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RE: Mesa 500 kV Substation Project
Vic. LA-60/PM R5.909 to 9.476
LA-164/PM 2.412
SCH # 2015061014
Ref. IGR/CEQA No. 150620AL-NOP
IGR/CEQA No. 160504AL-DEIR

Dear Ms. Orsaba:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the environmental review process for the above referenced project. The project proposes to construct the Mesa 500-kilovolt (kV) Substation Project. The proposed project would involve rebuilding the Mesa Substation and upgrading a portion of its transmission infrastructure in the Western Los Angeles Basin.

This SCE (Southern California Edison) Mesa 500 KV station will undoubtedly cause inconvenience and delay for the motoring public at various times during the duration of construction activities even with mitigation measures in place. The following locations are identified in the Draft DEIR as having significant impacts during the duration of the Mesa project for phase 1, phase 2 and phase 3 for the AM and PM Hours.

- 1 Garfield Avenue / Pomona Blvd.
- 2 Garfield Avenue / Via Compo
- 3 Markland Drive / Via compo / SR-60 EB on ramp
- 4 Markland Drive / Potrero Grande – SR-60 WB off ramp
- 5 Wilcox Avenue / Pomona Blvd.
- 6 Paramount BL / Neil Armstrong St. – SR-60 WB on and off ramps

The proposed mitigation measures as outlined in the DEIR are as follows:

- 1 SCE will develop and submit for approval the master peak period traffic management plan prior to construction to help alleviate traffic congestions at identified significant impact locations due to construction activities.



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- 2 Limit delivery trucks, construction vehicles, oversized vehicles trips to off peak hours to lessen traffic impacts at significant impact locations.
- 3 Require carpooling for employees to reduce trips during the peak commuting hours.
- 4 SCE to adhere to Caltrans standards for roadway closures and detours (no closure between 5 AM and 10 PM).

Since the project may encroach on State right-of-way, please be reminded that any work performed within the State Right-of-way will require an Encroachment Permit from Caltrans. Any modifications to State facilities must meet all mandatory design standard and specifications.

Storm water run-off is a sensitive issue for Los Angeles and Ventura counties. Please be mindful that projects should be designed to discharge clean run-off water. Additionally, discharge of storm water run-off is not permitted onto State highway facilities without a storm water management plan.

As stated in the EIR, SCE is responsible for damages to Caltrans facilities, such as, roadway pavement, traffic signs, delineations, markers and so on. Construction vehicles transporting materials (dirt, debris, trash) on freeway/highway need to have cover over them. Transportation of heavy construction equipment and/or materials, which requires the use of oversized-transport vehicles on State highways, will require a transportation permit from Caltrans. It is recommended that large size truck trips be limited to off-peak commute periods. Scheduling construction works on the weekends and after hours to help relieve traffic congestions during work day peak hours is strongly recommended.

Caltrans concurs that a truck/traffic construction management plan is needed for this project. Traffic Management Plans involving lane closures or street detours which will impact the circulation system affecting traffic to and from freeway on/off-ramps should be coordinated with Caltrans.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alan Lin the project coordinator at (213) 897-8391 and refer to IGR/CEQA No. 160504AL.

Sincerely,



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cc: Scott Morgan, State Clearinghouse

