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Construction Notification Plan

The following construction notification plan is designed to help SDG&E reach out to property and business owners along the route, and other interested stakeholders during the construction of the Sunrise Powerlink transmission line. The plan addresses the requirements from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and U.S. Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) "Mitigation, Monitoring, Compliance and Reporting Program (MMCRP)."

OBJECTIVE

The objective is to ensure that information about construction activities for the Sunrise Powerlink is proactively and accurately disseminated on a timely and regular basis.

The following plan is two-fold: The first part outlines elements from the CPUC and BLM MMCRP. The second part is further public education and notification SDG&E will carry out throughout the construction phase of the project.

WORK PLAN

I. CPUC and BLM MMCRP

SDG&E’s strategy will be executed through a series of public education and notification processes, which are inline with the requests found in the CPUC and BLM MMCRP.

SDG&E will be requesting a Notice to Proceed (NTP) for specific segments of the Sunrise Powerlink Project. Notifications described in this document will be a condition, as is appropriate, for specific NTP’s. SDG&E will provide documentation of mailings, address lists, newspaper clippings, posting information or other demonstration of compliance with the mitigation measures listed in this Plan.

- **L-1a: Prepare Construction Notification Plan**
  
  - Forty-five days prior to construction, SDG&E will submit a Construction Notification Plan to the CPUC and the BLM for approval.
  
  - The notifications, both those mailed and posted, are part of the Plan and are approved as part of this Plan. SDG&E will coordinate with both the CPUC and BLM when notifications contain time constraints (such as timing with a planned community outreach) or necessitate community sensitivity.
  
  - This Plan identifies the procedures SDG&E will use to inform property and business owners of the location and duration of construction.
  
  - Coordinate with public venue posting procedures.
  
  - Identify any additional public venue postings because of their proximity to the project and conduct postings accordingly.
- All posted notices will be removed within the required timeframe per the local jurisdiction requirements.

This Plan includes a template example of the proposed public notices and advertisements in Appendix A. Notifications will include details specific to the type and area of construction for the segment of work.

**L-1a: Send Public Notice Mailers**

- A public notice mailer will be prepared and mailed more than 15 days prior to construction.
- The notice will identify construction activities that would restrict, block, or require a detour to access existing residential properties, retail and commercial businesses, wilderness and recreation facilities, and public facilities (e.g., schools and memorial parks).
- SDG&E will notify the public of the potential for parking spaces to be temporarily eliminated and where parking spaces will be relocated through media such as local newspapers and on-site postings. The elimination and relocation of parking spaces will be in conformance with the requirements of agencies responsible for parking management.
- The notice will include the following information:
  - Type of construction activities
  - Location of construction activities
  - Duration of construction activities
  - All helicopter activities
- SDG&E will mail the notice to:
  - All residents or property owners within 1,000 feet of the right-of-way.
  - Any property owners or tenants that could be impacted by construction activities.
  - Specific public agencies with facilities that could be impacted by construction.
  - If construction delays of more than seven days occur, an additional notice shall be prepared and distributed.

As part of the public notification process, SDG&E will distribute door hangers to property and business owners along the route who will be directly impacted by the construction. The public liaison person’s contact information will be provided on the door hangers, along with the project’s Web site and information about the duration of the construction.

**L-1a: Place Newspaper Advertisements**

SDG&E will place print advertisements in local newspapers throughout the region at least 15 days prior to construction, within a route (construction) segment. The notices will be placed in the following local newspapers and bulletins in order to reach the maximum amount of residents and businesses who are directly impacted by the project’s construction:

- The Alpine Sun
- East County Magazine
- The Back Country Messenger
- Imperial Valley Press
- San Diego Union-Tribune
- Enlace (Spanish-language newspaper)
The advertisement will include information about when and where the construction will occur and provide contact information for SDG&E’s public liaison person and hotline should any community members have questions about the activities taking place. If construction is delayed for more than seven days, SDG&E will place another round of advertisements, including information about the status and schedule of construction.

- **L-1a: Public Venue Notices**

  Notices will be placed in public venues at least 30 days prior to the commencement of construction. Per the request of the CPUC and BLM, SDG&E will place notifications on trail crossings, rest stops, desert centers, resource management offices and other public venues to inform residents and visitors of the purpose and schedule of construction activities.

  - The following public venue areas have been identified for possible posting of construction notices that are needed prior to construction activity. Should additional venues be identified because of their proximity to the project, posting will be conducted accordingly.

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For public trail closures, SDG&E will post information on the trail detour at applicable resource management offices and post the notice on the trail within two miles of the detour. For recreation facilities, the notice will be posted along the access routes to known recreational destinations that would be restricted, blocked or detoured and will provide information about other recreation areas can be used during construction or closure of these facilities.

- **L-1a: Provide Public Liaison Person and Toll-Free Information Hotline**

  SDG&E identifies Laura McDonald as the public liaison person for the Sunrise Powerlink before and during construction. She will be available to respond to concerns of neighboring property owners about noise, dust and other construction disturbances. SDG&E will include contact information for the public liaison person in all notices distributed to the public and on the project’s Web site. A toll-free number has already been established [(877) 775-6818] and is available to receive inquiries before and during construction of the project.
The following procedures have been developed for handling and responding to calls:

A Sunrise Powerlink team member will be on hand from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, to answer the toll-free information hotline. In case a team member is not available to answer the phone or if a person calls after hours, a voicemail service will be set up for callers to leave their inquiries. Team members will monitor the message system throughout the day to ensure any inquiries will be answered in a timely manner.

