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# 1 INTRODUCTION

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## 1.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

### 1.1.1 Project Overview

Southern California Edison (SCE) filed an application (A.15-04-013) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project (RTRP) on April 15, 2015, and an amended Application was filed on April 30, 2015. In September 2016, SCE submitted revisions to their application that included constructing a segment of the transmission line underground. The application was deemed complete by the CPUC on January 5, 2017. The SCE CPCN application includes the construction, operation, and maintenance of the following RTRP components:

- Approximately 8 miles of new overhead 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line
- Approximately 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 the existing Mira Loma and Vista Substations and the proposed Wildlife Substation

The project is shown in Figure 1.1-1.

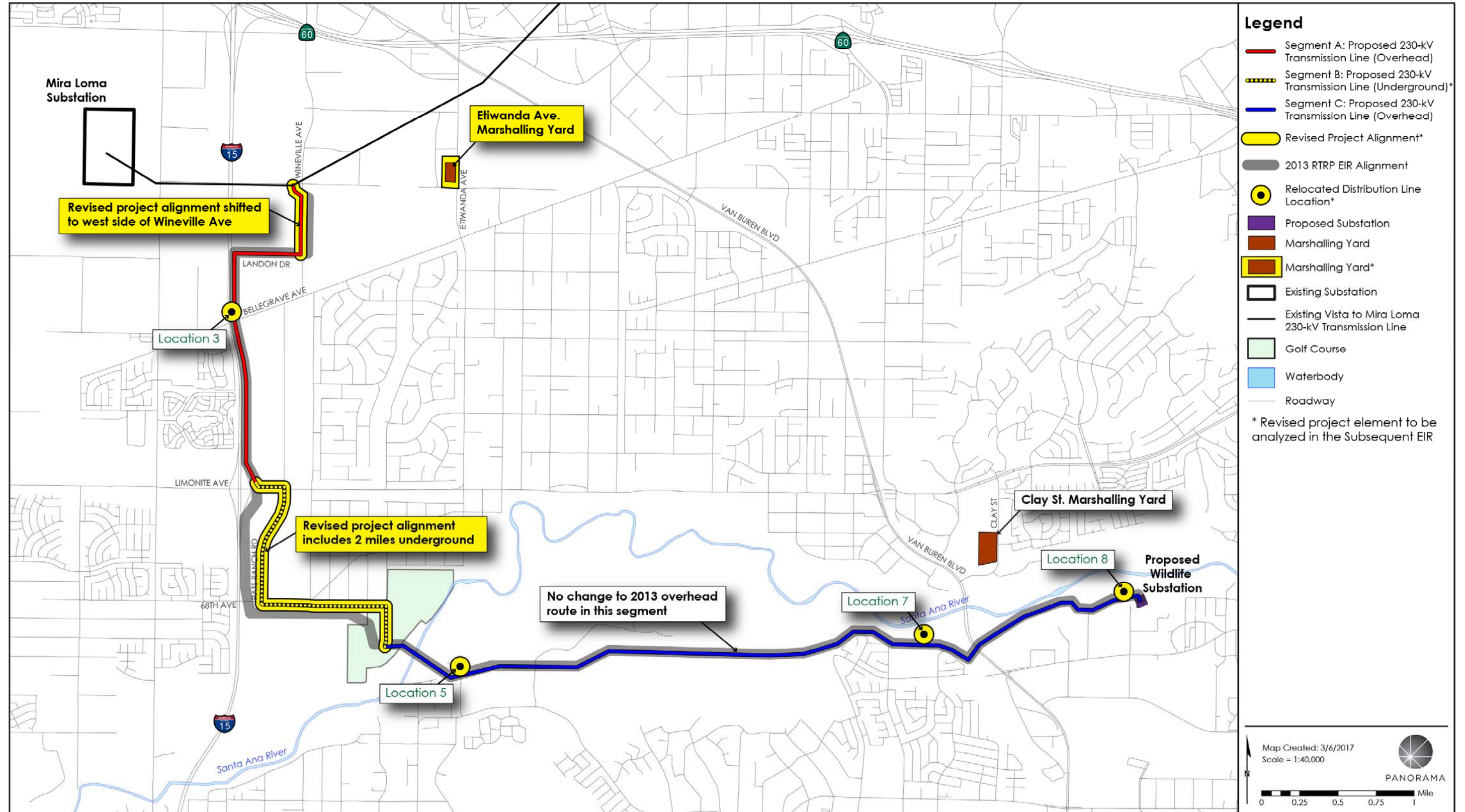
### 1.1.2 California Environmental Quality Act Review

The City of Riverside prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (State Clearinghouse No. 2007011113) for the RTRP in 2013, including SCE's proposed 230-kV transmission line and substation. The City of Riverside certified the RTRP EIR on February 5, 2013.

After the City of Riverside's decision to certify the EIR and approve the project, the City of Jurupa Valley approved residential and commercial developments within the RTRP alignment studied in the RTRP EIR. These developments are in various stages of construction. The new developments prompted SCE and several developers to enter discussions seeking to resolve specific areas of conflict along the RTRP alignment. In September 2016, SCE reached a settlement agreement with Lennar of California, Inc. (Lennar) and Vernola Trust (Vernola) that includes modifications to the SCE proposed 230-kV transmission line to avoid conflicts with the Lennar Riverbend Community and Vernola Marketplace Apartment Community developments. These changes to the project were not considered in the 2013 EIR that was certified by the City of Riverside.

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Figure 1.1-1 Revised Project Overview





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The CPUC, as the next-in-line permitting agency (i.e., it must decide whether to approve or deny a CPCN), has determined that a Subsequent EIR is necessary under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15162) to analyze potential impacts that may result from SCE's proposed changes in the RTRP location and design. The RTRP EIR is adequate to address the SCE elements of the RTRP that have not changed from those analyzed in the 2013 EIR. The CPUC is the CEQA lead agency for review of SCE's revised project and preparation of the Subsequent EIR.

