ATTACHMENT 4.4-C: RARE PLANT SURVEY REPORT

San Diego Gas & Electric Company East County Substation Project Rare Plant Survey Report

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I. Summary

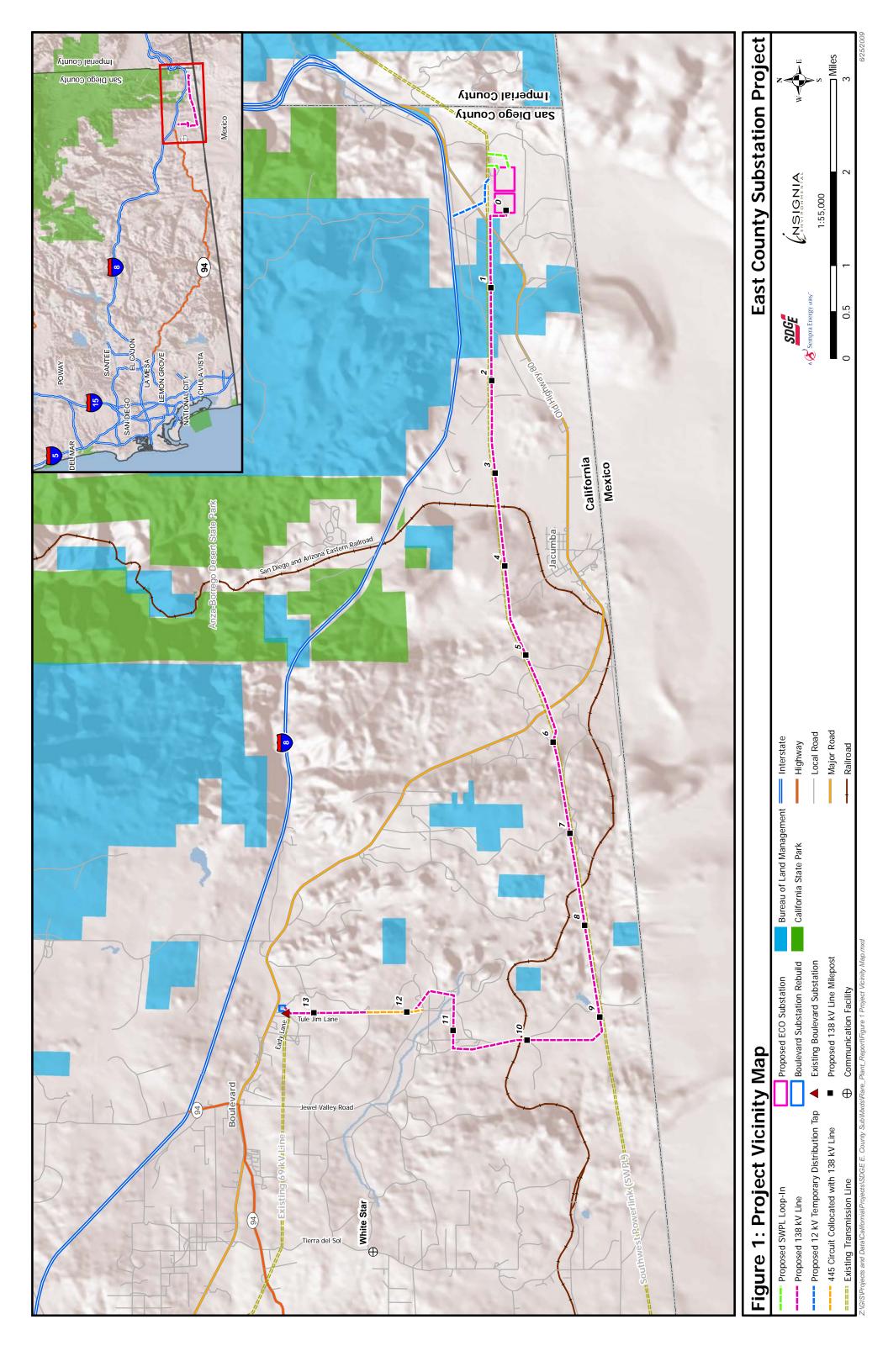
Sensitive plant surveys were conducted March through May 2009 at the proposed San Diego Gas & Electric Company's (SDG&E's) East County (ECO) Substation Project survey area (survey area). Survey results were positive for eight sensitive plant species. No plant species listed as threatened or endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) or the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) were observed. In order of sensitivity based on their ranking by the California Native Plant Society (CNPS), the following sensitive plants were observed:

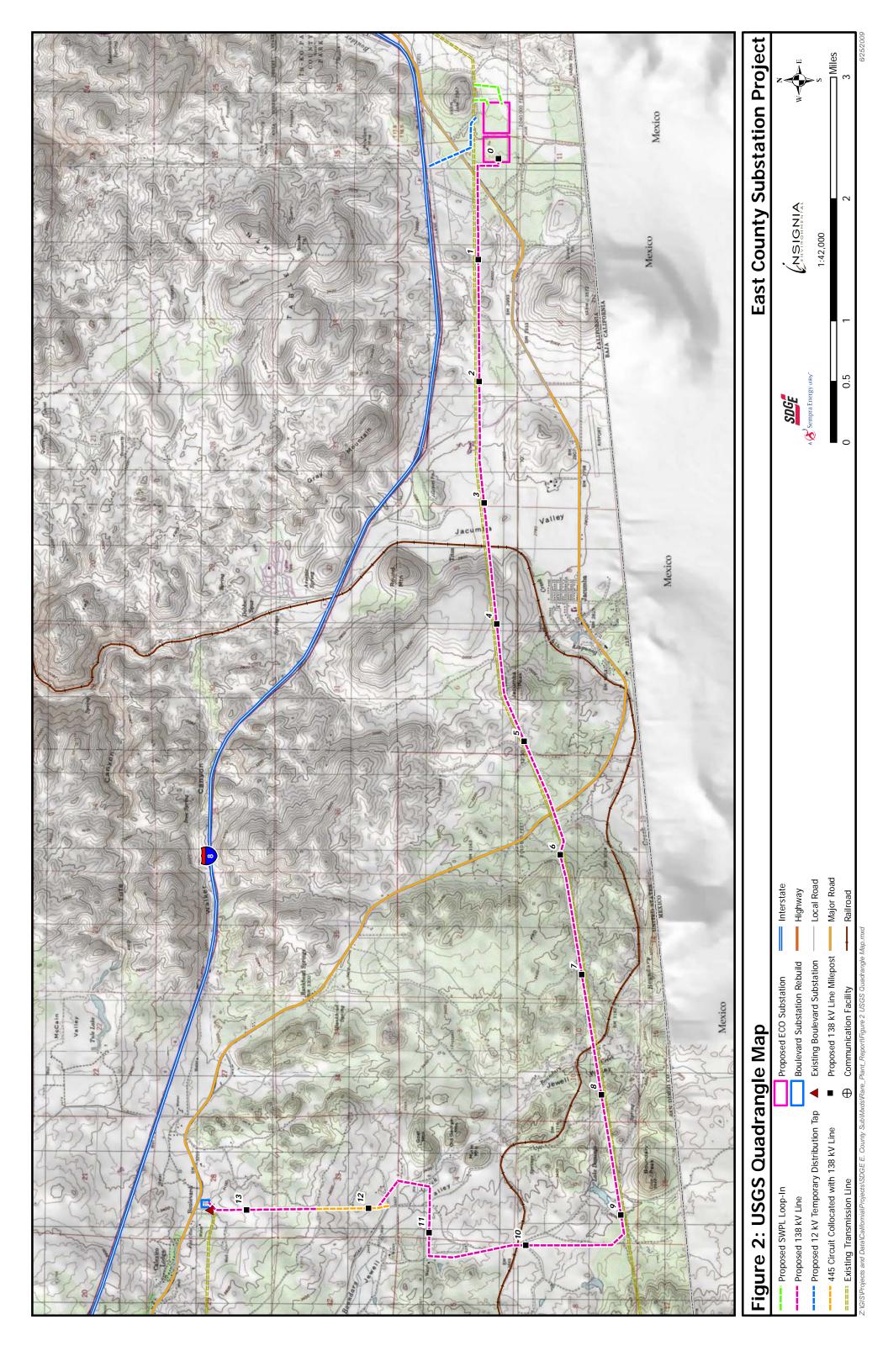
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II. Project Description

The East County Substation Project area lies partially within the town of Jacumba in southeastern San Diego County and runs to the town of Boulevard in unincorporated San Diego County. The project includes the construction of one new substation, an approximately 13.5-mile 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line on new steel and wood poles, and rebuilding the Boulevard Substation. The transmission line will extend from the East County Substation, south of Jade Mountain west for 9 miles, and then turn north for approximately 4.5 miles to the new proposed Boulevard Substation (Figures 1: Project Vicinity Map). The portion of the project that runs east-west is located 150 feet from the existing 500 kV Southwest Powerlink (SWPL) transmission line. The site is on the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 minute Live Oak Springs, Tierra Del Sol, and Jacumba Quadrangles (Figure 2: USGS Quadrangle Map).

The survey area includes a 300-foot-wide transmission line corridor and an area approximately 700 feet around the proposed substation sites. Also included are proposed new access roads, fly yards, pull sites, temporary work areas, staging yards, retention ponds, and areas where existing roads would be widened or regraded.





The survey area is mostly undeveloped, but there are existing dirt roads that are frequently used by the Border Patrol for border surveillance and there is evidence of trash dumping and minor disturbances to vegetation. U.S. Interstate 8 is located to the north and the U.S./Mexico border is to the south. U.S. Old Highway 80 crosses the survey area at three locations.

III. Methods

Surveys for plant species considered rare, threatened, or endangered by the CNPS, CDFG, and/or USFWS were performed in accordance with CNPS Botanical Survey Guidelines (revised June 2001) from March through May, 2009. Prior to the start of the surveys, a "target list" of sensitive plant species that may occur within or adjacent to the survey area was developed from many sources including Insignia Environmental's 2008 rare plant survey of the ECO substation site and the list entitled "Sensitive Plant Species with Potential to Occur in the East County Substation Project Area" that they generated and included in the Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) document. Other prominent sources included the results of a query of the CDFG's California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB), lists of voucher specimens at the San Diego Natural History Museum's (SDNHM) Herbarium, and local knowledge of rare plants likely to occur in the area. Timing of the surveys was designed to coincide with the blooming period of sensitive plant species on the target list. The blooming season for plants has some variability, depending upon adequate rainfall and warm weather so surveys were conducted more than once in areas most likely to support rare plants.

Surveys were conducted by qualified botanists walking the 300-foot-wide transmission line corridor, ECO and Boulevard substation footprints approximately 700 foot buffer around the proposed substation sites. The survey also included proposed new access roads, fly yards, pull sites, temporary work areas, staging yards, retention ponds, and areas where existing roads would be widened or re-graded. When a sensitive plant species was observed, a waypoint was taken with a handheld Global Positioning System that recorded the plant's location within the survey area and the elevation. Field notes were taken to document the approximate size of each sensitive plant population, or group of individuals, and the plant's proximity to a proposed steel pole or other project feature.

In addition to focused rare plant surveys, USFWS protocol surveys for the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino* [QCB]) were conducted within the survey area in 2009 by Rocks Biological Consulting. One of the requirements of a

QCB survey is to note all flowering plants that could serve as nectar sources for butterflies. The QCB surveys were conducted from March 18, 2009 to May 5, 2009 and all plants observed during these surveys were recorded. This information was used to help determine the optimal time to conduct focused surveys for rare plant species.

