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This letter is an update and renewal of the Forest Service August 19, 2011 variance issued for SDGE to continue work until 1:00 PM (1300 hours) on level Ev Project Activity Level (PAL) fire danger days.

Renewed are SDG&E requests to mechanically clear brush and vegetation by skid steer mower/masticator, chainsaw, and/or small wood chipper on tower sites, access roads, and pull sites associated with EP125, EP126, & EP127; conduct geotechnical soil boring at sites CP69-3, EP113-5, & EP127; perform project wide BMP maintenance & inspections (76 sites).

Added are the work activities included in the Forest Service response to SDG&E's August 12, 2011 request for concurrent work along La Posta Road (LPR). All LPR improvement work, includes brushing, grading, turnouts, driveways, intersections, dips, aggregate, gates, and barriers; geotechnical soil boring at sites EP130-1 and EP141; mechanical vegetation clearing at Thing Valley construction yard, EP130, & EP131 PS; and enough rough grading at PS125, PS130, & PS141 West to allow for turning around of aggregate delivery trucks.

The above operations may proceed until 1:00 PM (1300 hours) on Ev PAL fire danger days under the cumulative restrictions of the PAL from A to Ev and use of the following staffed and operational fire equipment at each active work site. 1) One minimum 2000 gallon water truck with at least 300 feet of one inch fire hose. 2) A full time fire watch with type 6 brush patrol with minimum 300 gallons of water to remain on site during operations and 2 hours past the end of the work day. 3) A designated fire patrol person to patrol the area and monitor weather conditions. 4) Appropriate fire tools kept within 25 feet of operations at all times. 5) A special permit is required for all welding, grinding, and/or cutting operations. 6) BMP maintenance and inspection may occur by non-motorized means at all sites released by the Forest Service for ground disturbing activities.

All vegetation within work areas will be watered down prior to the start of mower/masticator work by use of a water truck/water tank/water trailer with spray bar/or hose line to wet vegetation as necessary. Work will stop anytime the above fire mitigation measures, including water supply, are insufficient at the work site.



All operations are subject to the PAL for Forest Service Area 685, the Special Use Permit, and all project plans and exhibits. Variances will be issued to SDG&E before the close of business every Thursday and will be good for the following seven day period (August 26th to September 1st). This variance can be rescinded at anytime by the Forest Service. To make future renewal requests please contact Brian Paul, Sunrise Project Manager at (619) 445-6235.

Sincerely,



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