### 1.1.3 Terminology

This document uses specific terminology to distinguish the project components analyzed by the CPUC from the full RTRP project addressed in the 2013 City of Riverside EIR. The full project, including Riverside Public Utilities project components, is referred to as "RTRP." The components of the RTRP included in the CPCN application and that will be constructed and owned by SCE are referred to as the "proposed project." The revised project components (underground segment, shift in overhead alignment, and new marshalling yard) are referred to as the "revised project."

## 1.2 PURPOSE OF SCOPING

This scoping report describes the CPUC's CEQA scoping process and contains the comments received on the revised project during the Subsequent EIR scoping period. The purpose of scoping is to:

- 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
- Provide the public an opportunity to comment on the project and its impacts

The CPUC will use scoping comments to:

- Define the range of environmental issues to be evaluated in the Subsequent EIR
- Identify potential environmental impacts to be considered in the Subsequent EIR
- Identify potential mitigation measures to avoid significant impacts identified in the Subsequent EIR
- Identify potential project alternatives to the revised project that would reduce or avoid significant impacts

Comments received during the scoping process are part of the public record as documented in this scoping report. The comments and questions received during the public scoping process have been reviewed and considered by the CPUC in determining the appropriate scope of issues to be addressed in the Subsequent EIR.

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## 1.3 SCOPING REPORT ORGANIZATION

The scoping report is organized into the following sections:

- **Section 1, Introduction:** Provides an overview of the scoping report
- **Section 2, Project Scoping:** Describes the CPUC CEQA scoping process
- **Section 3, Scoping Comments:** Lists commenters who provided comments during the EIR scoping period and summarizes key issues raised during the scoping period
- **Section 4, Summary of Future Steps in the CEQA Process:** Briefly describes the future steps in the CEQA and CPUC process

The scoping report appendices contain materials and documents used and received during the Subsequent EIR scoping period. The following appendices are included:

- **Appendix A, Notice of Preparation:** Copy of the Notice of Preparation (NOP)
- **Appendix B, Scoping Meeting Materials:** Scoping meeting sign-in sheet, speaker request form, written comment form, fact sheets, and scoping meeting presentation slides
- **Appendix C, Scoping Meeting Transcript:** Transcription of the scoping meeting, including verbal scoping comments
- **Appendix D, Newspaper Advertisements:** Newspaper advertisements for the NOP
- **Appendix E, Comments Received During the Scoping Period:** Comment letters received during the scoping period

## 2 PROJECT SCOPING METHODS

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The CEQA process provides opportunities for agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide input to the environmental review of a project. This section describes the scoping process for the revised project and how CPUC provided notice to the public on how to participate in the CEQA process.

### 2.1 INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

The CPUC determined that a Subsequent EIR is necessary to analyze impacts of the revised project components. The CPUC prepared an Initial Study (IS) Checklist to focus the scope of the Subsequent EIR. The IS Checklist includes a brief analysis of the revised project under the impact criteria listed in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines, as well as additional criteria developed by the CPUC that are specific to the potential impacts of utility projects. The Subsequent EIR will consider only environmental topics that have the potential for new or increased effects as a result of the revised project. The IS Checklist concluded the revised project would cause potentially new or increased effects to the following environmental topics:

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

The CPUC found that six environmental topics were adequately addressed by the 2013 RTRP EIR. The revised project would not have the potential to cause new or increased effects to the following environmental topics, which will not be included in the Subsequent EIR:

- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Mineral Resources
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Energy Conservation

The IS Checklist can be accessed on the CPUC project website (discussed further in Section 2.6.2).

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### 2.2 NOTICE OF PREPARATION

The CPUC issued an NOP on January 20, 2017 to inform the public and agencies of its intent to prepare a Subsequent EIR (see Appendix A). The NOP also solicited comments on the scope of the Subsequent EIR during the 30-day scoping period, which began on January 25, 2017, and ended on February 24, 2017. Table 2.2-1 contains CEQA NOP requirements and describes how the CPUC distributed the NOP to meet these requirements.

**Table 2.2-1 Summary of CEQA NOP Requirements and CPUC Noticing**

CEQA Requirement	Noticing Conducted by the CPUC
To each responsible <sup>a</sup> and trustee <sup>b</sup> agency advising them of its intention to prepare an EIR (CEQA Guidelines § 15082).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mailed the NOP and IS Checklist to:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Federal, State, and local agencies</li> <li>b. Tribal Government</li> <li>c. Elected Officials</li> </ol> </li> <li>Sent the NOP and internet website address via electronic mail to the above contacts who provided electronic mail addresses</li> </ol>
Consultation with persons and organizations prior to completing the Draft EIR is optional under CEQA. When such scoping occurs, it should be a part of agency consultation under Section 15082 to the extent that combining agency consultation and public scoping is feasible (CEQA Guidelines § 15083).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Posted a newspaper notice in English and Spanish newspapers (Press Enterprise and La Prensa)</li> <li>2. Posted NOP and scoping meeting time and location on the CPUC project website</li> <li>3. Conducted direct and/or electronic mailing of the NOP to:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Residents within 300 feet of the project alignment</li> <li>b. Parties who requested notification or submitted their addresses</li> <li>c. Contacts previously notified by the City of Riverside and SCE (including potentially involved agencies)</li> <li>d. Private companies, organizations, and individuals who commented on the 2011 RTRP Draft EIR</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Conducted direct mailing of the NOP and IS Checklist to:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Private companies, organizations, and individuals subscribed to the CPUC Service List</li> <li>b. Repositories of the RTRP Final and Draft EIRs (City of Riverside Planning Division, Public Utilities Department, La Sierra Branch Public Library, Louis Robidoux Library, Arlanza Public Library, Eastvale Public Library, Norco Public Library, Riverside Public Library, and Southern Ontario Library)</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p style="text-align: center;">Private companies, organizations, and individuals who requested project information</p>

**Notes:**

- <sup>a</sup> Any public agency, other than the lead agency, which has discretionary approval power over a project (CEQA Guidelines § 15381)
- <sup>b</sup> State agency having jurisdiction by law over natural resources affected by a project that are held in trust for the people of California (CEQA Guidelines § 15386)

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### 2.3 PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

The CPUC held a public scoping meeting on February 8, 2017 at the Jurupa Valley High School in Jurupa Valley, California (Table 2.3-1). The CPUC gave a presentation describing the subsequent CEQA review process and the revised portions of SCE's proposed project that would be addressed in the Subsequent EIR. The CPUC accepted verbal and written comments at the scoping meeting. Materials from the scoping meeting are included in Appendix B. The transcript from the scoping meeting is provided in Appendix C.