All surveys were conducted by Jim Rocks of Rocks Biological Consulting; Cindy Jones Daverin of Mariposa Biology; Margie Mulligan, Botanist at the SDNHM; and/or Jon Rebman, Ph.D, Curator of Botany at the SDNHM. A rare plant occurrence map is found in Attachment A: Rare Plant Species Occurrences Maps and a complete list of species observed within the survey area is included in Attachment B: Survey Area Plant Species List. Plant names follow Rebman and Simpson (2006). Additional plant references used included "The Jepson manual: higher plants of California" (Hickman 1993), and Reiser's "Rare Plants of San Diego County" (1994).

List 1. Rare Plant Survey Dates and Personnel

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3/19/09 - J. Rocks, C. Jones Daverin

3/23/09 - J. Rocks, C. Jones Daverin

3/25/09 - J. Rocks, C. Jones Daverin, M. Mulligan

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3/30/09 - J. Rocks, C. Jones Daverin

3/31/09 - J. Rocks, C. Jones Daverin

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4/07/09 - J. Rocks, C. Jones Daverin, M. Mulligan

4/09/09 - J. Rocks, C. Jones Daverin

4/14/09 - J. Rocks, C. Jones Daverin, M. Mulligan, J. Rebman

4/16/09 - J. Rocks, C. Jones Daverin

4/17/09 - J. Rocks

4/19/09 - J. Rocks

4/22/09 - J. Rocks, C. Jones Daverin

4/27/09 - J. Rocks, C. Jones Daverin

4/29/09 - J. Rocks, M. Mulligan

5/05/09 - J. Rocks, C. Jones Daverin

IV. Vegetation Communities

Surveys for sensitive plant species were conducted in habitats that were deemed suitable to support sensitive species based on assessments conducted prior to

onset of the focused surveys. Nearly all of the survey area was surveyed on foot at least once with the exception of the large agricultural field and other highly disturbed or developed areas that would not support rare species or even native vegetation.

Vegetation within the study area consists of mixed desert scrub, juniper woodland, chamise-redshank chaparral, shadscale scrub, oak woodland, riparian scrub, and fresh emergent wetland. Agriculture and residential/developed areas are also present. The dominant vegetation communities onsite are mixed desert scrub in the eastern portion and chamise-redshank chaparral in the western portion of the site.

Common shrub and perennial species in the eastern substation's mixed desert scrub include jojoba (*Simmondsia chinensis*), waterjacket (*Lycium andersonii*), lotebush (*Ziziphus parryi* var. *parryi*), ephedra (*Ephedra* spp.), Gander's cholla (*Cylindropuntia ganderi* var. *ganderi*), Mojave yucca (*Yucca schidigera*), and creosote (*Larrea tridentata*). As the transmission lines heads west, some of these shrubs are replaced by boundary goldenbush (*Ericameria brachylepis*), desert apricot (*Prunus fremontii*), and catclaw acacia (*Acacia greggii*). In the rock outcrops yellow bush penstemon (*Keckiella antirrhinoides*) is a dominant shrub.

Annuals present in the mixed desert scrub include dense patches of common goldfields (*Lasthenia gracilis*), desert dandelion (*Malacothrix glabrata*), wild heliotrope (*Phacelia distans*), California butterweed (*Senecio californicus*), California coreopsis (*Coreopsis californica* var. *californica*), and pincushion (*Chaenactis* spp.).

Juniper woodland is present in the eastern portion of the survey area and is similar to the mixed desert scrub in plant composition with the exception being the dominance of California juniper (*Juniperus californicus*). The other shrubs and perennials are present in lower numbers. Annuals are sparser in the juniper woodland than in the mixed desert scrub.

The chamise-redshank chaparral areas contain large boulder hills and outcrops along the east-west portion and are relatively flat, lacking boulder outcrops along the north-south portion. Thickets of chamise (*Adenostoma fasciculatum*) and red shank are dominant, with sugar bush (*Rhus ovata*), holly-leaf cherry (*Prunus ilicifolia*), point-leaf manzanita (*Arctostaphylos pungens*), and California buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*). The rock outcrops also support Jacumba monkey flower (CNPS List 4.3). Openings in the chaparral between steel pole (SP)-38 and the Boulevard Substation support foothill buckwheat (*Eriogonum wrightii* var.

membranaceum), common goldfields, weak-leaf bur-sage (*Ambrosia confertiflora*), and white-margin sandmat (*Chamaesyce albomarginata*).

Washes, classified as riparian scrub, are found within some upland vegetation communities onsite. The washes, with looser and sandier soils than the surrounding uplands, contained many of the same plant species as the mixed desert scrub, chamise-redshank chaparral, and juniper woodland, depending on the location of the wash. Additional species found in the washes include cheesebush (*Ambrosia salsola* var. *salsola*), chaparral woolly-star (*Eriastrum densifolium* ssp. *elongatum*), Wallace's woolly daisy (*Eriophyllum wallacei*), and Schott's calico (*Loeseliastrum schottii*).

Fresh emergent wetland was mapped in Carrizo Creek. Vegetation present includes tamarisk (*Tamarisk ramosissima*), honey mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa* var. *torreyana*), and cheesebush. In washes that have running water throughout the spring, seep monkey flower (*Mimulus guttatus*) and other wetland species are present.

Oak woodland is defined by clusters of interior coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia* var. *oxydenia*) trees. In the rock outcrop areas, other species present include chaparral shrubs and pride-of-California (CNPS List 4.3). Non-native grasses are part of the understory in other areas.

Shadscale scrub occurs on the project site as a small patch of vegetation with the dominant shrub being shadscale or four-wing saltbush (*Atriplex canescens* var. *canescens*). Non-native red-stem filaree (*Erodium cicutarium*) is the dominant annual plant. This vegetation community had few other annual wildflowers or shrubs.

V. Results

Eight sensitive plant species were observed during the 2009 surveys. No state or federally listed plant species was observed in the survey area. All species are considered sensitive based on their CNPS listing status; however, CNPS List 4 species (Palmer's grappling-hook, pride-of-California, Jacumba monkey flower, and oceanblue larkspur) are not required to be addressed under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and impacts on these species would not require mitigation. These species were documented in the survey area and are included here as they are considered sensitive plants. An explanation of the CNPS lists is provided in Table 2 (CNPS 2009).

List 2. Explanation of CNPS Listings and Threat Codes

LIST 1A: Presumed extinct in California.

LIST 1B: Rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere.

LIST 2: Rare, threatened, or endangered in California, but more common elsewhere.

LIST 3: We need more information about this plant (Review List).

LIST 4: Limited distribution (Watch List).

Threat Code

0.1: Seriously endangered in California

0.2: Fairly endangered in California

0.3: Not very endangered in California

A description of each species' regulatory status, typical flowering period, geographic distribution, general habitat, and a detailed account of their location and approximate abundance within the survey area follows. Plant species are listed in order of sensitivity from most sensitive to least sensitive. Representative photographs of each species observed within the area were taken in the field and are included here along with a map of the documented distribution of each species within San Diego County as of July 2009. Each point on the map represents a voucher specimen that was collected and deposited at the San Diego Herbarium at the SDNHM. Use of the maps was approved through express permission of the SDNHM Botany Department. Also of note, was the discovery of a new San Diego County plant record. Indian breadroot (*Pediomelum californicum*) was observed near the population of desert beauty west of steel pole SP-70. This species is known from many counties to the north, but not previously documented in San Diego. There is no regulatory constraint associated with this species.

Jacumba Milkvetch (Astragalus douglasii var. perstrictus)





Fabaceae - Pea Family CNPS List: 1B.2 Federal Listing: None State Listing: None

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Perennial herb; flowers April - June

Jacumba milkvetch is a stout perennial with a small range within the United States. This species is restricted to southeastern San Diego County primarily near Campo, Jacumba and Boulevard, California at elevations between 850 meters (m) – 1400 m above mean sea level (msl) (Consortium of California Herbaria 2009). Jacumba milkvetch also occurs in Baja California, Mexico. The typical habitat of this species is sandy or stony openings often within or adjacent to oak woodland and/or ephemeral drainages.

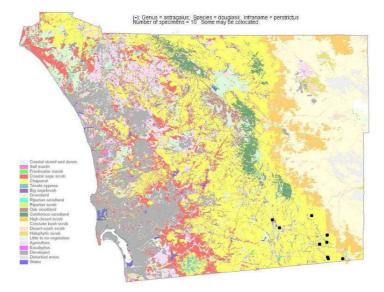
Jacumba milkvetch was found in many locations within the survey area. All occurrences were west of where the proposed transmission line crosses over Highway 80, west of the town of Jacumba, California. No individuals were observed within the survey area east of Highway 80. Typically, Jacumba Milkvetch was observed as a single individual or diffuse clusters of 2 – 10 individuals, but a few larger patches of 30 – 100 individuals were also noted.

Reporting from the north end of the survey area to the south and east, scattered individuals of Jacumba milkvetch were found near the proposed new Boulevard Substation site at the extreme north end of the survey area. It was also observed in low numbers adjacent to Tule Jim Road in sandy openings from SP-1 to SP-7 with a denser cluster between SP-5 and SP-6. This species was not observed between SP-7 and SP-11, but several scattered plants were found in the open field near SP-12 where a fly yard is proposed. Approximately 30 individuals of

Jacumba Milkvetch were observed on private land between SP-20 and SP-21 and less than 5 plants were documented near SP-23. Jacumba milkvetch was not observed between SP-23 and SP-47.

The largest population of approximately 100 loosely clustered individuals was documented near the Oak Woodland Riparian drainage that occurs between SP-48 and SP-49 north of the existing transmission line.

Jacumba milkvetch is considered the most sensitive plant species observed within the survey area in 2009 based on its CNPS List 1B.2 ranking. 1B species are "rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere." The threat code 0.2 denotes that this species is "fairly endangered in California." Based on our survey and understanding of the proposed project, it appears that impacts on most individuals of Jacumba milkvetch can be avoided as most do not occur immediately adjacent to a steel pole or other direct impact area, but rather are located between poles where disturbance to vegetation is not likely to occur. However, some individuals of Jacumba milkvetch occur within old dirt roads that may be used during construction.



Map A. Documented distribution of Jacumba milkvetch (*Astragalus douglasii* var. *perstrictus*) within San Diego County (San Diego Natural History Museum, July 2009).

Sticky Geraea (Geraea viscida)





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Asteraceae - Sunflower Family

CNPS List: 2.3

Federal Listing: None State Listing: None

Short-lived perennial; flowers April - June

Sticky geraea is a short-lived perennial with a small range in the United States restricted to southeastern San Diego County, with a few occurrences in Imperial County (Consortium of California Herbaria 2009). This species also occurs in Baja California, Mexico. The typical habitat of this species is openings in chaparral or desert transition scrub with deep, coarse, granitically derived, sandy soils often with finer material below. Sticky geraea occurs at elevations between 500 m-1250 m above msl in San Diego County and as low as approximately 150 m in Imperial County.

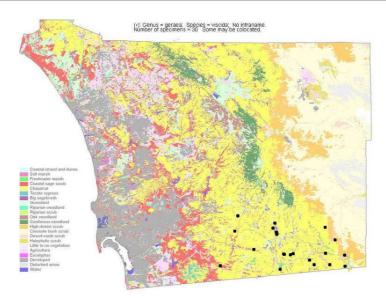
Sticky geraea was common in many locations within the survey area west of SP-95. No individuals were observed within the survey area east of SP-95.

Typically, sticky geraea was observed in patches of approximately 5 to 15 individuals, but populations of greater than 50 individuals were observed.