Team members’ responsibilities for the toll-free hotline include answering the phone with “Sunrise Powerlink Information Hotline, how may I help you?” Team members will listen to the question and determine the best answer. If that particular team member does not feel as though they are the appropriate person to answer the inquiry, they will forward the request on to someone else. Meanwhile, the team member will tell the inquirer that their request is being forwarded to the most appropriate person on the team for their situation, and they should get an answer within 24-hours.

- **LU-APM-1: Advance Notice to Residents**

  As part of the outreach to property owners along the route, SDG&E will provide advance notice to residents, property owners and tenants within 300 feet of construction activities. The appointed public liaison person will also be available to answer any questions or concerns, as mentioned above.

- **LU-APM-4: Access to Property**

  SDG&E will facilitate access to properties obstructed by construction and will notify property owners and tenants in advance of construction activities. When feasible, SDG&E will provide property owners and tenants with alternative access.

- **NOI-APM-1: Provide Notice Prior to Construction**

  SDG&E will provide notice prior to construction by mail to all sensitive receptors and residences within 300 feet of construction sites, staging areas, and access roads.

  The announcement shall state specifically where and when construction will occur in the area. Notices shall provide tips on reducing noise intrusion, for example, by closing windows facing the planned construction.

  SDG&E has identified a public liaison person, available before and during construction, to respond to concerns of neighboring receptors, including residents, about construction noise disturbance. Procedures for reaching the public liaison officer via telephone or in person will be included in the above notices.

  SDG&E has established a toll free telephone number, (877) 775-6818, for receiving questions or complaints during construction. Procedures for responding to the toll free number are described in section L-1a of this Plan.
• **S-2a: Notify public of utility service interruption.**
Prior to construction in which a utility service interruption is known to be unavoidable, SDG&E will notify members of the public affected by the planned outage by mail of the impending interruption. SDG&E will post flyers informing the public of the service interruption in neighborhoods affected by the planned outage. Copies of notices and dates of public notification will be provided to the CPUC and BLM. A template example is provided in Appendix A. Details specific to the type and area of construction for the segment of work, will be included in this notice.

• **F-3b: Fire Prevention, Community Education and Outreach**
SDG&E has developed a Community Fire Safety Program, the SDG&E Wildland Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Plan and a Fire Prevention Plan (for construction and maintenance of the Sunrise Powerlink Project). Information pertaining to SDG&E fire prevention and safety practices during the Sunrise Powerlink Project is available upon request. The availability of this information will be included in the text of notifications mailed to all residents, property owners or tenants within 1,000 feet of the right-of-way of this project and advance notification to residents, property owners and tenants within 300 feet of construction activities.

- SDG&E has been working with fire-fighting and law enforcement agencies to help implement a Community Fire Safety Program in order to prevent fires and respond faster when they happen. The Community Fire Safety Program has a dedicated hotline and Web site: 1-800-411-7343 and [www.sdge.com/safety/fireprep](http://www.sdge.com/safety/fireprep).
  The Sunrise Construction Fire Prevention Plan and SDG&E Wildland Fire Prevention and Safety Plan consists of the following elements:
  o Implement ongoing fire patrols during fire season
  o Provide the CPCU, BLM and State and Federal fire agencies with the 24-hour contact information and a list of onsite fire suppression equipment, tools and personnel list.
  o Cease maintenance and construction activities when a Red Flag Warning has been issued.
  o Provide construction crews and inspectors with radio and cellular telephone access.
  o Train all crew members in fire prevention, initial attack firefighting and fire reporting. Crew members will carry a card listing telephone numbers for reporting fires and immediate steps to take if a fire starts.
  o Train and equip each crew member to extinguish small fires in order to prevent them growing into more serious threats. Crew members will be within 100 yards of a vehicle containing fire suppression equipment at all times.

II. **Further SDG&E Public Education and Notification Program**
In addition to the requests filed in the CPUC and BLM’s Construction Notification Plan, SDG&E also proposes to do the following to further communicate with those who are impacted by the project’s construction activities.
• **Develop Biannual Newsletters**

In order to update key stakeholders along the approved Sunrise route as well as community members and elected officials throughout the San Diego and Imperial Valley regions, SDG&E will develop project newsletters twice throughout the upcoming year. The newsletter will cover relevant issues such as project schedule, construction activities and project benefits.

• **Update Sunrise Powerlink Web site**

SDG&E has a Web site dedicated to the project at [www.sdge.com/sunrisepowerlink](http://www.sdge.com/sunrisepowerlink). The Web site will be continually updated with information about the project, construction schedule and impacts, as well as other important issues to keep the public informed.

• **Conduct Local Group Presentations**

As the project moves along, SDG&E plans to meet with local community groups to conduct presentations about the project, including impacts the construction may have on them. Such community groups could include Chambers of Commerce, Kiwanis, Rotary Clubs, Economic Development Corporations/Councils, area Planning Groups and more.

• **Send Regular E-mails**

In order to keep community members, property and business owners and elected officials updated on the project on a regular basis about key milestones, construction activities and other issues, SDG&E will send out e-mails. As SDG&E moves through the construction phase of the project, they will continue to collect contact information from interested parties and send regular e-blasts to them.

### III. Contact Information

- Todd Voorhees, SDG&E, 8330 Century Park Ct., CP31D, San Diego, CA  92123,
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- [www.sdge.com/sunrisepowerlink](http://www.sdge.com/sunrisepowerlink)

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Appendix A

This template will be used for public notice mailers, newspaper advertisements, public venue notices and notification of public of utility service interruption. This template will be amended accordingly for the type of notification and the segment specific details for the type and area of work.
Construction Update for the Sunrise Powerlink® Transmission Line

While SDG&E® prepares to expand your access to reliable, renewable energy, there will be some construction activities in this area. These construction activities may temporarily increase local noise levels, dust and other disturbances. SDG&E is working with local municipalities and community groups to ensure the construction schedule is as least disruptive to you as possible.

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