**Table 2.3-1 Public Scoping Meeting**

Date and Time	Location	Sign-Ins	Oral Comments	Written Comments
February 8, 2017 6:30 PM	10551 Bellegrave Avenue Jurupa Valley, CA 91752	245	41	165

### 2.4 NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

The date and location of the public scoping meeting were advertised in English in the Press Enterprise and in Spanish in La Prensa. The advertisements provided a brief summary of the revised project, the internet website address (further described in Section 2.6.2) to access to project information, and encouraged attendance at the public meeting to share comments. The newspaper advertisements are provided in Appendix D and the publication dates are presented in Table 2.4-1.

**Table 2.4-1 Newspaper Advertisements**

Publication (Language)	Advertisement Date
La Prensa (Spanish)	February 3, 2017
The Press Enterprise (English)	February 5, 2017

### 2.5 TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AND AGENCY CONSULTATION

#### 2.5.1 Tribal Consultation

The CPUC sent project notification letters, pursuant to Assembly Bill (AB) 52 Native Americans: California Environmental Quality Act, to four tribes in January 2017. Tribes were contacted by certified mail, email, and telephone. Additionally, the NOP and IS Checklist were sent to tribal government contacts provided by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) at the time of the general NOP distribution (refer to Section 2.2). Table 2.5-1 lists the tribes that were notified for public scoping. Some tribes received multiple notices addressed to different recipients.

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**Table 2.5-1 Tribes Contacted Regarding Scoping**

Tribes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians</li> <li>• Augustine Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians</li> <li>• Cabazon Band of Mission Indians</li> <li>• Cahuilla Band of Indians</li> <li>• Colorado River Indian Tribes (AB52)</li> <li>• Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians—Kizh Nation (AB52)</li> <li>• Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians</li> <li>• Gabrielino/Tongva Nation</li> <li>• La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians</li> <li>• Los Coyotes Band of Mission Indians</li> <li>• Morongo Band of Mission Indians</li> <li>• Pala Band of Mission Indians</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pauma Band of Luiseno Indians</li> <li>• Pechanga Band of Mission Indians</li> <li>• Ramona Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians</li> <li>• Rincon Band of Mission Indians</li> <li>• San Fernando Band of Mission Indians</li> <li>• San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians</li> <li>• San Manuel Band of Mission Indians (AB52)</li> <li>• San Miguel Band of Mission Indians</li> <li>• Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians</li> <li>• Serrano Nation of Mission Indians</li> <li>• Soboba Band of Mission Indians</li> <li>• Temecula Band of Luiseño Mission Indians (AB52)</li> <li>• Torres-Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians</li> </ul>

Note:

- <sup>a</sup> Four tribes consulted under AB52 are indicated in parentheses. All other tribes were identified in the lists provided by the NAHC in 2015 and the City of Riverside from prior RTRP notifications.
- <sup>b</sup> The tribe names listed above consolidates tribes that received multiple notices addressed to different recipients.

### 2.5.2 Agency Consultation

#### Mailings

The CPUC sent project notification letters to congress people and federal, state, and local agencies. The CPUC also notified local organizations who might be impacted by the revised project or that have expressed interest in the RTRP environmental review.

**Table 2.5-2 Government Officials, Agencies and Organizations Contacted Regarding Scoping**

Congressional Representatives, Agencies, and Organizations	
<b>Congressional Representatives</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Honorable Sabrina Cervantes, State Assembly Member (District 60)</li> <li>• The Honorable Jose Medina, State Assembly Member (District 61)</li> <li>• The Honorable Richard Roth, State Senator (District 31)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representative Mark Takano, U.S. Representative (District 41)</li> <li>• Representative Ken Calvert, U.S. Representative (District 42)</li> <li>• The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Senator</li> <li>• The Honorable Kamala Harris, U.S. Senator</li> </ul>
<b>Federal Agencies</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bureau of Indian Affairs</li> <li>• Bureau of Land Management</li> <li>• Federal Aviation Administration</li> <li>• Federal Highway Administration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March Air Reserve Base</li> <li>• National Park Service</li> <li>• U.S. Army Corps of Engineers</li> <li>• U.S. Fish and Wildlife</li> </ul>

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### Congressional Representatives, Agencies, and Organizations

#### State Agencies

- California Independent System Operator
- California Air Resources Board
- California Association of Councils of Governments
- California Department of Fish & Wildlife
- California Energy Commission
- California Resources Agency
- California State Association of Counties
- California State Lands Commission
- Department of Health Care Services
- Department of Parks and Recreation
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics
- Department of Water Resources
- League of California Cities
- Native American Heritage Commission
- Office of Historic Preservation
- Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
- State Water Resources Control Board
- University of California, Riverside