Reporting from the north end of the survey area to the south and east, sticky geraea was not found within the proposed new Boulevard substation area at the extreme north end of the survey area. Scattered, small clusters of individuals of sticky geraea were observed near SP-1 and the access road to the west. This species was not observed between SP-1 and SP-6. Just north of SP-7 is a large population of approximately 50 plants including an individual that is immediately adjacent to the proposed location for SP-7 (see photo above). The largest and most abundant population of sticky geraea within the survey area occurs from SP-7 south to SP-9, with hundreds of individuals scattered through this area on both sides of Tule Jim Road. At least 50 individuals occur just north of SP-9. A few individuals of this species also occur near SP-10. From SP-10 to approximately SP-32, occurrences of sticky geraea were much less frequent. Scattered, low density clusters (typically < 5 individuals) of sticky geraea were observed in the proposed fly yard open field near SP-12, near an access road between SP-19 and SP-20, and approximately 20 individuals were scattered between SP-32 and SP-34.

Sticky geraea was not observed from SP-34 to SP-48, but scattered individuals were found between SP-48 and SP-49 mixed in with the large Jacumba milkvetch population that also occurs here. This species was infrequent from SP-51 to SP-60, but there is a large loose population from SP-61 to near Highway 80. A population of approximately 50 individuals is scattered from just east of SP-72 to SP-73. Continuing east, sticky geraea was not observed again until a large scattered population east of SP-92 was observed that extends to near SP-94.

More common than Jacumba milkvetch, sticky geraea is a CNPS List 2.3 plant species. List 2.3 species are "rare, threatened, or endangered in California, but more common elsewhere." The 'threat code' 0.3 denotes that this species is "not very endangered in California." Based on our survey and understanding of the proposed project, it appears that most individuals of sticky geraea that we observed are likely outside of the proposed construction areas, but there are some individuals that occur immediately adjacent to a proposed pole location such as SP-7.



Map B. Documented distribution of sticky geraea (*Geraea viscida*) within San Diego County (San Diego Natural History Museum, July 2009).

Desert Beauty (*Linanthus bellus*)





Polemoniaceae - Phlox Family

CNPS List: 2.3

Federal Listing: None State Listing: None

Small annual; flowers April - May

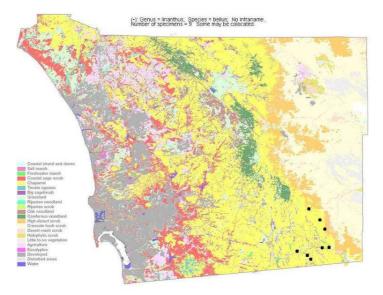
Desert beauty is a small, annual plant that occupies a small range within southeastern San Diego County at elevations of between 900 m to 1400 m above msl (Consortium of California Herbaria 2009). Desert beauty also occurs in Baja

California, Mexico. The typical habitat of this tiny annual is broad sandy openings often along, and within, ephemeral drainages.

Desert beauty was found in two locations within the survey area. A population of approximately 10-15 individuals was observed within a small, ephemeral drainage with fine sands just west of SP-70. It is likely that many more individuals are present in this area, but did not germinate this year due to drought conditions. Populations of desert beauty can be extensive during "wet" years when there is sufficient and timely rain.

A second occurrence of desert beauty was documented between SP-42 and SP-43. At least 30 individuals were observed, with possibly many more, but seasonal drought conditions may be limiting the population size.

Desert beauty is a CNPS List 2.3 plant species. List 2.3 species are "rare, threatened, or endangered in California, but more common elsewhere." The threat code 0.3 denotes that this species is "not very endangered in California." Based on our survey and understanding of the proposed project, it appears that desert beauty occurs between proposed pole locations where disturbance to vegetation is not likely to occur.



Map C. Documented distribution of desert beauty (*Linanthus bellus*) within San Diego County (San Diego Natural History Museum, July 2009).

Scarlet Gilia; Slender-Leaf Ipomopsis (Ipomopsis tenuifolia)





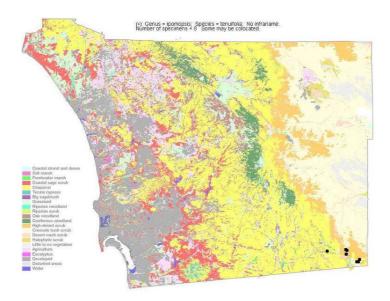
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Polemoniaceae - Phlox Family CNPS List: 2.3 Federal Listing: None State Listing: None Perennial shrub; flowers March - May

Scarlet gilia is a perennial sub-shrub that, within the United States, is restricted to the southern California counties of San Diego, Imperial, Riverside, and Los Angeles at elevations between 60 m and 1200 m above msl (Consortium of California Herbaria 2009). Scarlet gilia also occurs in Baja California, Mexico. The typical habitat of this species is dry granitic substrates in desert scrub vegetation, often within cracks or at the base of large boulder outcrops.

One population of scarlet gilia was found within the survey area. At least 25 individuals were observed in clusters of 2 to 5 individuals growing amongst the large boulders west and south of SP-99.

Scarlet gilia is a CNPS List 2.3 plant species. List 2.3 species are "rare, threatened, or endangered in California, but more common elsewhere." The threat code 0.3 denotes that this species is "not very endangered in California." Based on our survey and understanding of the proposed project, it appears that scarlet gilia occurs outside of the likely impact area in the rugged granite boulders between SP-98 and SP-99.



Map D. Documented distribution of scarlet gilia; slender-leaf ipomopsis (*Ipomopsis tenuifolia*) within San Diego County (San Diego Natural History Museum, July 2009).

Palmer's Grappling-hook (Harpagonella palmeri)





Boraginaceae – Borage Family CNPS List: 4.2 Federal Listing: None

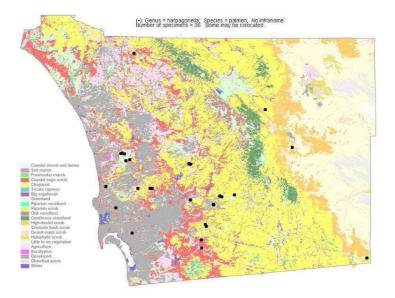
State Listing: None

Small, sprawling annual; Flowers March - May

Palmer's grappling-hook is a sprawling annual that is restricted to southern California and Arizona within the United States at elevations between 20 m and 1000 m above msl (Consortium of California Herbaria 2009). Palmer's grappling-hook also occurs in Baja California, Mexico. The typical habitat of this species is openings in grasslands, chaparral, and coastal and desert scrub with clay soils.

Palmer's grappling-hook was found in several clay soil areas within the survey area. This species was not present along the north-south portion of the survey area or any area west of Old Highway 80 where it crosses under the line west of Jacumba as clay soils are largely absent. A large, scattered population (> 100 individuals) was observed between SP-73 and SP-75 as well as a population of more than a 1,000 plants was observed in the area of SP-76 and SP-77. Palmer's grappling-hook also was observed in very low abundance between SP-78 and SP-83. Continuing east along the survey area, this species was not observed again until scattered individuals were seen near SP-100. Finally, a population of greater than 1,000 individuals was observed at the east end of the survey area near a proposed staging yard immediately north of the proposed ECO Substation near the base of Jade Mountain.

Palmer's grappling-hook is a CNPS List 4.2 species and is still relatively common within its range. There are no known regulatory constraints associated with this species.



Map E. Documented distribution of Palmer's grappling-hook (*Harpagonella palmeri*) within San Diego County (San Diego Natural History Museum, July 2009).

Pride-of-California; Campo Pea (Lathyrus splendens)





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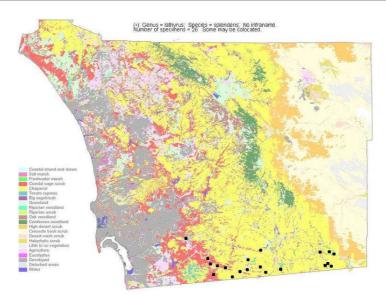
Fabaceae – Pea Family CNPS List: 4.3 Federal Listing: None State Listing: None

Climbing perennial vine; flowers March - June

Pride-of-California is a climbing perennial vine that within the U. S. is restricted to San Diego County with one record reported from Los Angeles County (Consortium of California Herbaria 2009). Pride-of-California also occurs in Baja California, Mexico. The typical habitat of this species is chaparral. This vine is often observed climbing on woody plants such as chamise (*Adenostoma fasciculatum*), red shank (*A. sparsifolium*), and sugar bush (*Rhus ovata*) at elevations between 200 m and 1525 m above msl.

Individuals of Pride-of-California were found primarily along the north– south portion of the survey area with the exception of at least 4 individuals adjacent to the Oak Riparian Woodland between SP-48 and SP-49. This area also supports a large population of Jacumba milkvetch and several individuals of sticky geraea. Three occurrences of Pride-of-California occur along and immediately west of Tule Jim Road between SP-5 and SP-6. These plants are visible from the road and could be within the impact area if the road is widened here. Isolated occurrences of this species were also noted south of SP-17 and east of SP-22. As shown in the photo above, Pride-of-California climbs up through vegetation aided by its tendrils.

Pride-of-California is a CNPS List 4.3 species and is still relatively common within its range. There are no known regulatory constraints associated with this species.



Map F. Documented distribution of pride-of-California; Campo pea (*Lathyrus splendens*) within San Diego County (San Diego Natural History Museum, July 2009).

Jacumba Monkey Flower (Mimulus aridus)



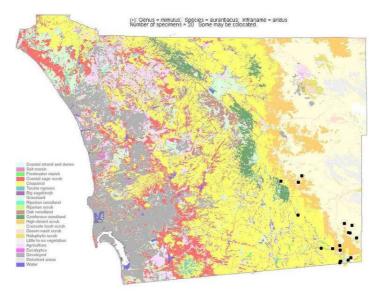
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Phrymaceae – Hopseed Family CNPS List: 4.3 Federal Listing: None State Listing: None Perennial shrub; flowers April – July

Jacumba monkey flower is a perennial shrub is restricted in range within the United States to San Diego and Imperial Counties (Consortium of California Herbaria 2009). Jacumba monkey flower also occurs in Baja California, Mexico. The typical habitat of this species is desert chaparral within large granitic boulders at elevations between 750 m and 1100 m above msl.

Reporting from the north to south and east end of the survey area, Jacumba monkey flower was not observed along the proposed north– south stretch because no suitable large granite boulder habitat is present along this portion of the survey area. In the east– west portion of the survey area, this species was observed growing in the cracks between and within large boulders from SP-41 to SP-42 and was very abundant in the rocks surrounding SP-43. A few individuals were scattered between SP-45 and SP-56 and a cluster of several plants was documented between SP-57 and SP-59. A few individuals were also noted near the proposed access road to SP-61. Continuing east, Jacumba monkey flower was not observed again until SP-99, where a few individuals were scattered in the rocks along with CNPS List 2.3 species, scarlet gilia.

Jacumba monkey flower is a CNPS List 4.3 species and is still relatively common within its range. There are no known regulatory constraints associated with this species.



Map G. Documented distribution of Jacumba monkey flower (*Mimulus aridus*) within San Diego County (San Diego Natural History Museum, July 2009).

Oceanblue Larkspur (Delphinium parishii ssp. subglobosum)



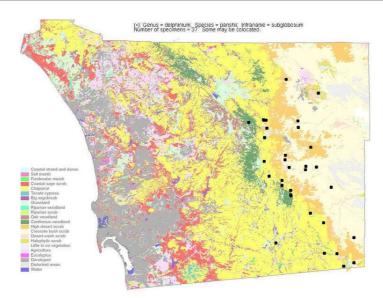


Ranunculaceae - Buttercup Family CNPS List: 4.3 Federal Listing: None State Listing: None Perennial; flowers March - June

Oceanblue larkspur is a perennial herb with a range within the United States that is restricted to the southern California counties of San Diego, Riverside and Imperial (Consortium of California Herbaria 2009). Oceanblue larkspur also occurs in Baja California, Mexico. The typical habitat of this species is desert chaparral and scrub often associated with rocky soils at elevations between 600 m and 1800 m above msl.

