

California Public Utilities Commission CEQA Scoping Meeting

Southern California Edison
Riverside Transmission Reliability Project

APPLICATION NO. 15-04-013

Jurupa Valley High School

February 8, 2017



Scoping Meeting Agenda

- Describe:
 - Purpose of scoping under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
 - CPUC Project Review Process
 - Proposed project to be considered by the CPUC
 - CEQA environmental review process
 - Opportunities for public comments
- Receive comments on the scope and content of the environmental document



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Summary of Key Points

- CPUC is preparing a Subsequent EIR addressing Revised Project for potentially significant impacts not addressed in 2013 EIR.
- The Subsequent EIR will incorporate the 2013 RTRP EIR by reference.
- This meeting is an opportunity for public input into the scope of issues considered in the CPUC environmental analysis.



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California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
Lead Agency under CEQA

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Panorama Environmental, Inc.
Environmental Contractor for CPUC



Southern California Edison (SCE)
Project Applicant



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Purpose of Scoping

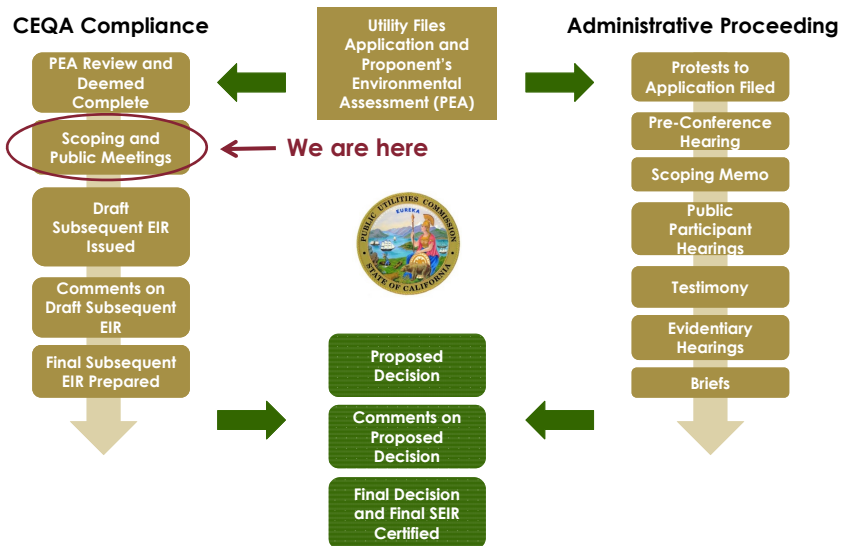
- Inform the public and responsible agencies about an upcoming project for which an EIR will be prepared
- Inform the public about the environmental review process
- Solicit input regarding the appropriate scope of issues to be studied in the EIR and potential alternatives to the proposed project
- Identify issues of concern and areas of potential controversy



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CPUC Project Review Process



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Application Proceeding

- Application for:
 - Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to Construct a Portion of the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP)
- Proceeding led by:
 - Assigned Commissioner Liane Randolph and Administrative Law Judge Hallie Yacknin
- SCE project purpose:
 - Provide RPU and its customers with adequate transmission capacity to serve existing and projected load
 - Provide for long-term system capacity for load growth
 - Provide needed system reliability

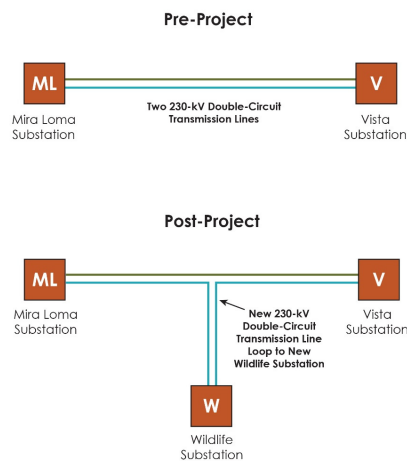


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SCE Objectives

- Increase capacity to meet existing electric system demand and anticipated future load growth; and
- Provide an additional point of delivery for bulk power into the RPU electrical system, thereby reducing dependence on Vista Substation and increasing overall reliability