#### Local Agencies and Organizations

- Alvard Unified School District
- American Medical Response
- Arlington Business Council (Riverside Chamber Area Business Council)
- Asian Indian Chamber of Commerce
- City of Chino
- City of Colton
- City of Eastvale
- City of Jurupa Valley
- City of Norco
- City of Riverside
- Coachella Valley Association of Governments
- Coachella Valley Women's Business Center Program
- Colton Unified School District
- Corman Leigh Communities
- Corona-Norco Unified School District
- County of Riverside
- County of San Bernardino
- Downtown Business Council (Riverside Chamber Area Business Council)
- EastHills Business Council (Riverside Chamber Area Business Council)
- Endangered Habitats League
- Flabob Airport
- Goose Creek Golf Club
- Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce
- Greater Riverside Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Hidden Valley Nature Center
- Housing Authority of the County of Riverside
- Hunter Park Business Council (Riverside Chamber Area Business Council)
- Inland Empire Center for Entrepreneurship
- Regional Conservation Authority
- Rincon Culture Committee Chairman
- Magnolia Center Business Council (Riverside Chamber Area Business Council)
- Metrolink, Southern California Regional Rail Authority
- Riverside County Airport Land Use Commission
- Riverside County Board of Supervisors
- Riverside County Environmental Programs Department
- Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency
- Riverside County Parks
- Riverside County Planning Department
- Riverside County Regional Park & Open Space District
- Riverside Land Conservancy
- Riverside Municipal Airport
- Riverside Office of Economic Development
- Riverside Public Utilities
- Riverside Unified School District, Planning and Development
- Riverside/Corona Conservation Resource District
- Rubidoux Community Services District
- San Bernardino Associated Governments
- Santa Ana River Water Company
- Santa Ana River Trust (based out of the Riverside Land Conservancy)
- Santa Ana Water Authority
- Santa Ana Watershed Association
- Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority

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### Congressional Representatives, Agencies, and Organizations

- Inland Empire Small Business Development Center
- Inland Empire Waterkeeper
- Inland Empire Women's Business Center
- Jurupa Area Recreation and Parks District
- Jurupa Community Services District
- Jurupa Unified School District
- Jurupa Valley Chamber of Commerce
- La Sierra Business Council (Riverside Chamber Area Business Council)
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- Sierra Club San Geronimo Chapter
- South Coast Air Quality Management District
- Southern California Association of Governments
- Southern California Coastal Water Research Project
- The Pick Group of Young Professionals
- The Press-Enterprise
- The Wildlands Conservancy
- Turnleaf Homeowner's Association
- Western Municipal Water District
- Western Riverside Council of Governments
- Union Pacific Railroad Company

## 2.6 OUTREACH METHODS

### 2.6.1 Email Address

The CPUC established a project-specific email address ([riversidetrp@panoramaenv.com](mailto:riversidetrp@panoramaenv.com)) to provide an alternate means of submitting comments on the scope of the Subsequent EIR. The email address was provided in the NOP, meeting handouts, and posted on the CPUC website (refer to Section 2.6.2). The CPUC considered all timely comments received by email and incorporated them into this report.

### 2.6.2 Internet Website

The CPUC publicized information about the revised project through a project website. The website serves as an additional public venue to learn about the revised project. During the scoping period, the website included electronic versions of the project application, NOP, location and time of the scoping meeting, and project-related maps. The website will remain a public resource for the CEQA process. Notices of any future public meetings and/or hearings, and the Subsequent EIR, will be posted on the website. The website address is:

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



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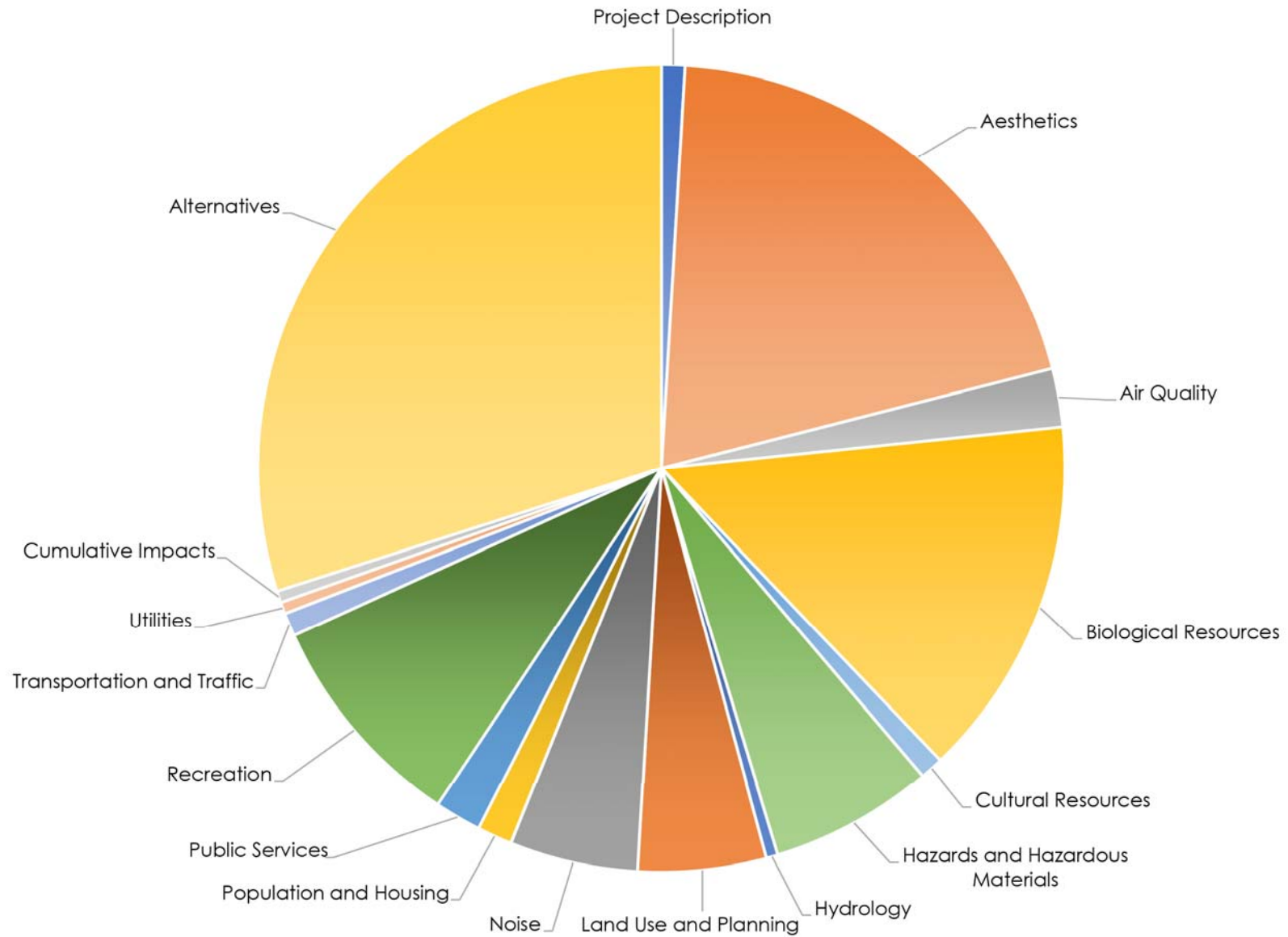
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#### 3.1 OVERVIEW

