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December 15, 2016

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Subject: Salt Creek Substation—Review of Minor Project Refinement Request #6

Dear Mr. Quasarano,

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has reviewed San Diego Gas and Electric Company's (SDG&E's) proposed Minor Project Refinement (MPR) Request #6 for the approved Salt Creek Substation Project (project), provided by email on December 15, 2016. The CPUC adopted the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) and approved the Environmentally Superior Alternative, Alternative 2 – Salt Creek Substation on May 12, 2016. SDG&E's request for an MPR has been reviewed, consistent with the requirements specified in the Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program and Mitigation Monitoring Compliance and Reporting Program for the project.

SDG&E's Proposed Minor Project Refinement #6

MRP #6 would authorize placement of 5 tons of 6-inch rock in a large rill that has formed above the catch basin at SD-Line-A1. MPR #6 would be implemented an emergency erosion control best management practice (BMP). The rock would be placed between the project limit fence and the Transmission Corridor Road. The rock is needed to reduce the storm water velocity in the rill, and minimize soil erosion. SDG&E will provide a final BMP solution to the CPUC as a separate MPR request.

CPUC Review of Minor Project Refinement #6

The proposed actions were reviewed for consistency with the impact analysis contained in the adopted Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) prepared for the project. MPR #6 involves emergency BMPs to reduce erosion prior to a storm event. The mitigation measures included in the FEIR, including biological monitoring for special-status species during implementation of MPR #6, would minimize the impacts of this activity. MPR #6 would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact; therefore, no supplemental or subsequent CEQA review is required to address MPR #6. The actions proposed in MPR #6 are consistent with the CPUC approved FEIR.

Please contact me at will.maguire@cpuc.ca.gov if you have any questions regarding this review of MPR #6.

Sincerely,

/s

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cc: Susanne Heim, Panorama Environmental
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Attachment A: SDG&E Minor Project Refinement Request for Urgent Placement of Rock in Erosion Rill (MPR Request #6)

ATTACHMENT A

SDG&E Minor Project Refinement Request for Urgent Placement of Rock in Erosion Rill (MRP Request #6)



Memorandum

Date: December 15, 2016

To: Will Maguire
Project Manager
California Public Utilities Commission

From: Richard Quasarano
Compliance Manager
San Diego Gas & Electric Company

Subject: Minor Project Refinement Request for Urgent Placement of Rock in Erosion Rill (MPR #6)

Per the conversation between Sheila Hoyer, Ron Walker, and Jim Dermody in the field yesterday, SDG&E is requesting immediate authorization to implement an interim erosion control measure at the Salt Creek Substation Project. Due to the anticipated rains, we are requesting approval of this MPR #6 as soon as possible.

Specifically, SDG&E is requesting authorization to place 5 tons of 6" rock in the large rill above catch basin at SD-Line-A1, as an emergency BMP measure, between the project limit fence and the Transmission Corridor Road. The rock will be used to reduce the storm water velocity in the rill, and minimize the amount of soil erosion. This effort is an interim BMP. The final BMP solution will be designed and submitted to the CPUC as a separate MPR request.

Work to be performed would occur in an approximately 10' wide by 30' long x 3' deep area. The attached figure (Attachment 1) shows the location of the interim work to be performed.

This area is within the geographic boundary of the study area utilized within the EIR. Work is occurring in the vicinity of previously mapped San Diego Sunflower. Impacts are anticipated to be limited to the erosional feature itself. However, the onsite LEI will monitor for avoidance of impacts to San Diego Sunflower. Any impacts to San Diego Sunflower that are unavoidable will be documented and added to the Special Status Plant Mitigation Plan for replacement. Changes to the LOD would not represent a new significant impact to biological resources and/or increase the severity of any other significant impacts. Additionally, the change in LOD would not trigger additional permit requirements and would not conflict with any Applicant Proposed Measure (APMs), Mitigation Measure (MMs), or other applicable regulations. All APMs and MMs that will be implemented for the existing LOD would also be implemented for the additional LOD. Ground disturbance for this work is not anticipated, as rock would be placed on the surface. Therefore, cultural and paleontological monitoring is not anticipated to be required. However, monitors are on-call to be deployed as needed. Likewise, all erosion and sediment control storm water BMPs would also be extended into this area. The change in LOD would not require a change in construction start and end dates, as work would occur in one single day.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns with this adjustment. We appreciate your willingness to expedite review of this MPR.

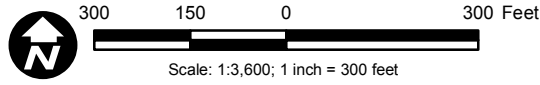
Thank you,

Richard Quasarano

ATTACHMENT 1 – Erosion Repair Location



Source: Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community



Salt Creek Impacts with Fenceline

Salt Creek

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