

ECO/TULE/ESJ GEN-TIE FINAL EIR/EIS ERRATA II

Introduction

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Study (EIR/EIS) for the East County Substation (ECO)/Tule Wind/Energia Sierra Juarez (ESJ) Gen-Tie Projects on October 14, 2011. Following publication, several minor errors were identified and it was determined that these would be published as errata to the Final EIR/EIS. The first errata document was published in November 2011. Since this time, an additional revision and clarification was identified and it was determined that this would be published as a second errata document to the Final EIR/EIS. This erratum item merely clarifies existing text in the EIR/EIS and does not raise important new issues about significant effects on the environment. This change is insignificant as the term is used in Section 15088.5(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, and under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) does not result in new significant circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns, or require analysis of a new alternative (40 CFR 1502.9(c)(1)(ii)).

Errata Item

The following modification to Mitigation Measure FF-3 provides clarification regarding specific mitigation payments specified in the measure as they pertain to San Diego Gas & Electric's (SDG&E's) proposed East County Substation Project. Revisions to text in the Final EIR/EIS are presented in underline (signifying an addition).

Revision to Mitigation Measure FF-3 in Table D.15-8, Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting—ECO Substation, Tule Wind, and ESJ Gen-Tie Projects—Fire and Fuels Management, page D.15-110 of the Final EIR/EIS.

FF-3: Provide Assistance to San Diego Rural Fire Protection District (SDRFPD) and San Diego County Fire Authority (SDCFA). Provide assistance to SDRFPD and SDCFA to improve the response and firefighting effectiveness near electrical substations, transmission lines, and aerial infrastructure based on project risk and fire protection needs. Assistance by SDG&E shall include providing funding for one SDCFA Fire Code Specialist II position to enforce existing fire code requirements, including but not limited to implementing required fuel management requirements (e.g., defensible space), in priority areas to be identified by the SDCFA for the life of the project. All fuel management activities shall be in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (I), which indicates that the minor land alternation activities will not have a significant effect on the environment, as the activities will not result in the taking of endangered, rare, or

threatened plant or animal species or significant erosion and sedimentation of surface waters. In addition, SDG&E is to provide funding to allow SDCFA to employ up to four volunteer/reserve firefighters as part-time code inspectors on a stipend basis for up to 90 days per year for the life of the project. The funding for the SDCFA Fire Code Specialist II position and the four volunteer/reserve firefighters as part-time code inspectors will be provided through proportional contributions, to be determined by CPUC and BLM, from SDG&E (and the other applicants) to the SDCFA prior to construction.

A fixed annual fire mitigation fee of approximately \$116,600 will be provided by SDG&E to SDRFPD for mitigation funding. The funding will be utilized to assist with the purchase and maintenance of a Type I engine with an aqueous film forming foam (AFF) apparatus with a deck gun to apply a heavy stream. In addition, the funding will be utilized to provide for a third volunteer stipend to staff the engine with firefighters and training for electrical firefighting for 10 personnel (2 per year on a 5-year rotation). The fire mitigation fee will be paid annually during the life of the project and terminated upon decommissioning of the substation and related facilities.