

APPENDIX E

Agency Consultation Meeting and E-mail Communication Notes

meeting notes

project Moorpark-Newbury 66 kV Subtransmission Line Project project no. 207584.15

date April 9, 2014 time 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

present Rick Burgess, City of Thousand Oaks Planning Department
Shelly Mason, City of Thousand Oaks, Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency Manager
Mike Manka, Project Director, ESA
Matt Fagundes, Project Manager, ESA
Allison Chan, Deputy Project Manager, ESA
Natasha Dvorak, Biologist, ESA route to

subject Agency Consultation with City of Thousand Oaks Regarding SCE's Proposed Moorpark-Newbury 66 kV Subtransmission Line Project

On behalf of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Environmental Science Associates conducted an agency consultation meeting with the City of Thousand Oaks to discuss the recently released Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Southern California Edison's Moorpark-Newbury 66 kV Subtransmission Line Project, to address any questions the City may have about the project, and to solicit any associated scoping comments from the City.

City's Key Points:

- City of Thousand Oaks expressed concern about resource protection issues; construction activities should occur within SCE's easement and proposed grading footprint, and should not occur outside established areas.
- City of Thousand Oaks requested that the project avoid over-excavation and overgrading. Back in 2009, this happened and spoils were stored along a drainage. The City noted that this happened at three different locations and was informed after the fact. Construction crew may not have followed the plan. The City is unsure whether the drainage was jurisdictional.
 - ESA indicated that the EIR would evaluate this and would include appropriate mitigation measures to avoid this from happening in the future.
 - SCE would be required to have daily monitors for future construction and CPUC would supply a 3rd party oversight monitor to ensure compliance. For future activities, there would be 3rd party oversight monitoring at the construction work areas.
- City of Thousand Oaks expressed concern regarding impacts on special-status plants. The City noted that there are endangered plants in the area near the water tanks (e.g., Lyon's pentachaeta, Conejo buckwheat,

Verity's dudleya). The EIR should indicate where those populations are. ESA noted that SCE has conducted rare plant surveys for the project.

- City of Thousand Oaks expressed concern about increase fire danger provided that there are weedy plants along the alignment. Methods should be followed to avoid dispensing weeds with vehicles.
- City of Thousand Oaks expressed concern about the project's effects on viewsheds. During past activities, materials dumped along roadways were visible from Conejo Center Drive. The City indicated that mitigation should have required hydroseeding and/or temporary irrigation.
- City of Thousand Oaks expressed concern regarding increased loads on the subtransmission line in terms of failure (both pole and power failures) and potential to cause wildfires.
- City of Thousand Oaks expressed concern about the Project's construction and operational effects on recreationalists related to the project's access roads. The City requested that signs be installed in advance describing when and where construction activities would occur. ESA noted that this may warrant mitigation, which would likely be addressed in the EIR's Recreation section.
- ESA noted that SCE has identified Applicant Proposed Measures (APMs) to reduce environmental impacts that will be implemented as part of the project. ESA and the CPUC review these measures and then identify additional CEQA mitigation measures where appropriate to reduce significant impacts.
- ESA noted that the baseline includes existing conditions as they existed at the release of the NOP. The EIR will evaluate impacts associated with the Project's future construction, operation, and maintenance activities.
- City of Thousand Oaks staff indicated that they would unlikely submit a scoping comment letter.
- Matt Kouba (CRPD) supervises park rangers and would have an interest in recreational issues.
- City of Thousand Oaks requested that they be notified about the project's construction schedule.

e-mail notes

project	Moorpark-Newbury 66 kV Subtransmission Line Project	project no.	207584.15
date	April 7, 2014 through April 16, 2014	time	9:25 a.m.
present	Colleen Draguesku, USFWS Chris Dellith, USFWS Matt Fagundes, Project Manager, ESA Natasha Dvorak, Biologist, ESA	route to	
subject	E-mail Communication Notes with USFWS Regarding SCE's Proposed Moorpark-Newbury 66 kV Subtransmission Line Project		

key points:

- Natasha Dvorak (ESA) contacted USFWS on April 7, 2014 to ensure that they received the NOP for the Moorpark-Newbury 66 kV Subtransmission Line Project. ESA explained that the project was initially determined to be exempt from CEQA, construction began, but then was later determined to need CEQA review at which point construction was halted. ESA acknowledged that USFWS was contacted at the beginning phase of the project regarding the federally-listed coastal California gnatcatcher, Lyon's pentachaeta, and Conejo dudleya.
- ESA requested USFWS' approach to the project and any concerns that they might have to ensure that they are adequately addressed in the CEQA document.
- On April 7, 2014, Colleen Draguesku (USFWS) responded to ESA's email, noting that she spoke with Rincon Consultants and SCE about the project at the end of November 2013. USFWS noted that they did not receive a request for concurrence nor did they receive any minimization measures that would be implemented to avoid take of federally-listed species.
- ESA sent an e-mail response on April 16, 2014 ensuring that the EIR approach would use the current condition as a baseline. ESA also indicated that there is no anticipated federal nexus for the project.
- USFWS' follow-up e-mail on April 16, 2014 indicated that Chris Dellith would be the primary contact for the project. USFWS clarified that they have not agreed with a "take avoidance approach" and that general avoidance measures were informally discussed over the phone.

