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RE: Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP), Segments 4-11: Final Engineering Concurrence

Dear Mr. Stevenson,

On July 17, 2015, Southern Californian Edison (SCE) submitted a Request for Final Engineering Concurrence (RFEC) to retain property improvements at ten yards used to support the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP), in Kern and Los Angeles Counties, California. Additional information was submitted by SCE on September 11 and November 10, 12, and 25, 2015. **This Concurrence to Final Engineering is approved by CPUC based on the following factors:**

- SCE submitted the following information:

SCE requests a Concurrence of Final Engineering to retain property improvements at ten yards used to support the construction of TRTP, in Kern and Los Angeles Counties, California. Subsequent to issuance of the Notice to Proceed approving the use of each material/contractor storage yards (yards) by the CPUC, SCE is requesting that property improvements remain at the following yards:

- Rodeo North Contractor Yard
- Racetrack Contractor Yard
- Avenue F Contractor Yard
- Yard 28 Material Yard
- Yard 75 South Material Yard
- San Gabriel Contractor Yard
- Huntington Drive Contractor Yard
- Potrero Grande Contractor Yard
- Strawberry Field Contractor Yard
- Mesa Material Yard

SCE requests that the fence, rock/stabilization, and/or utilities be left in place at these yards as indicated in Table 1. The improvements will provide property security, and deter open dumping and vandalism. Table 2 shows the biological impacts associated with keeping the improvements at each yard, and where applicable, the compensatory mitigation acreage, and the compensatory mitigation project site (Petersen Ranch).

Table 1 – Summary of Yard Improvements

Yard	Pre-Existing Condition	Improvements to be Retained
Rodeo North Contractor Yard	Barren/developed; scattered ruderal vegetation; highly compacted soil; some gravel present	Chain link fence, surface gravel, fiber rolls and gravel bags
Racetrack Contractor Yard	Barren/developed; scattered weedy vegetation; highly compacted soil; some gravel present	Fabric screen on existing fence, surface gravel, electrical power
Avenue F Contractor Yard	Disturbed/developed; warehouse-type structure present; scattered ruderal vegetation	New access gate
Yard 28 Material Yard	Barren/disturbed; non-native grassland and ruderal vegetation	Chain link fence, surface gravel, electrical power
Yard 75 South Material Yard	Disturbed/developed; scattered ruderal vegetation	Chain link fence, surface gravel
San Gabriel Contractor Yard	Disturbed/developed; scattered ruderal vegetation; compacted soil; some gravel present	New access gate and sidewalk cut, surface gravel, electrical power
Huntington Drive Contractor Yard	Barren/developed; scattered ruderal vegetation; highly compacted soil; northern half covered with gravel; concrete road running down southern half	Partial fencing along northern perimeter, vehicle containment area and entrance graveled, electrical power
Potrero Grande Contractor Yard	Barren/developed; scattered ruderal vegetation; compacted soil covered with rock	Chain-link fence, vehicle containment area and entrance graveled

Yard	Pre-Existing Condition	Improvements to be Retained
Strawberry Field Contractor Yard	Disturbed/developed; scattered ruderal vegetation; concrete-lined channel across southern portion	Chain-link fence, vehicle containment area graveled
Mesa Material Yard	Large commercial nursery; ruderal vegetation, scattered ornamental trees/scrub, 1 mature coast live oak; compacted soil	Partial chain-link fence along western perimeter, surface gravel, electrical power

- Biological Resources:** SCE submitted biological information with the Request for Final Engineering Concurrence. SCE will mitigate for permanent impacts from the improvements at the yards per the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) and Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (HMMP). Three of the ten yards will require compensatory offsite mitigation for the permanent impacts: Yard 75 South Material Yard, Huntington Drive Contractor Yard, and Mesa Material Yard. Mitigation for permanent impacts are being compensated through preservation of habitat and land management in perpetuity within SCE's Petersen Ranch mitigation site. The combined permanent impacts at these yards consist of 1.531 acres of Coastal Sage Scrub and 0.003 acres of California Annual Grassland-Disturbed, and will be compensated for like-for-like at Petersen Ranch.

Table 2 provides a summary of the impacts requiring mitigation and compensatory mitigation acreage at each yard. SCE will not mitigate for disturbed/developed, nonnative woodland, or ruderal habitat since these areas at the yards did not support special status species.