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SCE Project Summary

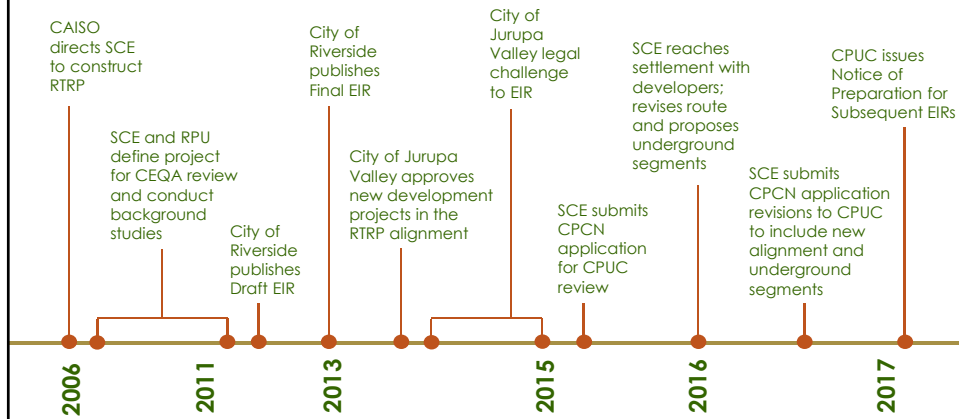
- SCE filed an Application for a CPCN to construct a portion of the RTRP in 2015
- Application includes construction, operation, and maintenance of:
 - Approx. 8 miles of new overhead 230-kV transmission line
 - Approx. 2 miles of new underground 230-kV transmission line
 - New 230-kV Wildlife Substation
 - Modifications of existing overhead distribution lines
 - Modifications at existing substations
 - Telecommunication facilities between existing and proposed substations



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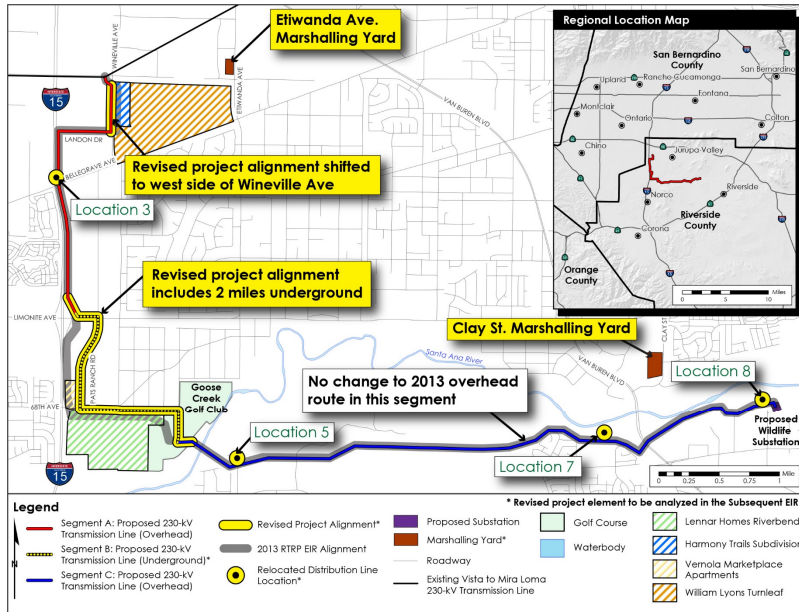
RTRP Timeline



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Revised Project Components



Project Construction Overview

Construction Schedule

- About 14 to 18 months from start to finish
- Anticipated to begin in 2018
- Anticipated to finish in 2019

Workforce

- Up to 60 workers on site at any one time

Work Hours

- Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (June to September) and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. (October to May)
- Some after hours construction may be required

Equipment

- Variety of general construction vehicles
- Helicopters may be used for conductor stringing



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Project Operation and Maintenance

- New transmission line infrastructure would be unattended (no on-site staff)
- Regular maintenance would occur along the new transmission line
- Aerial and ground inspections would occur regularly



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California Environmental Quality Act

- Inform about the potential significant environmental effects of a proposed project
- Identify ways that environmental damage can be avoided or significantly reduced
- Prevent significant, avoidable damage to the environment through the use of alternatives or mitigation measures
- Disclose to the public the reasons why a governmental agency approved the project if significant environmental effects are involved
- Focus on physical impacts to the environment



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When is a Subsequent EIR prepared?

1. Substantial changes are proposed in the project requiring major revisions of the EIR...

or

2. Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is being undertaken which require major revisions of the EIR...

...due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in severity of previously identified significant effects.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15162(a)



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Why is the CPUC preparing a Subsequent EIR?

