

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY RELIABILITY PROJECT  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) application to build and operate the Santa Barbara County Reliability Project (proposed project). The purpose of the proposed project is to ensure the availability of safe and reliable electrical service and to help meet customer electrical demand to those customers served by the Goleta Substation.

**Brief Project Description and Location**

The proposed project would include the following activities:

- Removal and/or replacement of existing 66-kilovolt (kV) subtransmission structures facilities, primarily within existing utility rights-of-way between the existing Santa Clara Substation in Ventura County and the existing Carpinteria Substation in Santa Barbara County.
- Installation of marker balls on overhead wire where determined necessary.
- Modification of subtransmission and substation equipment within the existing Carpinteria Substation, Casitas Substation, and Santa Clara Substation.
- Replacement of line protection relays within existing substation equipment rooms or cabinets at the Getty Substation, Goleta Substation, Ortega Substation, and Santa Barbara Substation.
- Installation of telecommunications facilities to connect the proposed project to the applicant's existing telecommunications system for the protection, monitoring, and control of subtransmission and substation equipment.
- Installation of new telecommunications facilities along reconstructed subtransmission segments and at the Carpinteria Substation, Casitas Substation, Santa Clara Substation, and Ventura Substation.
- Transfer of distribution lines (and third-party infrastructure as necessary) to new subtransmission structures.
- Removal of subtransmission infrastructure, such as tower foundation footings, decommissioned during previous 66-kV reconstruction activities between 1999 and 2004.

The subtransmission components of the proposed project have been subdivided into seven geographically defined portions within Santa Barbara and Ventura counties:

- Segment 1 spans from the Santa Clara Substation in the east to the Casitas Substation in the west.
- Segment 2 spans from the Casitas Substation in the east to the point where Segments 2, 3B, and 4 converge near Casitas Pass in the west.
- Segment 3A spans from the Carpinteria Substation in the west to the Santa Barbara County/Ventura County border in the east.
- Segment 3B spans from the Santa Barbara County/Ventura County border in the west to the Y in the east.
- Segment 4 spans from the Y in the east to the Carpinteria Substation in the west.
- Segment 5 spans from Segment 3B to Segment 4 and adjacent to Segment 4 for approximately 1 mile.
- The "Getty Tap" is located approximately in the middle of Segment 1.

In addition, the proposed project includes work to be conducted at eight existing substations:

- Santa Clara Substation: Located on Elizabeth Road, approximately 0.5 miles from Elizabeth Road and Foothill Road in unincorporated Ventura County.
- Getty Substation: Located approximately 1 mile east of the terminus of Oil Field Road in unincorporated Ventura County.

- Casitas Substation: Located on State Route 33, southwest of Park View Drive in unincorporated Ventura County.
- Ventura Substation: Located on S. Ventura Avenue, northwest of E. Santa Clara Street in the City of Ventura.
- Carpinteria Substation: Located on Foothill Road/State Route 192, northwest of Linden Avenue in the City of Carpinteria.
- Ortega Substation: Located in an unincorporated area west of the City of Carpinteria.
- Santa Barbara Substation: Located in the City of Santa Barbara at Edison Avenue and E. Montecito Street.
- Goleta Substation: Located in unincorporated Santa Barbara County north of the City of Goleta off of SCE Powerline Service Road.

**Significant Adverse Environmental Impacts from the Proposed Project**

The Draft EIR has identified a significant and unavoidable impact on air quality as a result of the proposed project. The proposed project would result in criteria pollutant emissions during the first year of construction that would exceed the applicable construction emission thresholds. Impacts on air quality standards would be significant and unavoidable during the first year of construction after the implementation of all feasible mitigation. Additionally, the first year of construction would result in a net increase of criteria pollutant emissions for which the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District is in nonattainment under state ambient air quality standards, and would be cumulatively considerable after the implementation of all feasible mitigation.

Potentially significant impacts with regards to Aesthetics; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Geology, Soils, and Mineral Resources; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Noise; Public Services and Utilities; Recreation; and Transportation and Traffic that would result from construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed project were identified. With the implementation of mitigation and applicant proposed measures, impacts related to these resources would be less than significant.

No portion of the proposed project would be located on a hazardous materials site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

**Draft EIR Information/ Public Review Period/ Public Meeting**

The Draft EIR is available on the internet at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/ene/sbcpr/sbcpr.html>.

Hardcopies of the Draft EIR are available at the following repositories:

- **Carpinteria Public Library:** 5141 Carpinteria Ave., Carpinteria, CA 93013 (805) 684-4314
- **E.P. Foster Library:** 651 East Main St., Ventura, CA 93001 (805) 648-2716
- **Goleta Branch Public Library:** 500 North Fairview Ave., Goleta, CA 93117 (805) 964-7878
- **Ojai Library:** 111 East Ojai Ave., Ojai, CA 93023 (805) 646-1639
- **Santa Barbara Public Library:** 40 E Anapamu St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805) 564-5608

The CPUC will receive comments on the Draft EIR for a 45-day period starting September 26, 2014, and ending November 12, 2014. Written comments on the Draft EIR may be submitted using any of the following methods:

<b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:SBCRP.CPUC@ene.com">SBCRP.CPUC@ene.com</a>	<b>Mail:</b> Santa Barbara County Reliability Project
<b>Fax:</b> 415-398-5326	c/o Ecology and Environment, Inc.
	505 Sansome Street, Suite 300
	San Francisco, CA 94111

The CPUC will hold a public meeting to explain the proposed project, discuss the proposed project’s significant impacts, and receive comments on the Draft EIR from the public. Information regarding the public meeting is provided below:

**October 29, 2014 (6:00pm to 8:00pm): Carpinteria City Hall, 5775 Carpinteria Ave., Carpinteria, CA 93013**