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Subject: Updates to Notice to Proceed #4 Alpine Field Offices Yard 18A

On May 28, 2010, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) granted authorization under Notice to Proceed (NTP) #4 to San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) to commence with construction at the Alpine Field Offices Yard 18A, located in Alpine, California in San Diego County as part of the Sunrise Powerlink Project.

Based on information provided by SDG&E on July 29th, the following updates have been made to NTP #4:

Cultural Resources.

The Inventory of Cultural Resources letter report pertaining to Alpine Yard 18a was submitted to the CPUC and BLM on March 23, 2010. No cultural resources were identified in the record searches or cultural surveys for the APE. The report was reviewed by the CPUC cultural resources consultant. The report indicates that the yard is currently covered by as much as 12 feet of fill, thus precluding the possibility of encountering or disturbing cultural resources. ~~The letter report provided "All earth-disturbing activities (e.g., grading, trenching, etc.) within Alpine Yard 18a shall be monitored by a professional archaeologist and a Native American consultant; and in the event of an archaeological discovery, all construction activity in the vicinity of the find shall be redirected or halted. In consultation with the BLM and the CPUC, SDG&E shall develop a plan to assess the find and mitigate impacts/effects to the resource."~~ The Sunrise Project Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP) was approved July 2010. The conditions of the HPMP shall be implemented during construction.

Paleontological Resources.

The Paleontological Resources Review letter report pertaining to Alpine Yard 18a was submitted to the CPUC on March 19, 2010. The Paleontology Report provided "Given the lack of paleontological resources at the proposed Alpine Regional Field Offices support site, any construction activities related to development of the site will not result in any resource impacts. ~~However, in the unlikely event that a paleontological discovery is made during site development, all earthwork must cease in the area of discovery until a recovery plan is prepared, reviewed, and approved by CPUC ..."~~ The report was reviewed by the CPUC consultant. The Final Paleontological Monitoring and Treatment Plan was approved in July 2010 and its conditions shall be implemented during construction.

Conditions of NTP Approval

The following condition has been deleted.

~~All earth-disturbing activities (e.g., grading, trenching, etc.) within Alpine Yard 18a shall be monitored by a professional archaeologist and a Native American consultant; and in the event of an archaeological discovery, all construction activity in the vicinity of the find shall be redirected or halted. In consultation with the BLM and the CPUC, SDG&E shall develop a plan to assess the find and mitigate impacts/effects to the resource.~~

~~In the event that a paleontological discovery is made during site development, all earthwork must cease in the area of discovery until a recovery plan is prepared, reviewed, and approved by CPUC.~~