To address project revisions and aspects not analyzed in 2013 EIR including:

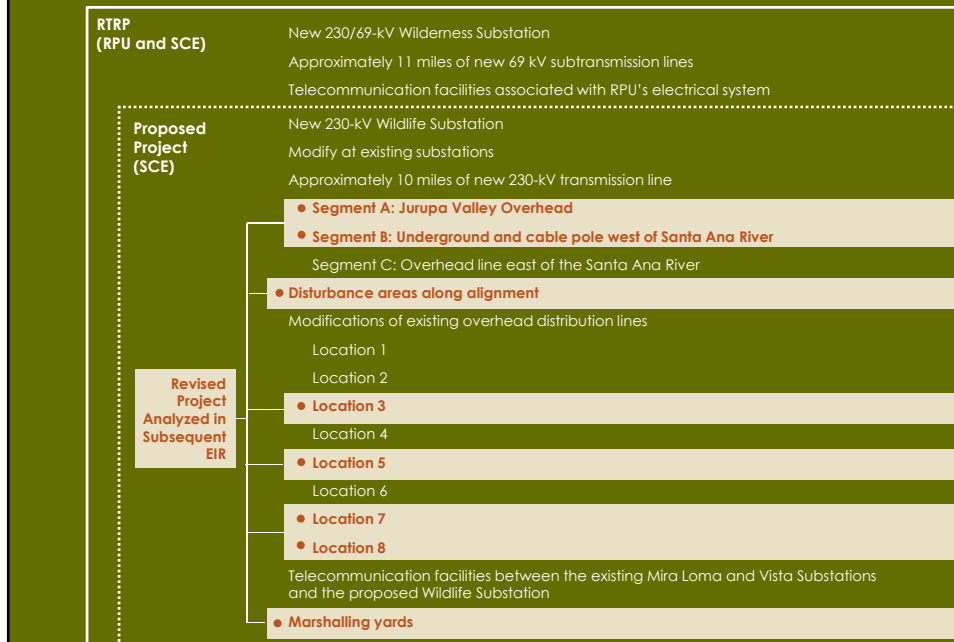
- Changes in project description
 - Underground segment
 - Route change
- Changes in baseline conditions
 - New development near the route
- Changes in regulatory setting
 - New state law (AB 52) requiring tribal consultation



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RTRP Overview



Resource Topics Addressed in the Subsequent EIR

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Biological Resources
- Cultural and Paleontological Resources
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology & Water Quality
- Land Use & Planning
- Noise
- Recreation
- Transportation & Traffic
- Tribal Cultural Resources



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Resource Topics Addressed in 2013 EIR

Topics not addressed in Subsequent EIR:

- Agriculture & Forestry
- Geology & Soils
- Mineral Resources
- Population & Housing
- Public Services
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Energy Conservation

Additional impacts not likely to occur beyond those analyzed in the 2013 RTRP EIR.



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Subsequent EIR Contents

- Describe the revised project and alternatives
- Describe the environmental setting of the revised project area
- Disclose the potential environmental impacts of the revised project and alternatives
- Identify mitigation measures to reduce or avoid significant environmental impacts, including:
 - SCE's Environmental Protection Elements
 - 2013 RTRP EIR Mitigation Measures
 - New CPUC Mitigation Measures



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Alternatives Analysis

Alternatives must:

- Represent a reasonable range of options
- Be consistent with project objectives
- Reduce or avoid significant impacts of the revised project
- Be feasible from technical, regulatory, and legal perspectives



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Subsequent EIR Schedule

Activity	Purpose	Estimated Timeframe
Scoping Period**	Collect comments from the public	Through February 24, 2017
Prepare Draft Subsequent EIR	Complete the analysis of environmental effects – develop and analyze alternatives	Early 2017 through early Summer 2017
Public Review of Draft Subsequent EIR**	Public reviews the analysis and provides comments - additional public meetings	45-day review period in Summer 2017
Response to Comments and Final Subsequent EIR	Respond to public comments and make any changes to the Subsequent EIR	Fall 2017

** Opportunities for public comment



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After Completing Final Subsequent EIR

The Commission will:

- Decide whether or not to certify the Subsequent EIR
- Vote on the project - approve as proposed, approve an alternative, or deny the project application
- Specify monitoring requirements per Mitigation Monitoring and Compliance Reporting Procedures



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For More Information

CPUC Environmental Review website:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/panoramaenv/RTRP/index.html>

CPUC Administrative Proceeding website:

https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:A1504013

CPUC Public Advisors Office:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/pao/>

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Ways to Comment

- Provide oral comments tonight with court reporter
- Fill out a comment card to submit comments tonight
- Submit comments after this meeting by mail, fax, or email

Mail	Fax	Email
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Comments due by 5:00 p.m. on February 24, 2017



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Effective Scoping Comments

Some suggestions for providing effective scoping comments:

- Specify potential impacts from the Proposed Project that you are concerned about
- Identify environmental resources of concern
- Suggest mitigation measures that could reduce potential impacts
- Suggest alternatives to the Proposed Project to avoid or reduce environmental impacts



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Verbal Comment Session