This section summarizes the comments raised by the public and agencies during the scoping process for the Subsequent EIR. The CPUC received a total of 311 written comments during the scoping period and 41 people submitted oral comments at the scoping meeting. All written and oral comments were received during the public comment period (via mail, email, and fax, and during the public scoping meeting). Comments received during the comment period, as well as comments received after the production of this Scoping Report, will be entered into the project administrative record and considered during the preparation of the Subsequent EIR. Figure 3.1-1 provides a graphical representation of range and magnitude of comments received during the scoping period. A summary of comments is provided in Section 3.3. All written comments received during the scoping period are provided in Appendix E. Oral comments recorded during the scoping meeting are included in the meeting transcript, provided in Appendix C.

### 3 SCOPING COMMENTS

Figure 3.1-1 Subsequent EIR Topics Raised during Scoping



### 3 SCOPING COMMENTS

#### 3.2 SCOPING PERIOD COMMENTERS

The CPUC received scoping comment letters from 30 state agencies, tribes, local agencies, and organizations. Table 3.2-1 lists the agencies and organizations that provided comments during the scoping period.

**Table 3.2-1 Agencies and Organization Commenters**

Agency Name	Date Received
<b>State Agencies</b>	
California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW), Inland Deserts Region	2/24/2017
California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)	2/6/2017
CPUC, Office of Ratepayer Advocates	2/24/2017
Native American Heritage Commission	1/27/2017
<b>Tribes</b>	
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians	2/9/2017
Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians—Kizh Nation	1/30/2017 1/30/2017
Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians	2/24/2017 2/24/2017
Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians	1/27/2017
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians	2/3/2017
Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians	1/30/2017
<b>Local Governments and Agencies 1/30/2017</b>	
City of Eastvale	2/24/2017
City of Jurupa Valley, City Councilmember	2/24/2017
City of Jurupa Valley, Mayor Pro Tem	2/8/2017
City of Jurupa Valley, Planning Director	2/8/2017 2/24/2017
City of Norco	3/2/2017*
Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District	1/26/2017
Jurupa Valley Chamber of Commerce	2/1/2017
Richards, Watson & Gershon, representing the City of Jurupa Valley	2/8/2017 2/24/2017
Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District	2/1/2017
San Bernardino County Regional Parks	2/3/2017
South Coast Air Quality Management District	1/30/2017

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Agency Name	Date Received
<b>Private Organizations and Companies</b>	
Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice	2/8/2017 2/24/2017
Frontier Communities	2/9/2017
K&L Gates, LLP	2/24/2017
McCune & Associates, Inc.	2/9/2017
Newmeyer & Dillion, LLP	2/24/2017
Recycling Services Center	2/24/2017
Riverside Health Action Committee	2/21/2017
Rutan & Tucker, LLP	2/6/2017 2/6/2017 2/6/2017
Sheppard, Mullen, Richter & Hampton LLP	2/21/2017
*Postmarked within scoping period	
Note: Multiple dates indicate that multiple comments were received from the commenter, including when the same date is entered multiple times	

Private residents and businesses submitted a total of 274 comments, including three different versions of form letters and two petitions. Table 3.2-2 summarizes the format of the written comments received from the public. Figure 3.2-2 depicts the geographic concentration of comments received from residents within the project area. A list of individuals who provided written comments and copies of all comment letters are provided in Appendix E.

