cities of Lake Elsinore and Perris in Riverside County, California.

Issuance of the NOP initiated the 30-day public scoping period. Public notification of the NOP included direct mail, newspaper announcements, and the project website. Notification about the scoping period and meetings was mailed to federal, state, regional, and local agencies; elected officials; and stakeholders including property owners within 300 feet of the Project alignment.

Following the scoping period and meetings, a comprehensive scoping report was issued that summarized issues and concerns raised by public agencies and interested parties. Public scoping results and further information about the scoping process and scoping report are provided in Chapter H, Public Participation, of the Draft EIR.

2.2 Notice of Availability of the Draft EIR and Public Review

The Draft EIR and its Notice of Availability (NOA) were issued on June 15, 2009 to the State Clearinghouse (SCH# 2008011082), initiating a 45-day public review period. The NOA was mailed to more than 600 public agencies and interested parties including property owners within 300 feet of the Project alignment. The NOA included information on the Draft EIR and how to gain access to the document; information on the Project; the dates, times, and locations of Draft EIR hearings; and how to provide comment on the Draft EIR.

The Draft EIR included a detailed project description, a description of alternatives, a description of the affected environment, an evaluation of the environmental impacts of the Project and alternatives, and mitigation measures to avoid or reduce environmental impacts.

Electronic copies on CD-ROM of the Draft EIR were distributed to approximately 750 interested parties and agencies. Hard copies were distributed to the State Clearinghouse and two local libraries. The DEIR was uploaded to the project website. Additional copies of the electronic version of the Draft EIR on CD-ROM and bound versions of the DEIR were distributed at the two public hearings.

2.2.1 Newspaper Notification

Newspaper notices were published to indicate the release of the Draft EIR for public review and dates and locations of the public hearings. The notices were printed in the *San Bernardino County Sun*, *Press-Enterprise*, and *Perris Progress* prior to the public hearings.

2.2.2 Information and Repository Sites

Two repository sites were established to allow the public to review project-related documents including the NOP, Scoping Report, Draft EIR, and Final EIR. The document repository sites included:

Lake Elsinore Library
600 W. Graham Ave.
Lake Elsinore, CA 92530
951-674-4517

City of Perris Cesar E. Chavez Library
163 E. San Jacinto
Perris, CA 92570
951-657-2358

In addition, copies of all project-related documents, including the Draft and Final EIR, are available on the project website.

2.2.3 Public Comment on the Draft EIR

The CPUC accepted comments on the Draft EIR during the 45-day public review period (June 15 to July 30, 2009) by mail, email, fax, and voicemail. The following contact information was provided in the NOA, newspaper announcements, and Draft EIR; at the public hearings; and on the project website:

Valley-Ivyglen Subtransmission Line and Fogarty Substation Project
130 Battery Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94111
Voicemail: (951) 274-7293
Fax: (415) 981-0801
Email: ivyglen@ene.com
Website: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/ene/ivyglen/ivyglen.html>

2.2.4 Draft EIR Public Hearings

Two public hearings were held on the Draft EIR (Table 2-1). A short presentation was provided at each meeting regarding the Project, the CEQA review process, and the conclusions of the Draft EIR. After the presentation, members of the public, organizations, and agencies had an opportunity to present verbal comments on the Draft EIR. All verbal comments presented at the hearings were transcribed by a court reporter and are included in Chapter 3 of the Final EIR. Written comments were also accepted at the hearings. Approximately thirty members of the public and representatives from organizations and government agencies attended the July 15, 2009 hearing. No one attended the July 16, 2009 hearing.

Table 2-1 Time, Date, and Location of Public Hearings

Time	Date	Location
6:00 to 8:00 PM	Wednesday, July 15, 2009	Lake Elsinore Cultural Arts Center 183 N. Main Street, Lake Elsinore, California 92530
2:00 to 4:00 PM	Thursday, July 16, 2009	Cesar E. Chavez Library Community Room 163 E San Jacinto, Perris, California 92570