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

From: Michael Rosauer, Environmental Project Manager

**Subject: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
(DRAFT EIR) AND PUBLIC MEETING:
Moorpark-Newbury 66 kV Subtransmission Line Project (A.13-10-021)
SCH No. 2014031073**

Date: June 11, 2015

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 filed by Southern California Edison (SCE) to construct, operate, and maintain the Moorpark-Newbury 66 kV Subtransmission Line Project (A.13-10-021, Proposed Project). The Draft EIR describes the Proposed Project; evaluates and describes the potential environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Project's construction, operation, and maintenance; 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 considers alternatives to the Proposed Project, including two No Project Alternatives.

Description of the Proposed Project

The Proposed Project is located within approximately 9 miles of existing SCE rights-of-way (ROW) between SCE's Moorpark and Newbury substations, in the cities of Moorpark and Thousand Oaks, and in unincorporated Ventura County. SCE requests authorization to:

- Install approximately 500 feet of new underground 66 kV subtransmission line and a new line position in the 66 kilovolt (kV) switchrack entirely within Moorpark Substation.
- Install two tubular steel pole (TSP) foundations, four TSPs, the upper portion of one TSP, and approximately 5 miles of conductor on new and existing TSPs along the new Moorpark-Newbury 66 kV Subtransmission Line route on the south and east sides of SCE's existing Moorpark-Ormond Beach 220 kV ROW.
- Install eight TSP foundations, 13 double-circuit TSPs, and approximately 3 miles of conductor on the new Moorpark-Newbury 66 kV Subtransmission Line, and reconductor 3 miles of the Moorpark-Newbury-Pharmacy 66 kV Subtransmission Line. Both of these subtransmission lines would be collocated on the new double-circuit TSPs. In addition, 14 existing lattice steel towers (LSTs) would be removed along this 3-mile segment.
- Install approximately 0.5 mile of conductor for the new Moorpark-Newbury 66 kV Subtransmission Line to be collocated with the Moorpark-Newbury-Pharmacy 66 kV Subtransmission Line on previously installed lightweight steel (LWS) poles into Newbury Substation. In addition, four TSP foundations, four TSPs, two LWS poles, and a new 66 kV subtransmission line position would be installed, and six wood poles would be removed at Newbury Substation. The existing subtransmission, distribution, and telecommunications facilities would be transferred onto the new TSPs and LWS poles.

The objectives of the Proposed Project are to add capacity to meet forecasted electrical demand while providing long-term, safe, and reliable electrical service in the electrical needs area, as well as to maintain sufficient voltage in accordance with applicable requirements during normal and abnormal system conditions.

Public Comment on the Draft EIR

The Draft EIR is available for review and comment during a 45-day public comment period (June 11, 2015 through July 27, 2015). The public may present comments and concerns regarding the Proposed Project and the adequacy of the Draft EIR. Written comments on the Draft EIR must be postmarked or received by e-mail no later than July 27, 2015. 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 will also hold a public comment 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 Proposed Project. The public meeting will be held:

**Wednesday, June 24, 2015
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Palm Garden Hotel
495 Ventu Park Road
Thousand Oaks, CA 93120**

Availability of Draft EIR

Copies of the Draft EIR will be available for public review at the Grant R. Brimhall Library, Moorpark City Library, Newbury Park Branch Library, and on the Proposed Project website at:

http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/esa/moorpark_newbury/index.html

This website will be used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce any upcoming public meetings. CD copies of the Draft EIR may be requested by telephone at (707) 795-0926 or by e-mail at Moorpark-Newbury@esassoc.com.

Proposed Project information repositories include the following branches:

<p>Grant R. Brimhall Library 1401 East Janss Road Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 Phone: (805) 449-2660</p>	<p>Moorpark City Library 699 Moorpark Avenue Moorpark, CA 93021 Phone: (805) 517-6370</p>	<p>Newbury Park Library 2331 Borchard Road Newbury Park, CA 91320 Phone: (805) 498-2139</p>
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