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RE: Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP), Segments 4-11: Minor Temporary Work Change Request #4

Dear Mr. Stevenson,

On December 24, 2015, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a Minor Temporary Work Change request for the installation of a temporary aboveground water pipeline to support horizontal directional drilling (HDD) operations on the Segment 8 Transmission Line (T/L), Phase 1, of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP) in the City of Chino Hills, San Bernardino County, California. **This Minor Temporary Work Change Request is approved by CPUC based on the following factors:**

- SCE submitted the following information:

SCE submitted a request for a Minor Temporary Work Chance for the installation of a temporary aboveground water pipeline to support horizontal directional drilling (HDD) operations on Segment 8 T/L Phase 1 of the TRTP, in the City of Chino Hills, San Bernardino County, California. Subsequent to the approval of the NTPR (NTP #41 dated September 19, 2014) by the CPUC, SCE has identified the need for an additional work area for the installation of a temporary aboveground water pipeline to support HDD operations. The pipeline will begin at a fire hydrant on the west side of Cork Drive and extend approximately 118 feet south within the storm gutter to the CPUC-approved work area. The pipeline will cross over a sidewalk to reach the HDD operations; a ramp will be installed over the pipeline at this crossing.

- **Biological Resources:** SCE submitted a biological summary with the Minor Temporary Work Change request for the Segment 8 T/L Phase 1 installation of a temporary aboveground water pipeline to support HDD operations (Project Component), and the associated 500-foot buffer. The Project Component plus the 500-foot buffer is referred to as the Biological Study Area (BSA). The proposed additional work area is within the SCE TRTP protocol and focused survey corridor. A biological monitor will perform a clearance sweep of the proposed location prior to site occupation to ensure sensitive biological resources are identified and avoided during the proposed activities. Vegetation communities within the Project Component include disturbed/developed. Vegetation communities within the 500-foot buffer include disturbed/developed, non-native woodland, ruderal grassland, and open water. No special-status plant species are located within the BSA. Regulated tree species, California fan palm (*Washingtonia filifera*), occurs within the 500-foot buffer. Special-status wildlife species, Cooper's hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*) and great blue heron (*Ardea herodias*) have been observed within the 500-foot buffer. No jurisdictional resources occur within the BSA.

Temporary impacts will be mitigated on-site per the Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) and APM BIO-1a, as well as SWPPP requirements, weed control (Mitigation Measure [MM] B-3a), dust control (MM AQ-1a), and visual resources (MM V-1 and APM AES-8 and APM AES-13).

No additional impacts to biological resources are anticipated with the implementation of this Minor Temporary Work Change and the conditions noted below.

- **Cultural and Paleontological Resources:** SCE submitted a memorandum dated September 2, 2015 with the Minor Temporary Work Change Request titled the *Southern California Edison Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project Cultural and Paleontological Resource Guidelines for Segment 8 T/L Phase I 500kV Underground, Variance Request – Temporary Pipeline along Cork Drive*. The memorandum states that no cultural or paleontological resources will be impacted by the proposed installation of a temporary aboveground pipeline along Cork Drive in support of the TRTP 500kV Underground. The proposed project area has been included in previous surveys for cultural resources in support of the TRTP and no cultural resources were identified (Pacific Legacy 2007, 2010) with the exception of the Chino-Mesa 220kV transmission line, which was evaluated and determined not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (Office of Historic Preservation 2010). The line and foundations have since been removed. In addition, this area has been previously disturbed and it is currently paved. No further cultural resources work is required in support of this request.

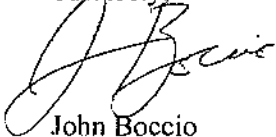
Previous paleontological assessments conducted for TRTP define the geology at the proposed location as the Puente Formation (Gust and Scott 2009; Aron 2010). Based on the Potential Fossil Yield Classification (PFYC) system, the Puente Formation is considered high sensitivity for harboring significant paleontological resources (PFYC = 5). However, the pipeline will be aboveground and no ground disturbances or improvements to the area are required in support of this request.

No additional impacts to cultural or paleontological resources are anticipated with the implementation of this Minor Temporary Work Change and the conditions noted below.

The conditions noted below shall be met by SCE and its contractors:

- All conditions required by Notice to Proceed (NTP) #41 shall apply to the subject area and activities.
- Copies of all relevant permits, compliance plans, NTP #41, and this Minor Temporary Work Change shall be available on site for the duration of construction activities where applicable.

Sincerely,



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