Reporting from the north to the south and east end of the survey area, this species was present in low numbers from SP-3 to SP-7 with a couple of individuals also present near SP-20. A small population occurs near SP-53 and this species was encountered frequently from SP-61 to SP-63 and again from SP-72 to SP-77. Finally, from approximately SP-95 to the ECO Substation, oceanblue larkspur was infrequent in small clusters typically less than 5 individuals.

Oceanblue larkspur is a CNPS List 4.3 species and is still relatively common within its range. There are no known regulatory constraints associated with this species.



Map H. Documented distribution of oceanblue larkspur (*Delphinium parishii* ssp. *subglobosum*) within San Diego County (San Diego Natural History Museum, July 2009).

VI. Conclusion

Eight sensitive plant species were documented in the survey area during the 2009 surveys. Of these eight, four species are ranked as List 1B or 2 by CNPS, and four are List 4.

Rare plants of varying sensitivity occur in many areas, in part, because a large portion of the survey area supports undeveloped, native plant communities. Most of these native communities and the sensitive plants they support will not be affected by the proposed project as ground disturbance will occur in limited areas within the survey area.

Several specific locations within the survey area can be considered local "hot spots" for sensitive plants. These areas are as follows:

SP-5 to SP-9 – The Red-Shank, Mixed Chaparral, and inland Coastal Sage Scrub communities that occur on the coarse granite soils here support scattered individuals of Jacumba Milkvetch (List 1B) and a very large population of Sticky Geraea (List 2.3). Hundreds of individuals of this plant occur between SP-7 and SP-9. Pride-of-California (List 4.3) and Oceanblue Larkspur (List 4.3) are also present here in very low numbers.

SP-42 to SP-43 – A population of approximately 30 individuals of Desert Beauty (CNPS List 2.3) was documented between these two proposed pole locations. During a more robust rain year than 2009, many more individuals may be present throughout suitable habitat in this area.

SP-48 to SP-49 – The Oak Riparian Woodland and Chaparral communities here support a high diversity of plant species including a population of over 100 individuals of Jacumba Milkvetch (List 1B.2), scattered individuals of Sticky Geraea (List 2.3), and Pride-of-California (List 4.3).

Ephemeral Drainage West of SP-70 – Desert Beauty (List 2.3) occurs in a small, ephemeral drainage here. Approximately 15 individuals of this plant were observed scattered in the fine sands. During a more robust rain year than 2009, many more individuals may be present throughout suitable habitat in this area.

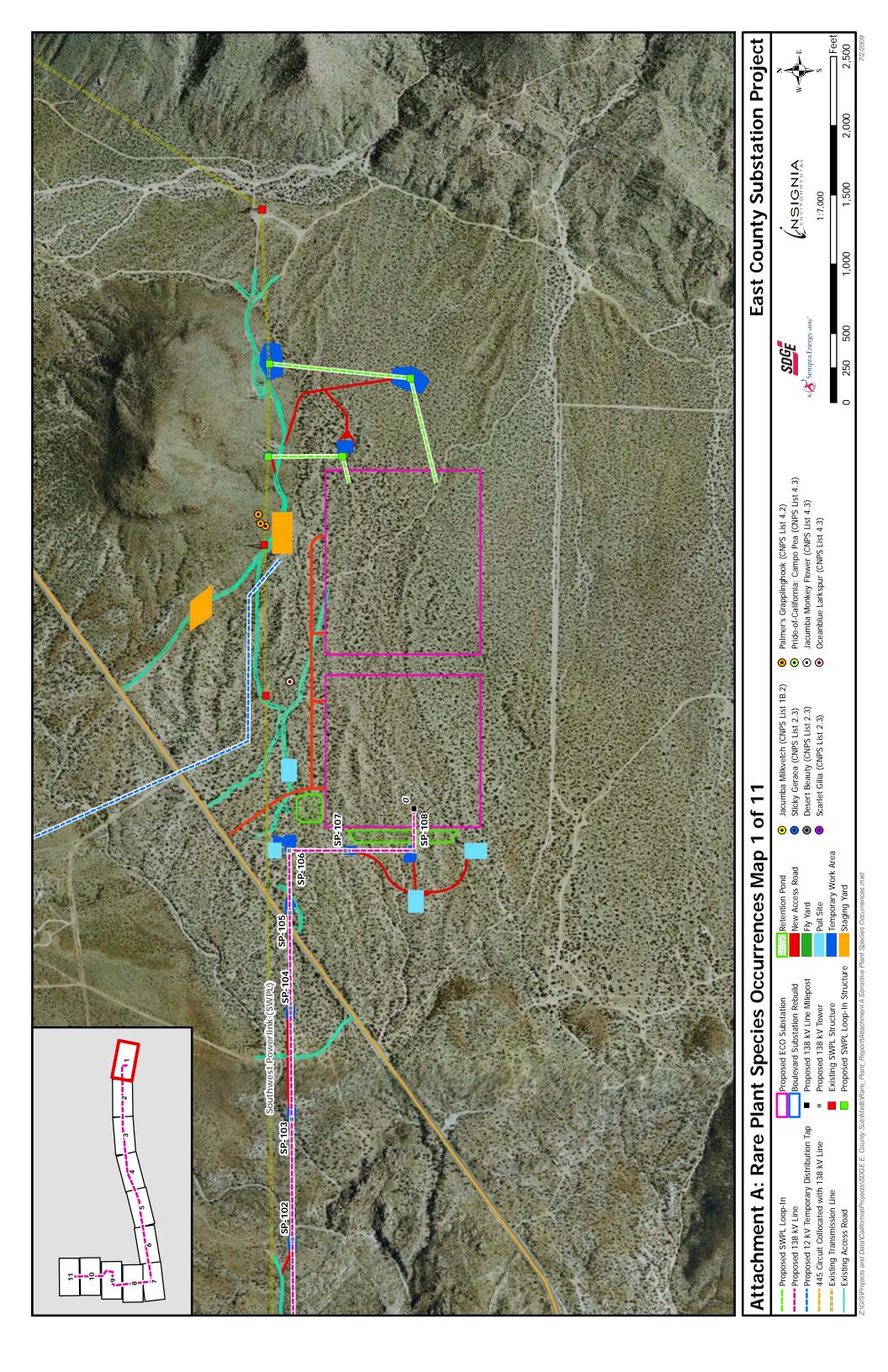
Near SP-99 – A population of at least 25 individuals of Scarlet Gilia (List 2.3) was found in one discrete location near SP-99. This species and Jacumba Monkey Flower (List 4.3) were growing amongst the large boulders west and south of SP-99.

