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Question Q.19:

Vegetation Removal and Planting Areas

The document states: "The Proposed Project would require removal of some mature vegetation and would also include installation of new street trees at the site frontage along Potrero Grande Drive." Provide a plan of the site indicating the locations of mature vegetation to be removed and a concept plan showing areas where new street trees and other vegetation would be planted. Identify the approximate height(s) or height ranges of areas of mature trees that will be removed.

Response to Question Q.19:

The locations of mature vegetation that would require removal are across the full extent of the substation property, both along the street frontage of Potrero Grande Drive and around the perimeter fence line of the substation. These trees range in height from approximately 15 to 20 feet tall along the street frontage to approximately 80 to 100 feet tall eucalyptus trees along the fence line surrounding the substation. These areas can be viewed in the attached PEA Figure 4.4.1 – Vegetation Community Map, designated as “NNW – Non-Native Woodland.”

In addition, due to the trenching required to relocate the MWD pipeline, some vegetation, mostly non-native or ornamental, currently located on the hillside just north of Potrero Grande Drive may need to be removed. However, it is not certain at this time to what extent this will take place. The vegetation in this area ranges from large (10-20 foot tall) shrubs to medium-sized (30-50 foot tall) trees.

The non-native street trees along Potrero Grande Drive would be replaced with new vegetation in the parkway areas that comply with requirements suggested by the City of Monterey Park and may consist of a more drought-tolerant design, such as low ground cover and smaller shrubs. However, these details have not yet been finalized with the City, so a concept plan reflecting that end result is not currently available. SCE expects these details to be worked out and resolved with the City by the end of 2015. When those plans are finalized, they will be provided to the CPUC for review at least 3 months prior to the installation of any new vegetation.