

D.9 Recreation

This section presents a discussion of the how the Project would affect recreational resources in the project area. The Project would be located in the San Jacinto Valley in Southern California, south and east of the City of Los Angeles. The San Jacinto Valley is bounded by the San Jacinto Mountains to the east, the Black Hills to the south, the Santa Ana Mountains to the west, and the Santa Ana Valley and the Inland Empire to the northwest.

D.9.1 Environmental Setting

D.9.1.1 Valley-Ivyglen 115 kV Subtransmission Line

The parks and recreational facilities closest to the proposed subtransmission line with approximate distances and city location are Kabian County Park (1 mile, Perris), Yarborough Park (1.25 miles, Lake Elsinore), Lee Lake/Corona Lake (.25 miles, western Riverside County). The proposed subtransmission line does not cross any parks or recreation facilities.

D.9.1.2 Telecommunications System

The telecommunications system infrastructure would follow the proposed subtransmission line route with the exception of portions of the line that would be installed in underground conduits near the Valley, Ivyglen, and Proposed Fogarty Substations. Therefore, the environmental setting for the telecommunications system mirrors that of the proposed subtransmission line with respect to Recreation.

D.9.1.3 Fogarty Substation

The City of Lake Elsinore has 11 public parks and administers several recreation sport leagues for both children and adults. The dominant parkland is the Lake Elsinore State Recreation Area. Lake Elsinore is in the City of Lake Elsinore, but the 3,000-acre recreation area is under ownership of the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation. The park includes camping areas, fishing areas, and a boat launch. The locations of parks and other recreational resources within the project area are shown in Figure D.9-1.

The Cleveland National Forest (CNF) located in the Elsinore Mountains and Santa Ana Mountains abuts the western and southwestern boundaries of the City of Lake Elsinore. Campgrounds, picnic grounds, group camps, and hiking trails within the CNF are accessible from SR 74 (Ortega Highway) and from numerous trailhead locations along the western fringes of the City of Lake Elsinore.

D.9.1.4 Valley-Ivyglen Substation Improvements

The Valley Substation is located approximately one mile from Motte Field Park, the nearest urban park, and approximately three miles from Double Butte Park. The Ivyglen Substation is located 5 miles from Eagle Glen Community Park, the nearest park in Corona.

D.9.2 Applicable Regulations, Plans, and Standards

D.9.2.1 Federal

There are no Federal regulations applicable to the Project relative to recreation.

D.9.2.2 State

There are no State regulations applicable to the Project relative to recreation.

D.9.2.3 Regional and Local

The City of Lake Elsinore General Plan, Land Use, Parks, and Recreation Element (2006) designates the “proposed general distribution and general location and extent of the uses of land,” including uses devoted to public recreation and enjoyment of scenic beauty (per Government Code Section 65302 (a)). Approximately 267.11 acres of the City’s existing land use is devoted to Open Space/Recreation.

D.9.3 Project Impacts and Mitigation

D.9.3.1 Significance Criteria

For the purposes of the following evaluation, the Project would cause a significant impact on recreation if it would:

- Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated
- Include recreational facilities or require the construction of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment

Potential impacts are discussed according to the significance criteria above. Each impact is categorized according to the following classifications:

- Class III – Less than significant impact without mitigation measures
- Class II – Less than significant impact after mitigation measures are implemented
- Class I – Significant impact and no feasible mitigation measures are available

D.9.3.2 Applicant-Proposed Measures

Because construction of the Project would result in no impact to recreation, no applicant proposed measures are provided.

D.9.3.3 Impacts Analysis

Impacts during construction and operation would be the same with respect to potential recreation impacts and therefore the analysis applies to both phases of the Project.

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Figure D.9-1 Public Recreation Facilities

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Figure D.9-1 Public Recreation Facilities

Impact REC-1: Neighborhood and Regional Parks

Operation of the Project would not increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated. Increased demand for local recreational facilities is primarily generated by increases in residential population. The project does not involve the construction of new residential units, nor would it result in an increase in residential population. Operation of the project would not result in the increased use of city parks or other recreational facilities, or cause the deterioration of these facilities. Therefore, the operation and maintenance of the project would have no impact on parks or recreational facilities (Class III).

Impact REC-2: Construction of Recreational Facilities

The project would not include recreational facilities or require the construction of recreational facilities that might have an adverse effect on the environment. Construction of the project would have no impact on parks or recreational facilities (Class III).

D.9.4 Cumulative

Although the project area is experience rapid residential and commercial growth that would place an increased demand on existing park facilities, the Project would not contribute to cumulative impacts on parks and other recreational facilities. As discussed above, the Project would contribute to population growth in the area. In addition, it would not cross existing or planned park facilities. Therefore, the Project would not contribute to cumulative recreational impacts in the area.