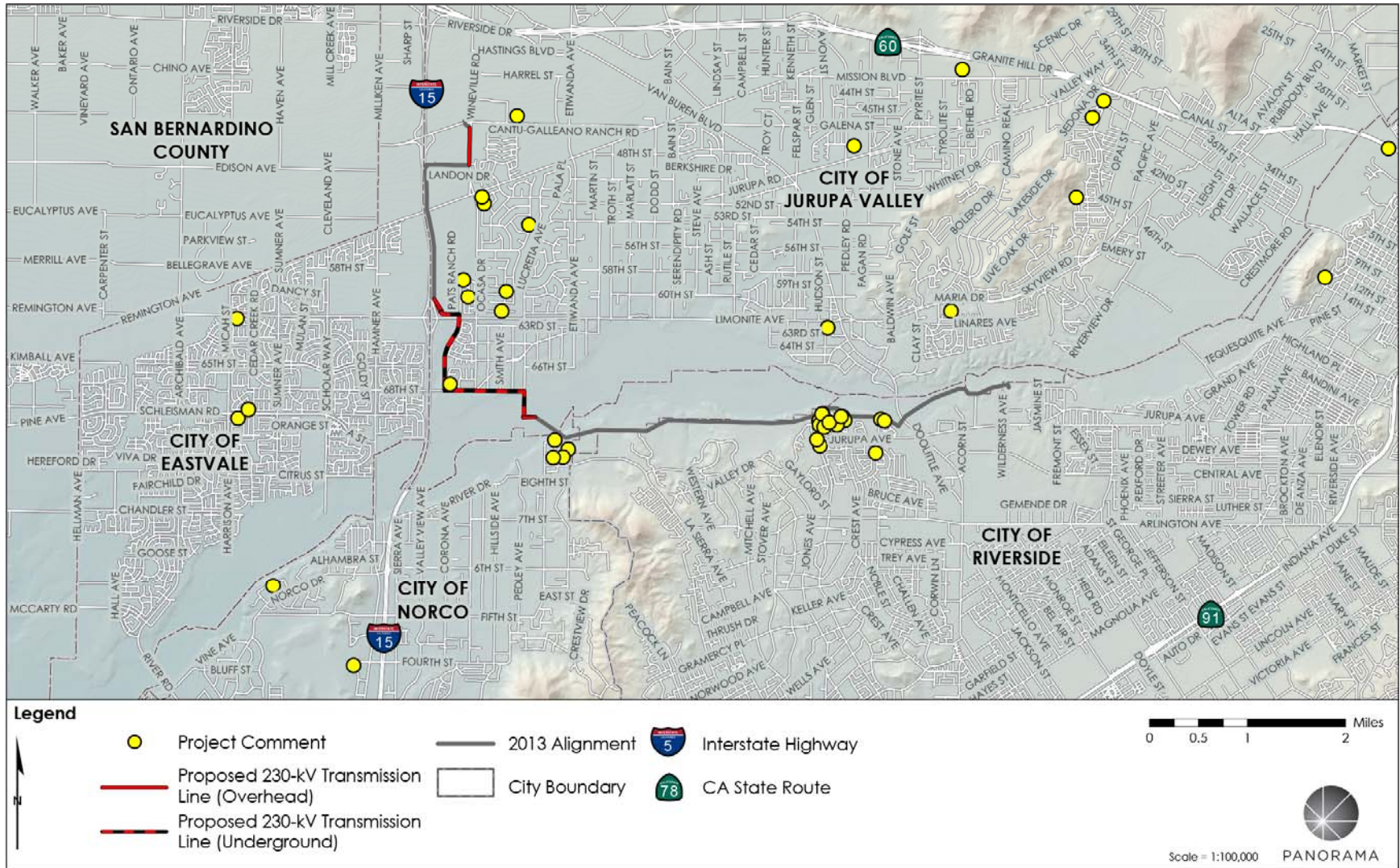
**Table 3.2-2 Written Comments Received from the Public**

Type of Comment Letter	Number Submitted
Unique Letters	111
Form Letter A	145
Form Letter B	10
Form Letter C	6
Petition 1: Led by Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice	176 signatures
Petition 2: Led by Robert L. Gano	19 signatures



### 3 SCOPING COMMENTS

Figure 3.2-2 Geographic Concentration of Scoping Comments (Local View)



## 3 SCOPING COMMENTS

### 3.3 ISSUES RAISED DURING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

#### 3.3.1 Form Letters and Petitions

Table 3.3-1 summarizes the comments included in each comment letter and petition.

**Table 3.3-1 Form Letter and Petition Comments**

Letter	Number of Submittals/Signatures	Comments Included in Letter
Form Letter A	145	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transmission lines will be located within walking distance of residences, businesses, and an elementary school</li> <li>• Concerned about short- and long-term health impacts and environmental impact</li> <li>• Concerned about project's impact on property values</li> <li>• Concerned about future land uses along the RTRP alignment</li> <li>• Project should be moved away from current and future residential and retail and commercially-zoned areas</li> <li>• Support for underground alternative if the line must be in Jurupa Valley</li> </ul>
Form Letter B	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poles will impact recreational activities in the Hidden Valley Wildlife Preserve and Santa Ana River</li> <li>• Transmission lines should be underground</li> <li>• Overhead lines cause aesthetic impacts, noise impacts</li> </ul>
Form Letter C	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project will decimate heart of Jurupa Valley's future commercial corridor along I-15</li> <li>• Impact future residents in planned housing developments</li> <li>• Towers could fall and create a public safety hazard to I-15, schools, homes, and businesses near towers</li> <li>• There are viable project alternatives that were eliminated without real justification</li> <li>• The proposed project would have environmental justice impacts on the City of Jurupa Valley</li> </ul>
Petition 1: Led by Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice	176	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request that CPUC not approve project as proposed</li> <li>• Transmission line should be underground through the entire City of Jurupa Valley</li> <li>• The project, as proposed, would impose a disproportionate burden on Jurupa Valley residents</li> <li>• Overhead transmission lines are a sign of antiquated land use policies</li> <li>• Concerned about environmental, economic, and physical well-being of the community</li> </ul>

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Letter	Number of Submittals/Signatures	Comments Included in Letter
Petition 2: Led by Robert L. Gano	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transmission line mars the aesthetic of the neighborhood</li> <li>• Diminishes value of homes in the area</li> <li>• Concerned about increased risk of health effects due to living near power lines</li> <li>• Overhead transmission lines will aggravate preexisting health conditions and create new health hazards</li> <li>• Transmission lines should be underground</li> </ul>

#### 3.3.2 General Comments

Several comments addressed the environmental document preparation process, public access to confidential documents, and shortcomings of available documents. Summaries of these comments are provided below.