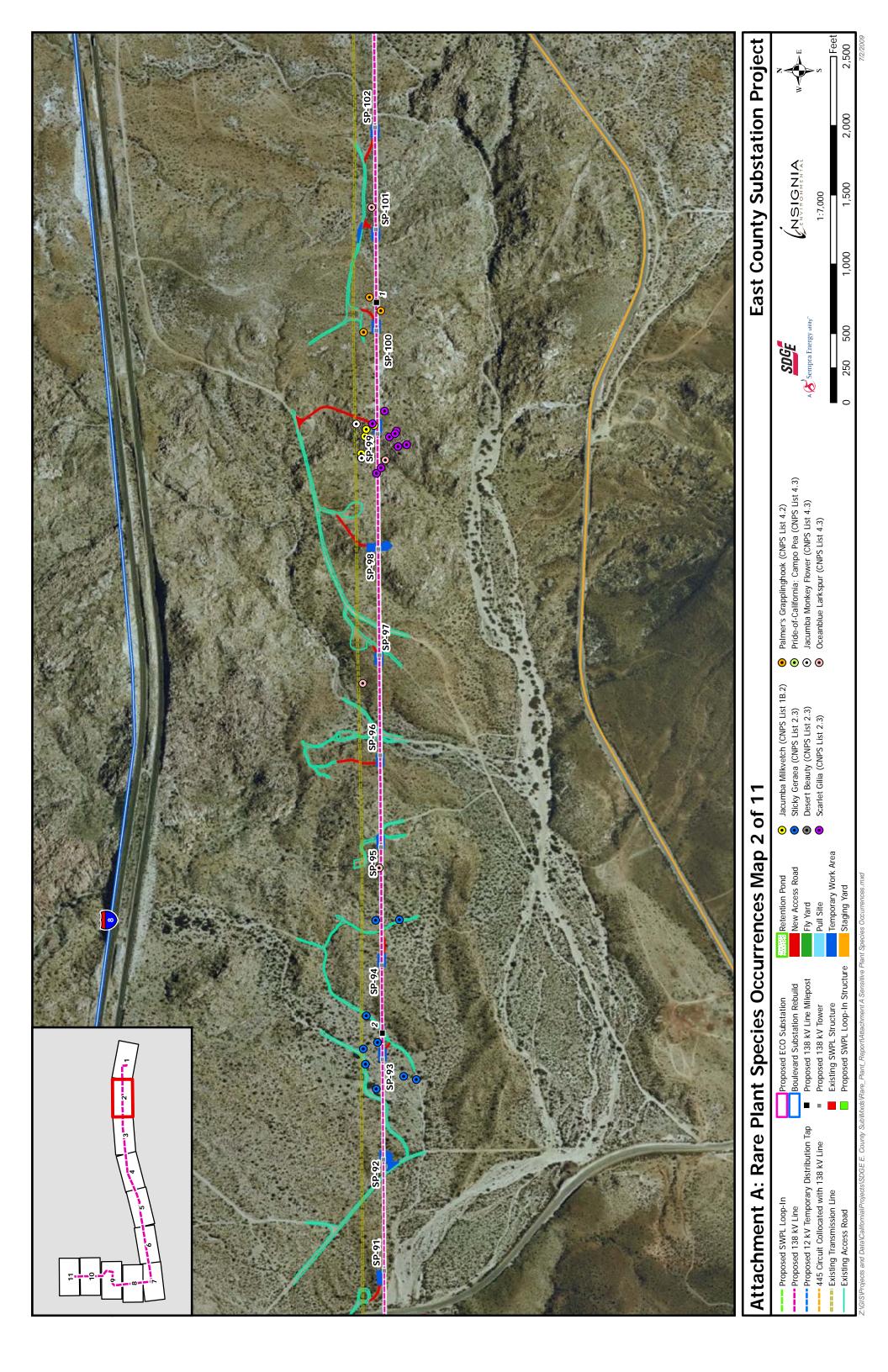
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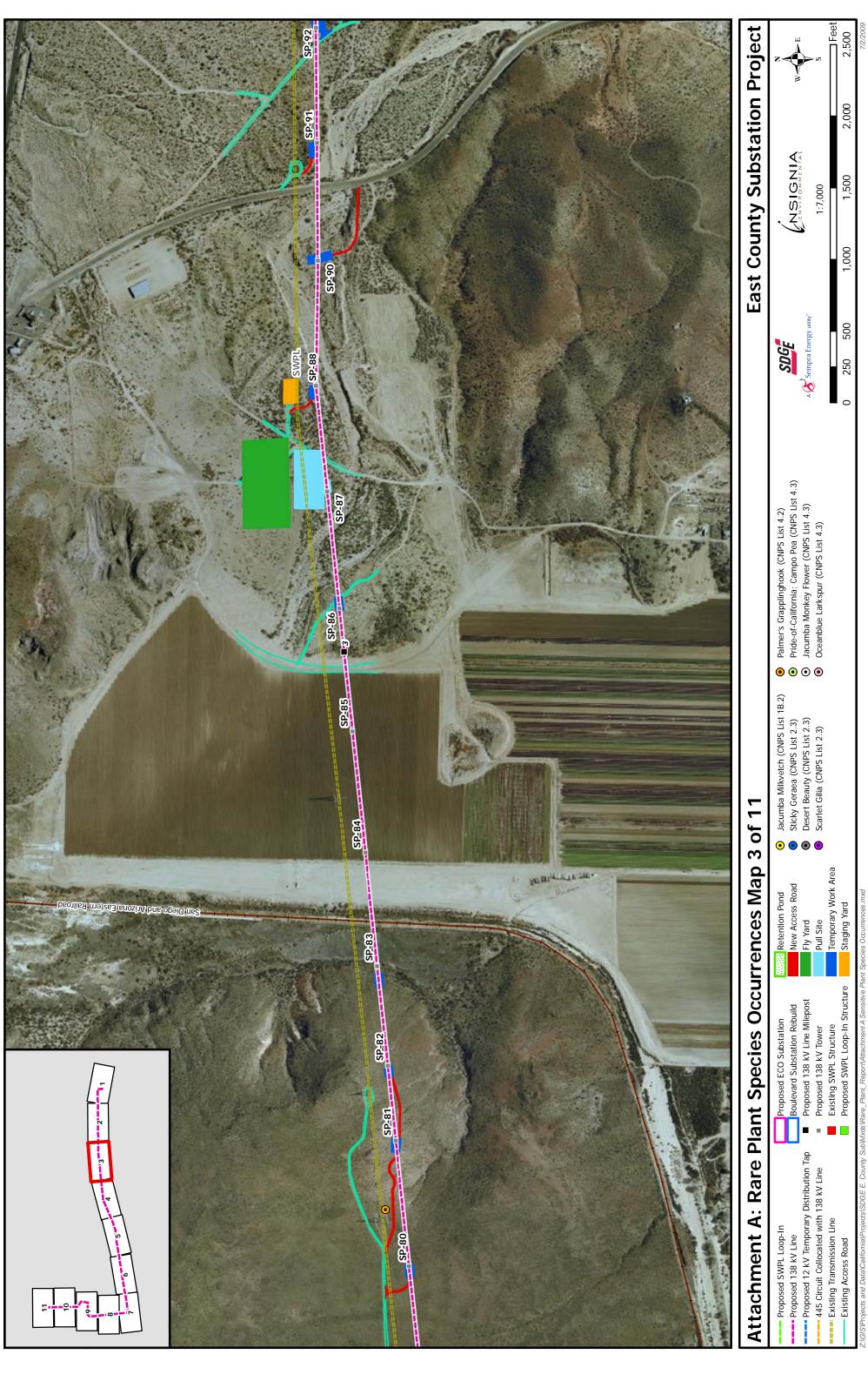
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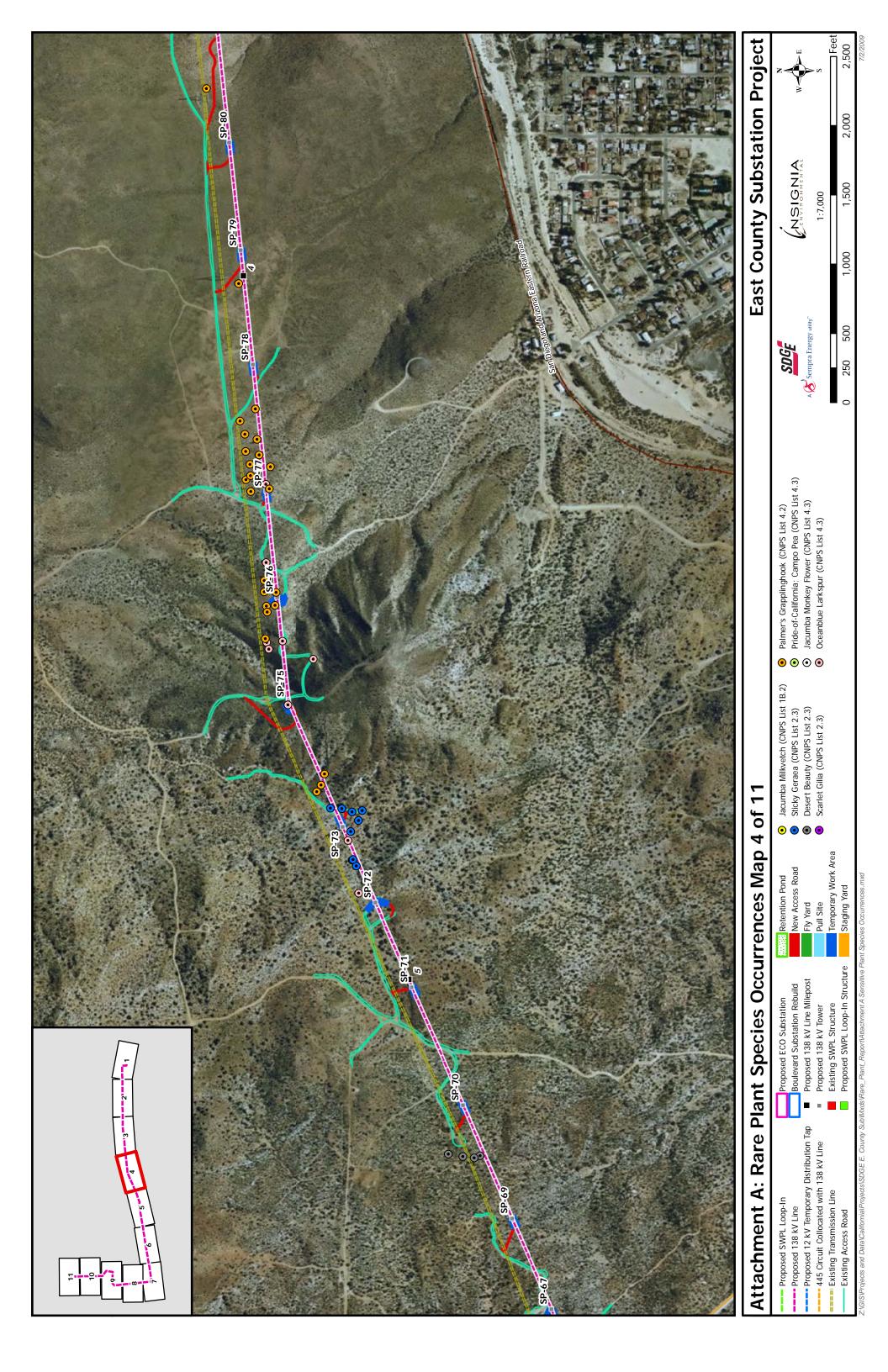
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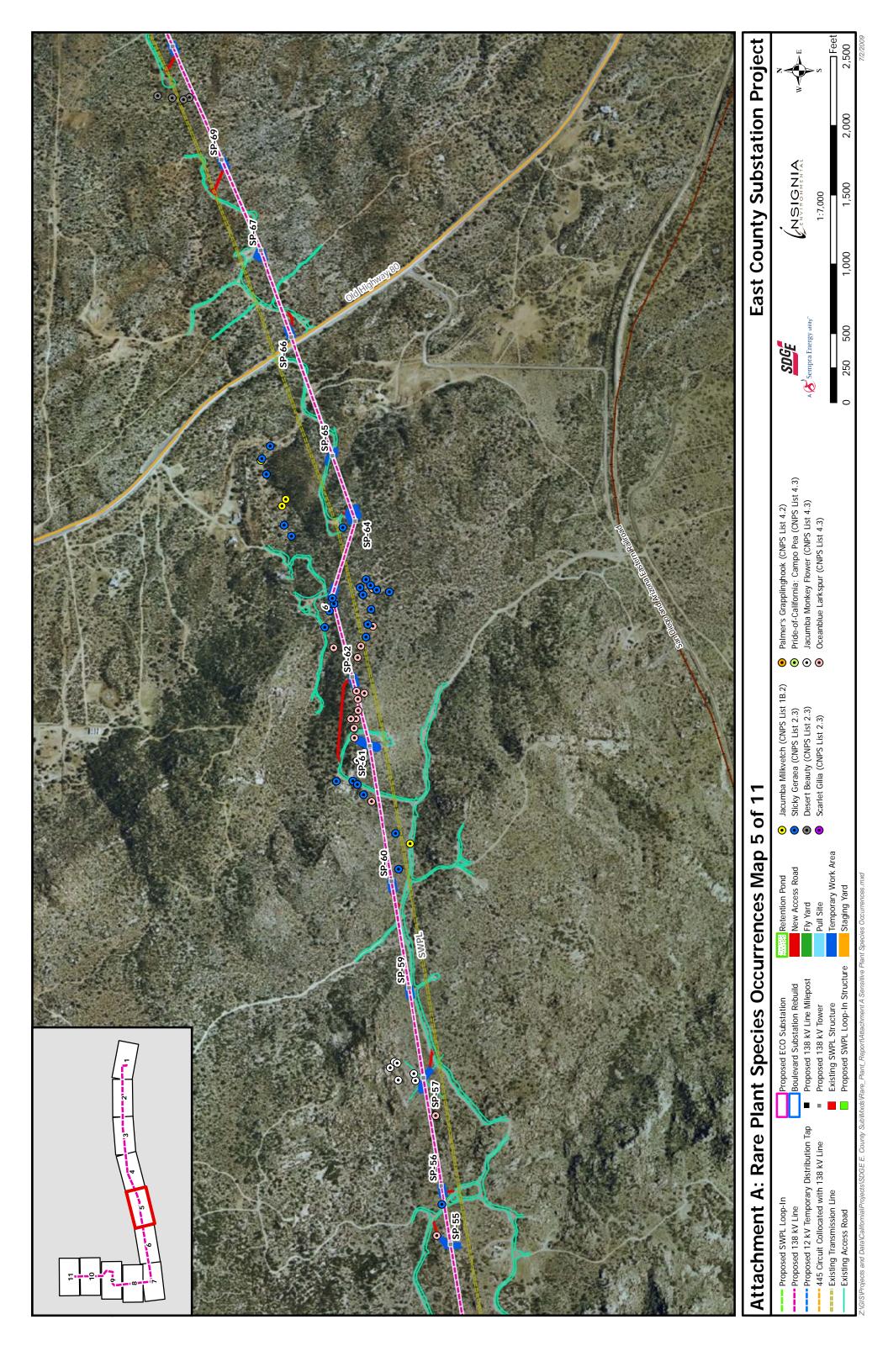
Rare Plant Species Occurrences Maps