Table 2 – Impacts Requiring Compensatory Mitigation

Yard	Permanent Impact	Mitigation Ratio	Compensatory Mitigation
Yard 75 South Material Yard	Coastal Sage Scrub 0.187 acres	1.5:1	Coastal Sage Scrub 0.2805 acres
Huntington Drive Contractor Yard	Coastal Sage Scrub 1.344 acres	1.5:1	Coastal Sage Scrub 2.016 acres
Mesa Material Yard	California Annual Grassland- Disturbed 0.003 acres	1:1	California Annual Grassland- Disturbed 0.003 acres

No additional impacts to biological resources are anticipated.

- Cultural and Paleontological Resources:** SCE submitted a memorandum titled SCE TRTP 4-11 Request for Final Engineering Concurrence for Various Material and Contractor Yards, Yard Improvements; Kern and Los Angeles Counties, Cultural and Paleontological Resources Assessment dated July 9, 2015. The report states that no cultural or paleontological resources will be impacted by retaining the improvements to the yards addressed in this document.

Previous assessments related to potential impacts to cultural and paleontological resources were conducted in support of the TRTP material yards identified in this RFEC. Table 3 includes a list of each one of the yards and the cultural/paleontological resources reports/assessments associated with the yards. Prior to project construction and use of each one of the yards, all cultural resources found within the yards (if any were identified) were mitigated pursuant to CPUC approval. Allowing the current improvements to remain in place will not require additional efforts related to cultural or paleontological resources.

Table 3 - Material Yards and Associated Cultural/Paleontological Resources Assessments

Yard Name	Consultant/Author/Date	Report	Resource Results
Rodeo North Contractor Yard	Cogstone, 2012	Cultural Resources Inventory of the Southern California Edison Company Whirlwind to Rosamond and Rosamond to Windhub Telecommunication Line, Kern County,	Negative
Racetrack Contractor Yard	Compass Rose, 2010	Negative Archaeological Resources Survey for the Racetrack Contractor Yard, Work Package 1, Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project, Rosamond, California	Negative
Avenue F Contractor Yard	SCE, 2010 (K. Ahmet)	Built Environment/Assessment	Negative
Yard 28 Material Yard	AECOM, 2009 (C. Doolittle)	Cultural Resources Inventory of Material Yard 28, Southern California Edison Company Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project, Kern County, California	Negative
Yard 75 South Material Yard	Cogstone, 2010 (T. Belcourt)	Cultural Resources Assessment for Yard 75 South, Segments 6 and 11, Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project	Negative
San Gabriel Contractor Yard	Pacific Legacy, 2007	Cultural Resources Inventory of the Southern California Edison Company Tehachapi Renewables Transmission Project, Kern, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties, California	Negative
Huntington Drive Contractor Yard	SCE, 2010 (K. Ahmet)	Assessment: Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project Segment 7 – Huntington Drive Contractor Yard	Negative
Potrero Grande Contractor Yard	PCR, 2010 (M. Wetherbee)	A Phase I Cultural Resources Inventory and Paleontological Assessment for the Potrero Grande Contractor Yard, City of Monterey Park, Los Angeles County	Negative

Yard Name	Consultant/Author/Date	Report	Resource Results
Strawberry Field Contractor Yard	ICF International Pacific Legacy Urbana Preservation & Planning, 2010	Archaeological Survey and National Register of Historic Places and California Register of Historical Resources Evaluation of 07-H-002 and 07-H-003, Strawberry Contractor Yard, for the SCE Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project – Segment 7, Los Angeles County, California	Positive
Mesa Material Yard	PCR, 2010 (M. Wetherbee)	A Phase I Cultural Resources Inventory and Paleontological Assessment for the Mesa Material Yard, City of Monterey Park, Los Angeles County	Negative
All Yards	Cogstone, 2009 (Gust and Scott)	Paleontological Resource Management Plan for Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project Segments 4 through 11, Kern, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties, California.	N/A

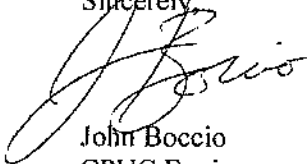
No additional impacts to cultural or paleontological resources are anticipated.

- **Land Use:** SCE submitted property owner letters requesting that the yard improvements be left in place for Rodeo North Contractor Yard, Racetrack Contractor Yard, Avenue F Contractor Yard, Yard 28 Material Yard, and Yard 75 South Material Yard. The remaining yards are owned by SCE.

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

- SCE shall submit to CPUC the final temporary and permanent impact acreages, by habitat type, for TRTP construction. These acreages shall be compared to the available TRTP off-site habitat compensation lands, and shall incorporate other SCE projects utilizing TRTP off-site compensation lands, including but not limited to, Antelope-Pardee, Antelope Transmission, and Downs Substation Expansion Project.

Sincerely,



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