- **Adequacy of 2013 RTRP EIR:** The 2013 EIR is no longer sufficient for the unmodified portions of the project due to land use changes. The entire project should be analyzed.
- **National Environmental Policy Act:** The Subsequent EIR should address whether the project is subject to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and an Environmental Impact Statement would be necessary.
- **Confidential Reports:** The project website includes confidential documents, preventing the public from fully analyzing the proposed project and additional concerns the confidential documents may raise.
- **Public Outreach and Involvement:** The process should encourage public participation, early notification to residents, hearing locations that are accessible to disabled members of the community, and translation services for Spanish speaking residents.
- **Consideration of Nearby Projects:** The Office of Rate Payer Advocates of CPUC suggested consideration of other transmission projects applications that are currently before the Commission to analyze the potential of combining multiple projects in an area.

#### 3.3.3 Comments on CEQA Topics

Some commenters expressed concerns regarding the potential effects of the revised project on various environmental resource topics (i.e., air quality, biology, etc.). Various commenters asked that the Subsequent EIR define the disturbance area, and analyze the impacts for air quality, traffic, safe routes to schools, drainage and flooding, noise, and aesthetics. State and regional agencies submitted guidance on the scope and analysis for select Subsequent EIR sections (e.g., Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hydrology, and Traffic). Table 3.3-2 provides a summary of comments received and the number of commenters who expressed concern regarding each comment.



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**Table 3.3-2 Summary of Comments Received during Scoping**

Environmental Topic	Comment Summary	Number of Submittals	
		Per Comment	Total per Topic
Project Description	The Subsequent EIR should include dimensions and specific locations of project components	2	2
Aesthetics	The Subsequent EIR needs to evaluate the impact to scenic vistas and visual characteristics	3	43
	Project will block/impact/degrade regional views	20	
	Power lines are unsightly	9	
	Requests realistic simulations of view/shadowing impacts	3	
	Project will impact/degrade aesthetics/natural beauty	6	
	Will impact I-15 as scenic highway	2	
Air Quality	South Coast Air Quality Management District requested to review the draft Subsequent EIR including all air quality appendices	1	5
	Undergrounding power lines creates odors during paving	1	
	Project will degrade air quality and cause air pollution	3	
Biological Resources	Project will impact habitats and wildlife in Hidden Valley Wildlife Preserve and Santa Ana River	20	31
	Project will impact wetlands and environmentally sensitive areas	5	
	Project will impact migratory birds	2	
	CPUC should consult state and federal agencies	3	
	Biological scoping and mitigation recommendations	1	
Cultural Resources	Confidential Cultural Resources Report should be addressed in EIR	1	2
	Project will negatively impact cultural resources	1	
Hazards and Hazardous Materials	Environmental health risk/general safety concerns Power lines are dangerous	5	14
	Concerned about exposure to chemicals used during project construction and to contaminated soils unearthed during construction	2	
	Project is hazard to aircraft	2	
	Concerned about falling power lines and towers	5	

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Environmental Topic	Comment Summary	Number of Submittals	
		Per Comment	Total per Topic
Hydrology	EIR should address storm water quality and runoff	1	1
Land Use and Planning	Concerned about infringement upon development, businesses residences, and schools	3	11
	Project land is zoned for open space—project not consistent with General Plan	4	
	Will limit and impact future land use	4	
Noise	2013 EIR noise analysis not adequate because it didn't consider receptors on Wineville Avenue.	2	11
	Construction and operation noise thresholds in previous study were too high	1	
	Noise will cause health issues, disrupt sleep	3	
	General concerns about noise	3	
	Concerned about corona noise	2	
Population and Housing	The Subsequent EIR should address impacts to Population and Housing	2	3
	2013 EIR incorrectly assumed no development at Lyon Homes	1	
Public Services	The project will impact schools	4	4
Recreation	Will impact recreational uses of Hidden Valley Wildlife Preserve, Sana Ana River Trail and river bottom	19	19
Transportation and Traffic	Recommends that Traffic Control Plan be put into place with the Riverside County Transmission Commission and California Highway Patrol	1	2
	Will increase traffic	1	
Utilities	EIR should discuss waste generated by construction of underground lines	1	1
Cumulative Impacts	Questions project compatibility with Caltrans Limonite Improvements	1	1
Alternatives	Alternatives were rejected without reason	8	64
	Entire project should be underground	30	
	Underground the section of line near Idyllwild Lane, Julian Drive, and Brandford Street up to Van Buren Blvd.	3	
	Alternative route on the north side of the Sana Ana River adjacent to Paradise Knolls Golf Course	5	
	Agua Mansa alternative route	3	

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Environmental Topic	Comment Summary	Number of Submittals	
		Per Comment	Total per Topic
	Van Buren alternative route	1	
	Eastern route alternative along Santa Ana River east to Vista Substation	2	
	Underground alternative within Pats Ranch Road north of Limonite	4	
	The project should be built in City of Riverside	3	
	Use solar power to avoid need for project	3	
	Battery storage alternative	1	
	Underground south on I-15 to Hwy 91 east as an alternative	1	

#### Reconsidering Impacts to be Included in the Subsequent EIR

Several comments addressed environmental topics that had been screened out of the Subsequent EIR through the IS Checklist. Commenters requested that the CPUC reconsider the revised project’s impacts to several environmental impact topics. Separate commenters suggested the Subsequent EIR should include analyses of Air Quality, Hydrology, Population and Housing, and Utilities and Service Systems, and that they should not be screened out of the Subsequent EIR.

In some cases, commenters identified potentially new or worsened significant impacts that may occur from the revised project. The Subsequent EIR will consider the following impact topics in response to public concerns regarding potentially new or increased significant impacts to these environmental topics:

- Air Quality: Potential to create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people.
- Land Use: Potential to conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to, the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect.
- Noise: Potential to expose persons to or generate noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance or applicable standards of other agencies.

#### Comments on Topics Adequately Addressed in the 2013 Final EIR

Commenters provided comments on environmental topics that were eliminated from the scope of the Subsequent EIR (through the analysis in the IS Checklist (CPUC 2015)). Commenters also submitted comments on the potential impacts of the proposed project elements that have not changed and are not considered as part of the revised project analysis. The Subsequent EIR will

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not re-analyze project elements and impacts that have not changed since the 2013 RTRP EIR. Table 3.3-3 summarizes the comments the CPUC received on the proposed project and provides the location of prior analyses.