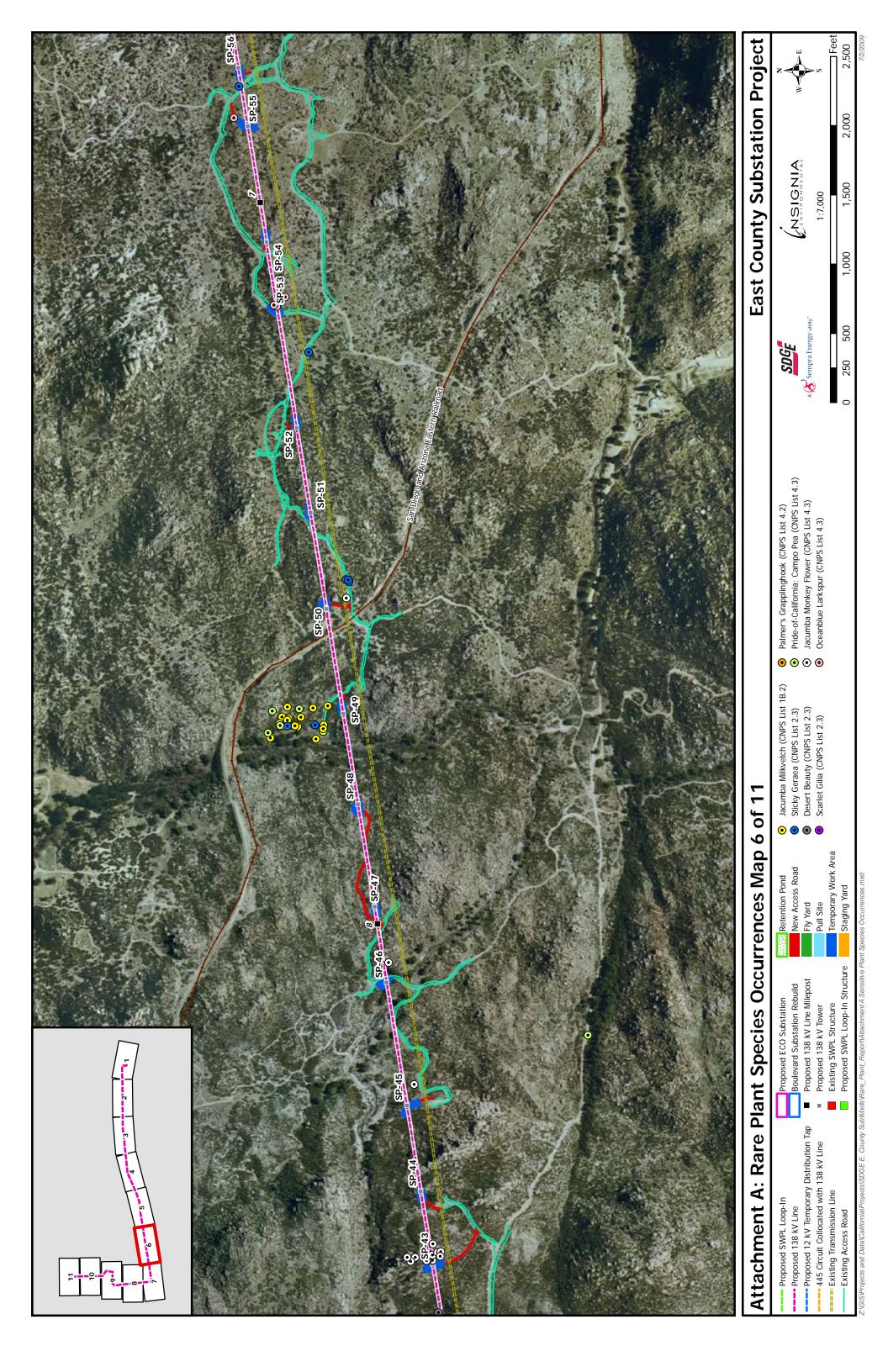


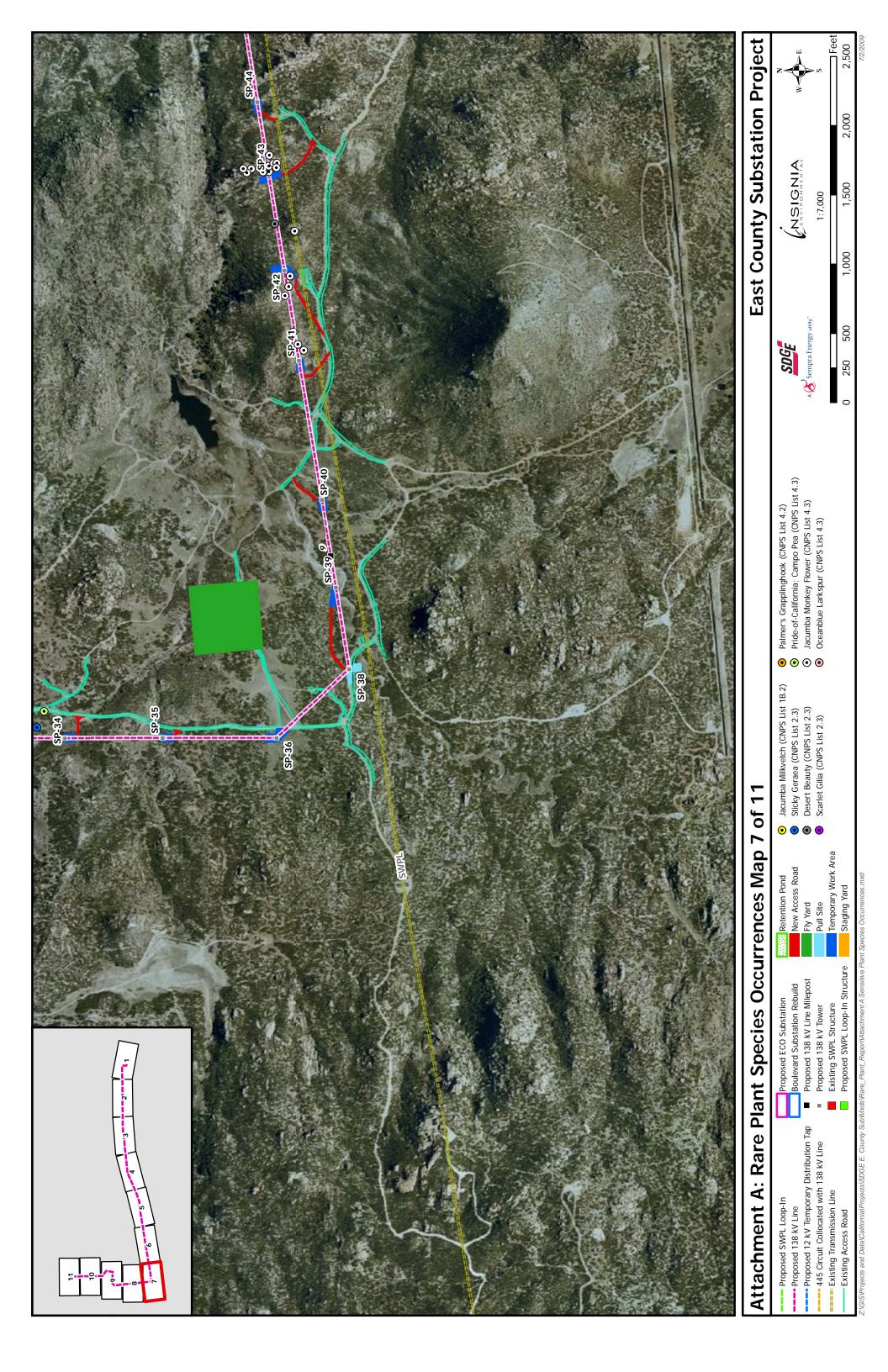


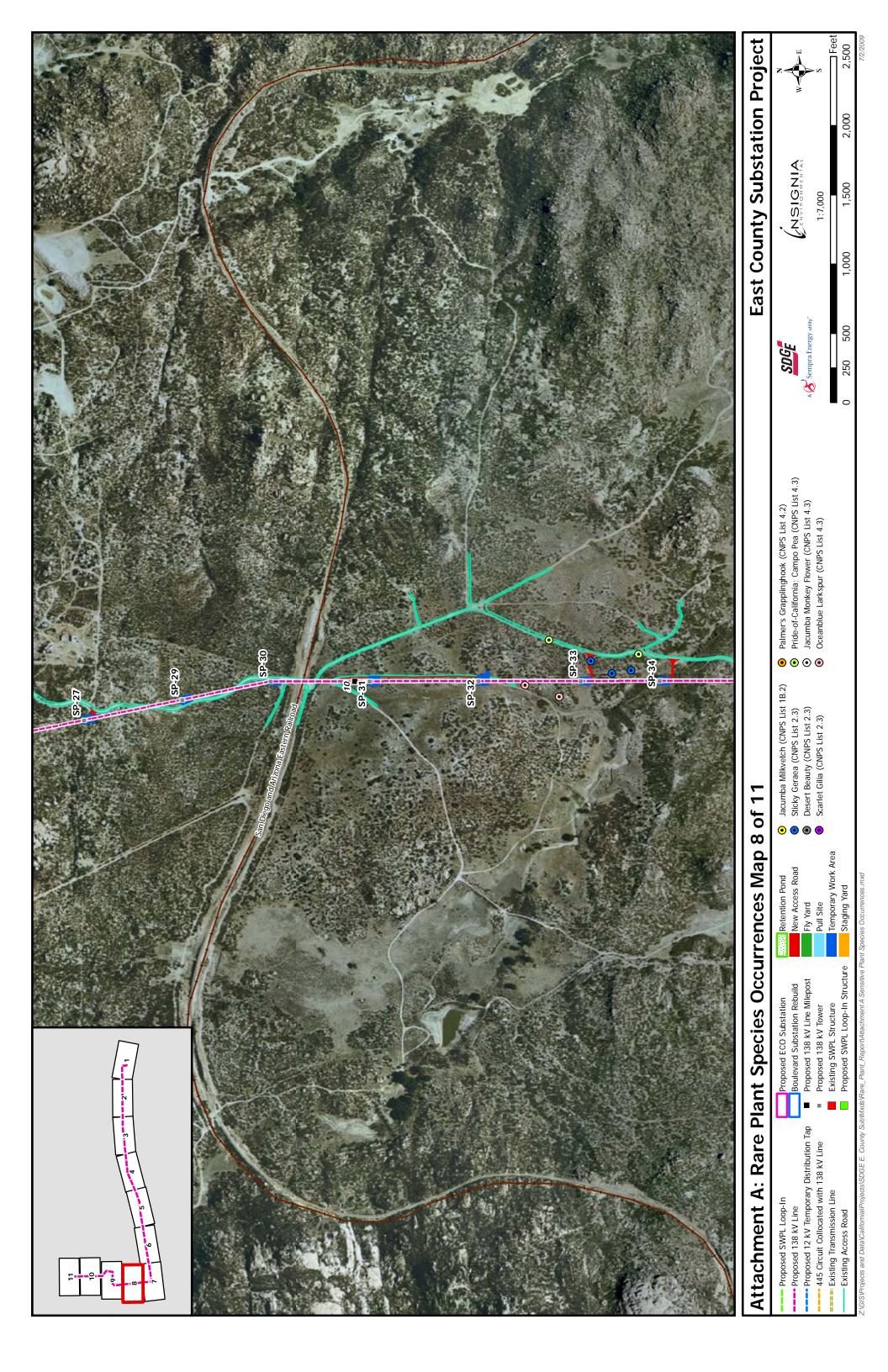


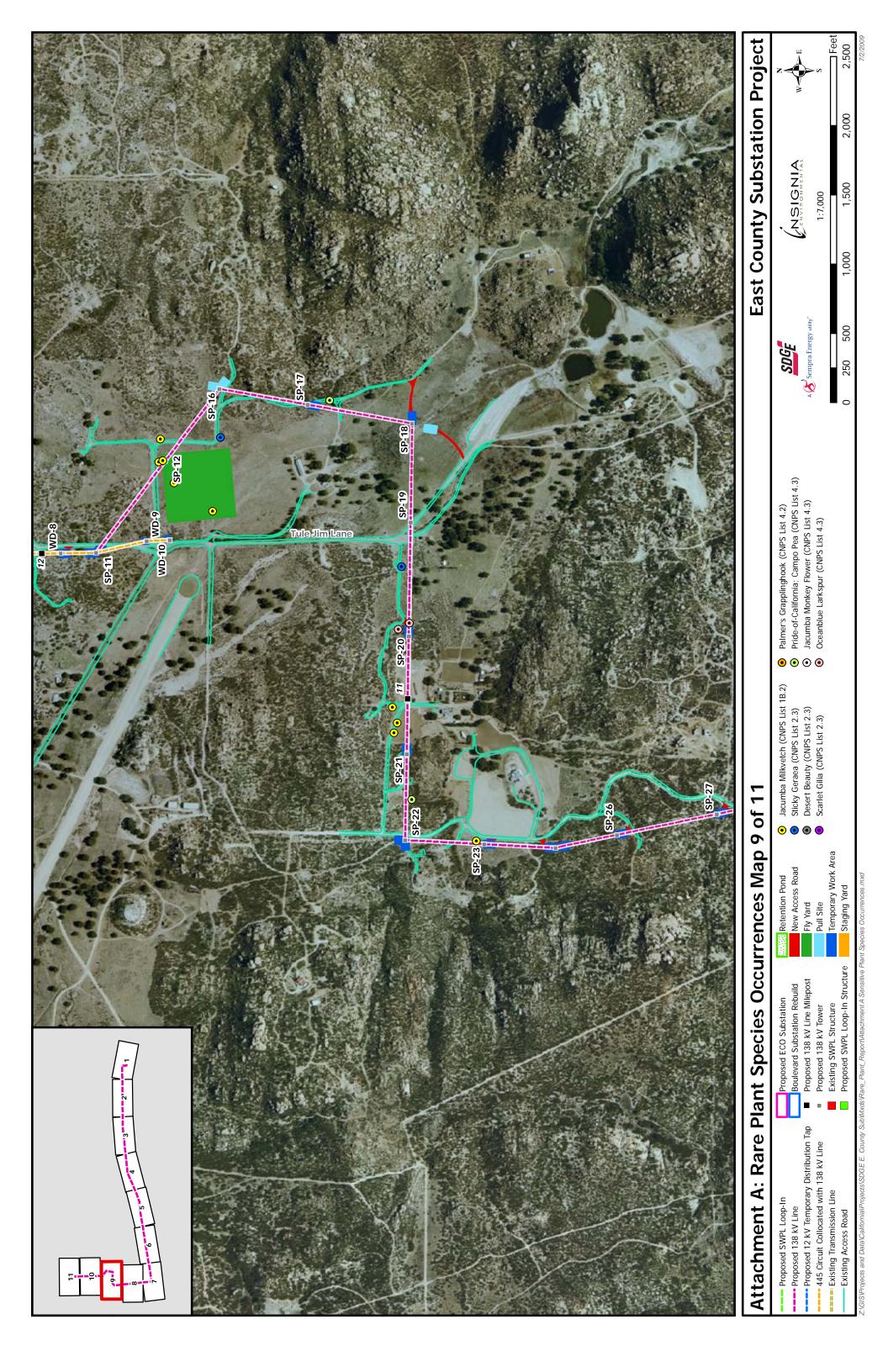


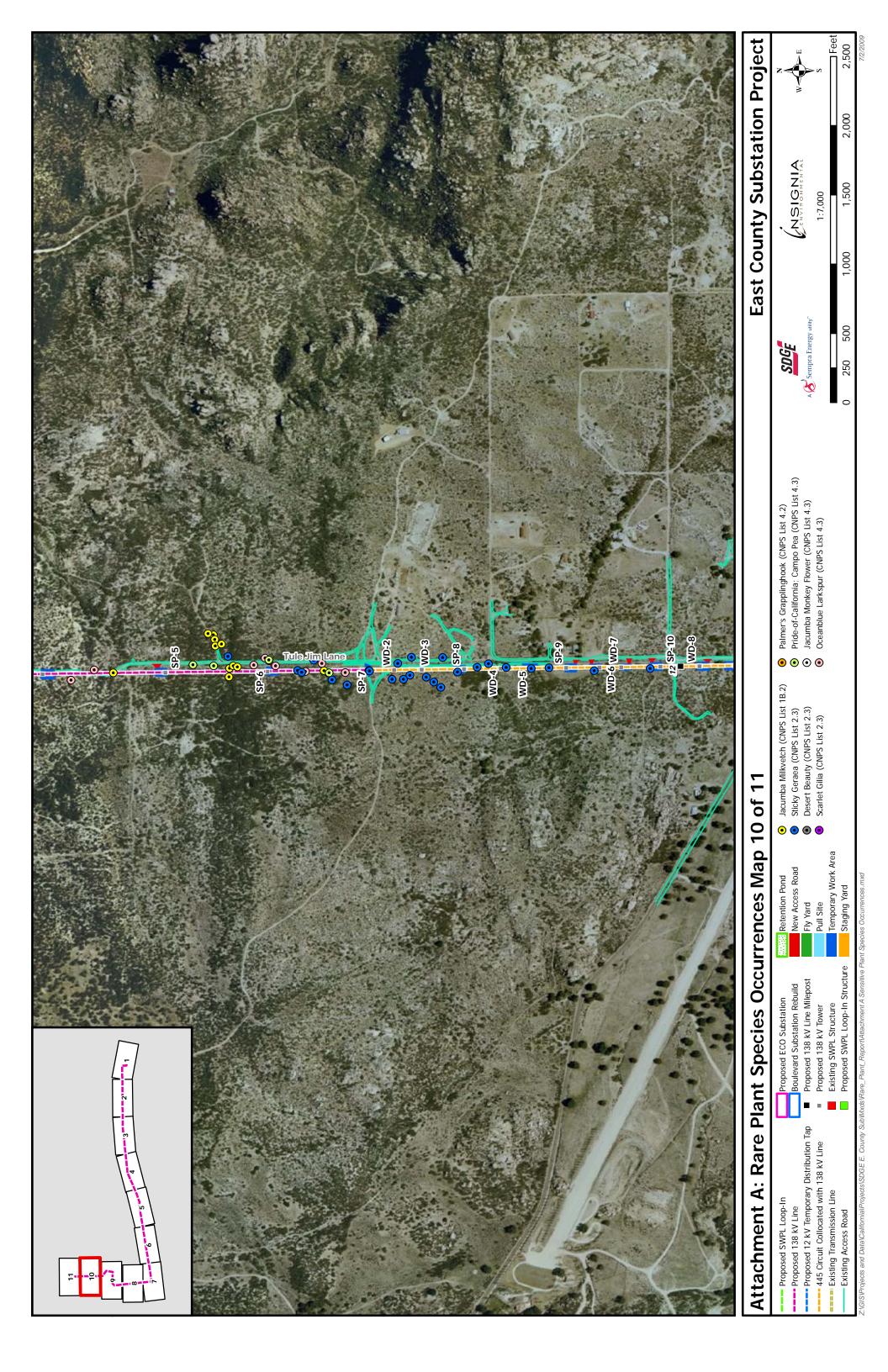


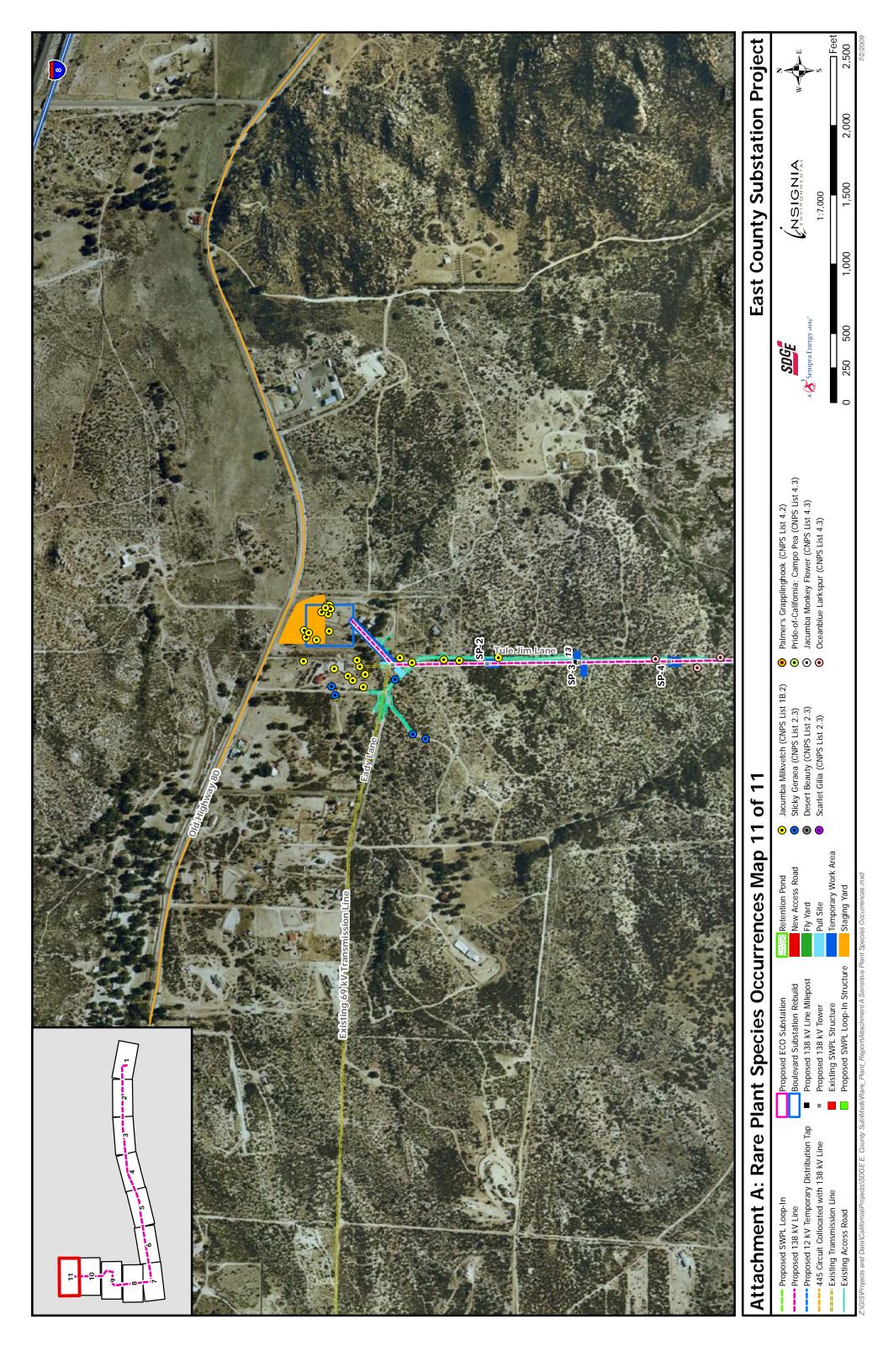












Attachment B

East County Substation Project Survey Area Plant Species List

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•	Corethrogyne filaginifolia var. f	Common Sand-Aster
	Coreopsis californica var. c	California Coreopsis
	Encelia actoni	Acton's Encelia
	Encelia farinosa	Brittlebush
	Ericameria brachylepis	Boundary
		Goldenbush
	Ericameria cuneata var. spathulata	Wedge-leaf
		Goldenbush
	Ericameria linearifolia	Interior Goldenbush
	Eriophyllum confertiflorum var. c	Long-Stem Golden-
	, , , , ,	Yarrow
	Eriophyllum wallacei	Wallace's Woolly
	, .	Daisy
	Filago sp.	Filago
	Geraea canescens	Desert Sunflower
	Geraea viscida	Sticky Geraea
	Isocoma acradenia var. eremophila	Desert Alkali
	,	Goldenbush
	Lasthenia gracilis	Common Goldfields
	Layia glandulosa	White Layia
	Layia platyglossa	Tidy Tips
	Malacothrix glabrata	Desert Dandelion
	Malacothrix stebbinsii	Stebbins's
		Malacothrix
	Porophyllum gracile	Odora
	Pseudognaphalium canescens	Everlasting Cudweed
	Rafinesquia californica	California Chicory
	Senecio californicus	California
	·	Butterweed
	Senecio vulgaris	Common Groundsel
	Stephanomeria pauciflora	Few-Flowered
		Wreathplant
	Stylocline gnaphaloides	Everlasting Nest-
		Straw
	Tetradymia canescens	Spineless Horsebrush
	Uropappus lindleyi	Silver Puffs
Bignoniaceae	Chilopsis linearis	Desert Willow
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	Cryptantha decepiens	Gravel Cryptantha
	Cryptantha intermedia	Nievitas Cryptantha
	Cryptantha evadensis	Nevada Cryptantha
	Cryptantha pterocarya var. p	Wing-Nut
		Cryptantha
	Harpagonella palmeri	Palmer's Grappling- hook

Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	
•	Pectocarya linearis ssp. ferocula	Slender Pectocarya	
	Pectocarya penicillata	Winged Pectocarya	
	Pectocarya setosa	Bristly Pectocarya	
	Plagiobothrys arizonicus	Arizona	
		Popcornflower	
	Plagiobothrys tenellus	Slender	
		Popcornflower	
Brassicaceae	Brassica tournefortii	Sahara Mustard	
	Caulanthus heterophyllus var. h	San	
	. 0	Diego Jewelflower	
	Descurainia pinnata ssp. halictorum	Alkali Western	
	, -	Tansy-Mustard	
	Guillenia lasiophylla	California Mustard	
	Lepidium sp.	Peppergrass	
	Sisymbrium altissimum	Tumble Mustard	
	Sisymbrium irio	London Rocket	
	Sisymbrium orientale	Hare's-Ear Cabbage	
	Thysanocarpus curvipes	Lacepod, Fringepod	
Cactaceae	Cylindropuntia californica var. parkeri	Cane Cholla	
	Cylindropuntia ganderi var. g	Gander's Cholla	
	Echinocereus engelmannii	Engelmann's	
	O	Hedgehog Cactus	
	Ferocactus cylindraceus	California Barrel	
	· ·	Cactus	
	Mammillaria dioica	Fishhook Cactus	
	Opuntia chlorotica	Pancake Cactus	
	Opuntia phaecantha	Desert Prickly Pear	
Cucurbitaceae	Marah macrocarpus var. m	Manroot, Wild-	
	,	Cucumber	
Cupressaceae	Juniperus californica	California Juniper	
Ephedraceae	Ephedra californica	California Ephedra	
•	Ephedra nevadensis	Nevada Ephedra	
	Ephedra viridis	Green Ephedra	
Ericaceae	Arctostaphylos glauca	Big-Berry Manzanita	
	Arctostaphylos pungens	Point-Leaf	
	1 3 1 6	Manzanita	
Euphorbiaceae	Chamaesyce albomarginata	White-Margin	
•		Sandmat	
	Chamaesyce melanadenia	Rattlesnake Spurge	
	Stillingia linearifolia	Linear-Leaf Stillingia	
Fabaceae	Acacia greggii	Catclaw Acacia	
	Astragalus didymocarpus var. dispermus	Desert Dwarf	
		Locoweed	
	Astragalus douglasii var. perstrictus	Jacumba Milkvetch	
		Palmer's Locoweed	
	Astragalus palmeri	-	

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•	Lathyrus splendens	Pride-of-California,	
	,	Campo Pea	
	Lotus argophyllus var. a	Silver-Leaf Lotus	
	Lotus scoparius var. brevialatus	Short-Wing	
	1	Deerweed	
	Lotus strigosus	Strigose Lotus	
	Lupinus andersonii	Anderson's Lupine	
	Lupinus bicolor	Miniature Lupine	
	Lupinus concinnus	Bajada Lupine	
	Lupinus truncatus	Collar Lupine	
	Melilotus indicus	Indian Sweetclover	
	Pediomelum californicum	Indian Breadroot	
	Prosopis glandulosa var. torreyana	Honey Mesquite	
	Trifolium willdenovii	Valley Clover	
Fagaceae	Quercus x acutidens	Torrey's Scrub Oak	
0	Quercus agrifolia var. oxydenia	Interior Coast Live	
	z	Oak	
Garryaceae	Garrya veatchii	Canyon Silk Tassel	
Geraniaceae	Erodium cicutarium	Red-Stem	
		Filaree/Storksbill	
Grossulariaceae	Ribes quercetorum	Oak Gooseberry	
Hydrophyllaceae	Emmenanathe penduliflora var. p	Whispering Bells	
	Eriodictyon trichocalyx var. lanatum	Wild-Heliotrope	
	Eucrypta chrysanthemifolia var. c	Common Eucrypta	
	Phacelia cicutaria var. hispida	Caterpillar Phacelia	
	Phacelia distans	Wild-Heliotrope	
	Phacelia minor x P. parryi	None Listed	
	Pholistoma membranaceum	White Fiesta Flower	
Lamiaceae	Salvia apiana	White Sage	
	Salvia carduacea	Thistle Sage	
	Salvia columbariae	Chia	
Liliaceae	Calochortus splendens	Splendid Mariposa	
	•	Lily	
Loasaceae	Mentzelia montana	Montane Mentzelia	
Malvaceae	Sphaeralcea ambigua var. rosacea	Rose Desert/Mallow	
	Sphaeralcea ambigua var. a	Desert/Apricot	
	,	Mallow	
Nyctaginaceae	Mirabilis laevis var. villosa	Hairy Wishbone	
, 0	Mirabilis laevis var. crassifolia	Coastal Wishbone	
Oleaceae	Menodora scabra var. glabrescens	Rough Menodora	
Onagraceae	Camissonia californica	False-Mustard	
J	Camissonia strigulosa	Sandysoil Sun Cup	
	Epilobium canum	California Fuchsia	
	Oenothera californica ssp. c	California Evening-	
	, 1	Primrose	

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Orobanchaceae	Castilleja exserta ssp. e	Common Name Purple Owl's-Clover	
	Castilleja sp.	Indian Paintbrush	
	Orobanche californica ssp. feudgei	Sagebrush Broom-	
	, , , ,	Rape	
Paeoniaceae	Paeonia californica	California Peony	
Papaveraceae	Argemone munita	Prickly Poppy	
	Eschscholzia californica	California Poppy	
	Platystemon californicus	Cream Cups	
Phrymaceae	Mimulus aridus	Jacumba Monkey	
		Flower	
	Mimulus guttatus	Seep Monkey Flower	
	Mimulus pilosus	Downy Monkey	
		Flower	
Pinaceae	Pinus quadrifolia	Parry Pinyon	
Plantaginaceae	Antirrhinum nuttallianum ssp. n	Nuttall's Snapdragon	
	Collinsia concolor	So. Chinese Houses	
	Keckiella antirrhinoides var. a	Yellow Bush	
		Penstemon	
	Keckiella ternata var. t	Summer Bush	
		Penstemon	
	Penstemon centranthifolius	Scarlet Bugler	
	Penstemon clevelandii var. c	Cleveland's	
		Beardtongue	
	Penstemon spectabilis var. s	Showy Penstemon	
	Plantago erecta	Dot-seed Plantain	
Poaceae	Achnatherum coronatum	Giant Stipa	
	Achnatherum speciosum	Desert Needlegrass	
	Avena barbata	Slender Wild Oat	
	Avena fatua	Wild Oat	
	Bromus diandrus	Ripgut Grass	
	Bromus rubens	Red Brome	
	Bromus tectorum	Cheat Grass	
	Hordeum murinum ssp. glaucum	Glaucous Barley	
	Melica frutescens	Tall Melic	
	Melica imperfecta	Coast Range Melic	
	Poa secunda ssp. s Schismus barbatus	One-Sided Bluegrass	
		Arabian Schismus Pacific Fescue	
	Vulpia microstachys var. pauciflora	Tufted Fescue	
	Vulpia octoflora var. hirtella	Turted rescue	
Polemoniaceae	Eriastrum densifolium var. elongatum	Chaparral Woolly-	
	,	Star	
	Eriastrum eremicum	Desert Woolly-Star	
	Eriastrum sapphirinum	Sapphire Eriastrum	
	Gilia diegensis	San Diego Gilia	
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	Ipomopsis tenuifolia	Scarlet Gilia	
	Leptosiphon lemmonii	Lemmon's Linanthus	
	Linanthus bellus	Desert Beauty	
	Saltugilia australis	Southern Gilia	
Polygonaceae	Chorizanthe brevicornu var. b	Brittle Spineflower	
	Chorizanthe fimbriata var. f	Fringed Spineflower	
	Eriogonum elongatum var. e	Tall Buckwheat	
	Eriogonum fasciculatum var. foliolosum	Inland California	
Buckwheat	,		
	Eriogonum fasciculatum var. polifolium	Mt. Buckwheat	
	Eriogonum gracile var. g	Slender Buckwheat	
	Eriogonum wrightii var. membranaceum	Foothill Buckwheat	
	Loeseliastrum schottii	Schott's Calico	
	Pterostegia drymarioides	Granny's Hairnet, G.	
	i terostegia arymanotaes	C. P.	
	Sidotheca trilobata	Three-Lobe Starry	
	Зиотеси тиобии	Puncturebract	
Portulacaceae	Calandrinia ciliata	Red Maids	
1 Ortufacaceae			
Calambridian	Calyptridium monandrum	Common	
Calyptridium	Claubouia naurifloua com naurifloua	Utah Miner's-Lettuce	
	Claytonia parviflora ssp. parviflora		
Dr. 11	Claytonia perfoliata ssp. p	Miner's-Lettuce	
Pteridaceae	Notholaena californica	California Cloak	
	D 11	Fern	
D 1	Pellaea mucronata ssp. mucronata	Bird's Foot Cliff-	
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	Pentagramma triangularis ssp. rebmanii	Rebman's Silverback	
	al ii ia	Fern	
Ranunculaceae	Clematis pauciflora	Ropevine Clematis	
	Delphinium parishii ssp. subglobosum	Oceanblue Larkspur	
Rhamnaceae	Ceanothus greggii var. perplexans	Cup-Leaf-Lilac	
	Ceanothus leucodermis	Chaparral	
		Whitethorn	
	Rhamnus ilicifolia	Holly-Leaf Redberry	
	Ziziphus parryi var. parryi	Lotebush	
Rosaceae	Adenostoma fasciculatum	Chamise	
	Adenostoma sparsifolium	Red Shank	
	Cercocarpus betuloides	Mountain Mahogany	
	Prunus fremontii	Desert Apricot	
	Prunus ilicifolia	Holly-Leaf Cherry	
	Purshia tridentata var. tridentata	Antelope Bitterbrush	
Rubiaceae	Galium andrewsii ssp. andrewsii	Phlox-Leaf Bedstraw	
	Galium aparine	Common Bedstraw	
Rutaceae	Thamnosma montana	Turpentine-Broom	
Salicaceae	Salix laevigata	Red Willow	
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Simmondsiaceae	Simmondsia chinensis	Jojoba
Solanaceae	Datura wrightii	W. Jimson Weed
	Lycium andersonii	Waterjacket
	Nicotiana obtusifolia	Desert Tobacco
	Physalis crassifolia	Greene's Ground-
		Cherry
	Solanum umbelliferum	Blue Witch
	Solanum xanti	Chap. Nightshade
Tamaricaceae	Tamarix ramosissima	Tamarisk, Salt Cedar
Themidaceae	Dichelostemma capitatum ssp. c	Blue Dicks
	Dichelostemma capitatum ssp. paucifloru	mFew-Flower Blue
		Dicks
Urticaceae	Parietaria hespera var. h	Western Pellitory
Viscaceae	Phoradendron californicum	Desert Mistletoe
Zygophyllaceae	Larrea tridentata	Creosote