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To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Property Owners
& Interested Parties

From: John Boccio, Environmental Project Manager

Subject: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
(DRAFT EIR) AND PUBLIC MEETING:
Falcon Ridge Substation Project (A.10-12-017)
SCH No. 2011041009

Date: January 26, 2012

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for consideration of the application by Southern California Edison (SCE) to construct, operate, and maintain the Falcon Ridge Substation Project (A.10-12-017). The Draft EIR details the proposed project, evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the project, identifies those impacts that could be significant, and presents mitigation measures which, if adopted by the CPUC or other responsible agencies, could avoid or minimize these impacts. The Draft EIR also evaluates alternatives to the project, including a No Project Alternative, as required by CEQA.

Description of the Project.

The project is located in the cities of Rancho Cucamonga, Fontana, Rialto, and a portion of unincorporated San Bernardino County. SCE requests authorization to:

- Construct an unattended, automated 56 MVA/66/12 kilovolt (kV) low-profile substation (Falcon Ridge Substation) located on a 7.5-acre parcel in the City of Fontana;
- Install two 66 kV subtransmission source line segments to connect the Falcon Ridge Substation to the existing Alder 66/12 kV Substation and existing Etiwanda 220/66 kV Substation (upgrades would occur within each of these substations to accommodate the project);
- Construct three underground 112 kV distribution getaways; and
- Install telecommunications facilities (fiber-optic) at the proposed Falcon Ridge Substation, install fiber-optic cable on the proposed 66 kV subtransmission source lines, and modify the existing telecommunications facilities at the existing Etiwanda and Alder Substations to connect the proposed substation to SCE's existing telecommunications network.

The objectives of the project are to meet long-term electrical demand requirements and improve electrical system operational flexibility and reliability in the electrical needs area (see Figure 1).

Public Comment on the Draft EIR.

The Draft EIR is available for a 45-day public comment period, January 26, 2012 through March 12, 2012. The public may present comments and concerns regarding the project and the adequacy of the Draft EIR. Written comments on the Draft EIR must be postmarked or received by fax or e-mail no later than March 12, 2012. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number in your correspondence.

Written comments on the Draft EIR should be sent to:

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The CPUC also will hold a public meeting to receive oral and written comments from interested parties. Following the end of the public comment period, responses to all comments received on the Draft EIR and submitted within the specified 45-day review period will be prepared by the CPUC and included in a response to comments document, which together with the Draft EIR, will constitute the Final EIR for the project. The public meeting will be held:

Thursday, February 16, 2012
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Summit High School
Room G-101
15551 Summit Avenue
Fontana, CA 92336

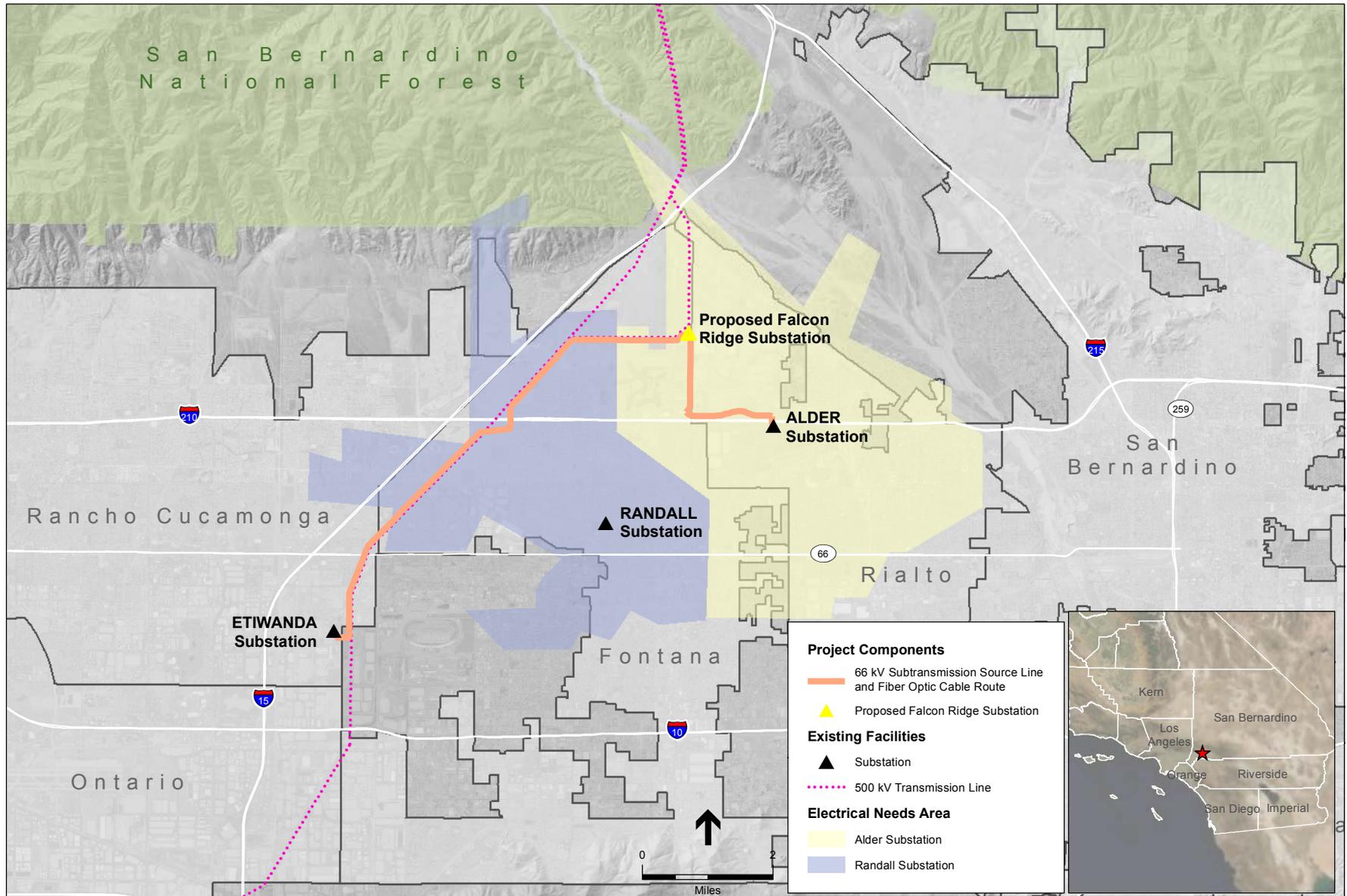
Availability of Draft EIR.

Copies of the Draft EIR will be available for public review at the libraries identified below and on the project website: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/esa/falconridge/index.html> This website will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce any upcoming public meetings. Hard copies or CD copies of the Draft EIR may be requested by telephone at (415) 896-5900 or by e-mail at falconridge@esassoc.com.

Project information repositories include the following branch libraries:

Fontana Lewis Library 8437 Sierra Avenue Fontana, CA 92335 Phone: (909) 574-4500	Carter Branch Library 2630 N. Linden Avenue Rialto, CA 92377 Phone: (909) 854-4100	Paul A. Biane Library 12505 Cultural Center Drive Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739 Phone: (909) 477-2720
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REMINDER: Draft EIR comments will be accepted by fax, e-mail, or U.S. Mail postmarked on or before March 12, 2012. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number in your correspondence.



SOURCE: SCE, 2011

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Figure 1
Electrical Needs Area