**Table 3.3-3 Comments Addressed in Prior Environmental Documents**

Environmental Topic	Comment	Document that Analyzes Impact
Aesthetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impact views from the I-15 corridor</li> <li>Impact on scenic vistas</li> <li>Project will block/impact/degrade regional views of the Hidden Valley Wildlife Area and along the transmission line alignment south of the Santa Ana River</li> <li>Views from new housing developments</li> </ul>	There are no designated scenic corridors or scenic vistas in the project vicinity. The 2013 RTRP Final EIR considered the project's impact on views in the project vicinity. The proposed 230-kV transmission line alignment along I-15 and south of the Santa Ana River has not changed; therefore, the previous analysis is adequate.
Biology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Impacts to Santa Ana River.</li> <li>Impacts to animals in Hidden Valley Wildlife Preserve</li> </ul>	The 2013 RTRP Final EIR considered impacts to the Santa Ana River corridor and Hidden Valley Wildlife Preserve. The proposed river crossing and transmission line south of the river has not changed; therefore, there are no new impacts to biological resources in the Santa Ana River corridor or Hidden Valley Wildlife Preserve from the 230-kV transmission line.
Hydrology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Document should address storm runoff and water quality concerns</li> </ul>	The underground alignment would be constructed within roadways that are currently impermeable surfaces. The IS Checklist discusses impacts to runoff and water quality. The 2013 RTRP Final EIR includes a discussion of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. The revised project would not have additional significant impacts related to hydrology.
Hazards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project will be hazardous to aircraft</li> </ul>	The revised project would not be located within 2 miles of an airport or air strip. The majority of the revised project would be constructed underground. The IS Checklist includes a discussion of the revised project's potential for air traffic hazards. The 2013 RTRP Final EIR adequately evaluated the project's impact on local airports and air strips.
Population and Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Population and Housing environmental topic should be included in the Subsequent EIR</li> </ul>	The revised project would not induce growth, nor would it displace housing or people. The IS Checklist includes analysis of Population and Housing impact criteria for the revised project.
Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project will affect recreational uses in Hidden Valley Wildlife Preserve and Santa Ana River Bottom</li> </ul>	The 2013 RTRP Final EIR considered impacts from the transmission line on the Hidden Valley Wildlife Preserve. The proposed alignment has not changed; therefore, there are no new impacts on the Hidden Valley Wildlife Preserve from the 230-kV transmission line to consider.

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#### 3.3.4 Comments on Topics Not Covered under CEQA

Some commenters expressed concerns about topics not included in the environmental analysis, including concerns about property values, the City's economy, environmental justice, and community values. Table 3.3-4 summarizes these comments that do not involve topics addressed under CEQA.

**Table 3.3-4 Comments on Non-CEQA Topics**

Topic (Non-CEQA)	Comment	Number of Comments Received
EMF	EMF health concerns	15
Property values	Project will negatively impact property values	11
Socioeconomics	Project will have social and economic impacts on residents	3
	Cites Economic/Fiscal Impact Analysis prepared by Urban Futures, Inc. from December 2015	1
	Will impact commercial and retail businesses	4
Community Values	Will conflict with "community values"	1

## 4 NEXT STEPS IN THE CEQA AND CPUC DECISION PROCESS

### 4.1 CEQA PROCESS AFTER SCOPING

Scoping is the first step of the Subsequent EIR process. There are many steps remaining before completing the CEQA process for the revised project. This section describes the steps of the CEQA process that will occur following the conclusion of the Subsequent EIR scoping period. Table 4.1-1 shows the completed and next steps in the CEQA process for the revised project.

**Table 4.1-1 Steps in the CEQA Process**

Item	Description	Approximate Date
<b>Completed Events/Documents</b>		
NOP	Notice to inform agencies and the public of the CPUC's intent to prepare a Subsequent EIR for the revised project	January 20, 2017
NOP Public Review Period	Opportunity for the agencies and public to submit comments to the CPUC on the scope of the Subsequent EIR	January 25, 2017 to February 24, 2017
Scoping Meeting	Meeting to provide agencies and the public information about the CPUC review process, the revised project, and to hear and accept comments on the scope of the Subsequent EIR	February 8, 2017
Scoping Report	Report that describes the scoping process, including public comment opportunities, as well as who commented and the substance of comments received during scoping	March 2017
<b>Upcoming Events/Documents</b>		
Draft Subsequent EIR	Document that describes the revised project, project need, alternatives, impacts and mitigation measures, and other CEQA topics	Summer 2017
Draft Subsequent EIR Public Review Period	Opportunity for the agencies and public to submit comments to the CPUC on the content of the Draft Subsequent EIR	45 days, beginning day of Draft Subsequent EIR release
Draft Subsequent EIR Public Meeting	Meeting to provide agencies and the public information about the content of the Draft Subsequent EIR and to hear and accept comments on the content of the Draft Subsequent EIR	During the Draft Subsequent EIR public review period
Final Subsequent EIR	Public comments on the Draft Subsequent EIR, responses to comments, and any changes to the Draft subsequent EIR.	Fall 2017
Certification of Final SEIR and Project Decision	The CPUC will certify the Subsequent EIR as being prepared pursuant to CEQA and will issue a Notice of Decision (NOD), triggering a 30-day appeal period	After Final Subsequent EIR

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### 4.2 CPUC DECISION PROCESS

The Subsequent EIR is an informational document and does not include a decision on whether to grant or deny the CPCN. The CPUC will make a decision whether to grant or deny the CPCN after the completion of the Final Subsequent EIR. The Administrative Law Judge assigned to the application will draft a proposed decision, taking into account the CEQA documentation and party testimony. The CPUC will then decide to adopt that decision or a commissioner's alternative decision.