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#### 3.14.1 Environmental Setting

Public services within the proposed project area include services provided by MCB CPEN and the City of San Clemente. The locations of fire stations, police stations, schools, and parks near the proposed project are presented in Figure 3.14-1.

#### Fire Protection and Emergency Services

Fire stations near the proposed project area are shown on Figure 3.14-1.

MCB CPEN has had an average of 300 fires per year since 1968 (MCB CPEN 2012). The high fire ignition frequency is attributed to (1) frequent ignition sources from weapons firing, explosions, and pyrotechnic devices; (2) biological and climatic conditions conducive to fire in the late summer and fall; and (3) large areas of open space with abundant vegetation. The MCB CPEN Fire Department (CPFD) provides fire suppression, emergency medical response, rescue, hazardous materials and response, and fire prevention services on the Base. The CPFD has cooperative resource agreements in place with the US Forest Service, California Department of Forestry, and both Orange and San Diego County firefighting agencies to effectively support suppression actions on the base. There are no published standards for response times, service ratios, or performance objectives for the CPFD (MCB CPEN 2012).

The proposed project crosses into an urban area within the eastern portion of the City of San Clemente (Emergency Services Consulting International 2014). The City of San Clemente contracts with the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA) for fire protection and emergency response services. Recommended total response times for the OCFA range from approximately 7 minutes to 12 minutes, depending on the nature of the emergency they are responding to (Emergency Services Consulting International 2014).

#### Police Services

Police stations in the vicinity of the proposed project area shown on Figure 3.14-1. The nearest police station to the proposed project is the San Clemente Police Department, located approximately 1.6 miles from the proposed project alignment. The City of San Clemente contracts with the Orange County Sheriff's Department to provide police services. The number and locations of the Military Police force and operational centers are not published for MCB CPEN. The Provost Marshal is responsible for law enforcement and physical security activities under the staff cognizance of the Commanding Officer, Security & Emergency Services Battalion (MCB CPEN n.d.).

#### Schools

Five schools are located on leased land within MCB CPEN. Two schools are within the Fallbrook Unified School District (Mary Fay Pendleton School and San Onofre Elementary School), and three are within the Oceanside Unified School District (North Terrace Elementary School, Santa Margarita Elementary School, and Stewart Mesa Elementary School). San Onofre

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**Figure 3.14-1 Location of Fire Stations, Police Stations, Schools, and Parks in the Proposed Project Area (Revised)**



Sources: (ESRI 2016, SDG&E 2016, SanGIS and SANDAG 2012)

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Elementary School is located approximately 0.16 mile from Segment E and is the closest school to the proposed project. One elementary school, Concordia Elementary School, is located in San Clemente, approximately 0.24 mile west of Segment F (Figure 3.14-1).

#### Parks

Approximately one third of the proposed project would be located in San Onofre State Beach, a recreation area leased by the DoN to the California Department of Parks and Recreation. The City of San Clemente trail system crosses the proposed project alignment in many locations. Pedestrians and bicycles are allowed on the San Clemente and San Onofre State Beach trail systems. Parks in the project area are depicted in Figure 3.14-1. For additional information on recreational resources, refer to Section 3.15: Recreation.

#### Hospitals

Saddleback Memorial Medical Center is the closest hospital to the proposed project, located approximately 7 miles from the proposed project in the City of San Clemente. The Naval Hospital on MCB CPEN lies approximately 14 miles south of the proposed project.

#### Other Services

MCB CPEN has its own internal library system. The San Onofre Branch Library is 422 feet from the proposed project; however, the library is only open to military personnel and is not open to the public. The San Clemente Library is the nearest public library to the proposed project, located approximately 2 miles away from the proposed project.

### 3.14.2 Impact Analysis

#### Summary of Impacts

Table 3.14-1 presents a summary of the CEQA significance criteria and impacts on public services that would occur during construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed project.

**Table 3.14-1 Summary of Proposed Project Impacts on Public Services**

Would the Proposed Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
i. Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii. Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii. Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
iv. Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
v. Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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#### Impact Discussion

<p><b>a) Would the proposed project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i. Fire protection?</b></li> <li><b>ii. Police protection?</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Significance Determination</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Less than significant with mitigation</b></p>
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#### Response Times of Emergency Vehicles

The proposed project would involve replacement of two power lines within MCB CPEN. Guard structures would be installed at the edge of road crossings to prevent road closures. Construction of the replacement power lines would not block any roads or emergency vehicle access; however, construction of distribution lines along Basilone Road would require temporary lane closures. Access road grading, pole replacement, and stringing activities have the potential to result in lane closures. The delay from lane closures could result in a significant impact on emergency response times. MM Traffic-2 requires SDG&E to coordinate with MCB CPEN service providers prior to any road closures or lane diversions to avoid or minimize potential impacts on response times (refer to Section 3.16: Transportation and Traffic). The impact would be less than significant with mitigation.

#### Need for New or Physically Altered Government Facilities

The proposed project would not directly or indirectly involve or require new government facilities or the physical alteration of existing government facilities. As discussed in Section 3.13: Population and Housing, the proposed project would not directly or indirectly induce population growth or create a need for new facilities. No impact would occur.

#### Fire Protection

##### Construction

The proposed project would be located in an area with a high risk of wildfires. Construction equipment could spark and ignite a wildfire, which could potentially result in an increase in fire response demand in the proposed project area. SDG&E has prepared a site-specific Construction Fire Prevention Plan, which would be implemented during proposed project construction (refer to Appendix E). The Construction Fire Prevention Plan includes:

- Minimum requirements for firefighting equipment (including size and response time requirements)
- Requirements for carrying emergency fire suppression equipment
- Conducting “tailgate” meetings that cover fire safety issues
- Restrictions on smoking
- Construction restrictions during red flag warnings
- Work limitations for “elevated” to “extreme” fire danger days



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- Assignment of specific “Fire Patrols” to perform monitoring and first response onsite

With the implementation of the site-specific Construction Fire Prevention Plan, demand for fire services would not increase to a level necessitating new or physically altered fire facilities. The impacts from construction would be less than significant.

#### Operation

The proposed project would replace wood poles with fire resistant steel poles, which would reduce the long-term fire risk in the area. The risk of wildfire from arcing or fault conditions during operation would be the same as existing conditions, because the reconducted power lines would operate according to the same CPUC specifications and requirements for conductor clearance (e.g., CPUC GO 95) as the existing power lines. Proposed project operation would have no impact on fire protection services.

#### Police Protection

The risk of theft and potential for vandalism at staging yards would be managed by fencing (where applicable). Risk of theft at work sites would be managed by locking up equipment and supplies at the end of each day. No additional police protection facilities would be needed as a result of project construction. The impact during construction would be less than significant. No mitigation is required.

The proposed project would be an unattended power line that would not require additional police protection services. No additional police protection facilities would be needed a result of project operation and maintenance. No impact would occur.

**Mitigation Measures:** MM Traffic-2 (refer to Section 3.16: Transportation and Traffic)

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The proposed project would not include any new homes, businesses, or land use changes that would directly or indirectly induce substantial population growth in the area, as discussed in Section 3.13: Population and Housing. The majority of the construction workforce would be hired from the local labor force or would commute from nearby cities. New or physically altered schools, parks, or other public facilities would not be needed. No impact would occur.

**Mitigation Measures:** None required.

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