

2 SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

The subsections found in Chapter 2 describe the existing conditions of the respective environmental issue area and analyze potential impacts resulting from implementation of the Campo Wind Project with Boulder Brush Facilities (Project) and applicable cumulative projects. For the purpose of this Environmental Impact Report (EIR), the County of San Diego (County) Guidelines of Determination of Significance apply to the direct/indirect impacts analysis and the cumulative impacts analysis. Where the County Guidelines for Determining Significance do not address the impacts considered, Appendix G of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines have been used as the basis for this analysis. The analysis is based on relevant technical reports prepared for the Project, and consistency with applicable plans.

As described in Chapter 1, Project Description, Location, and Environmental Setting, although the County as Lead Agency is analyzing the Project as a whole, the County's land use jurisdiction is limited to the private lease lands within the Boulder Brush Boundary (i.e., the Boulder Brush Facilities). Operation of the gen-tie line, access road, and high-voltage substation off of the Campo Band of Diegueño Mission Indians Reservation (Off-Reservation) would be subject to County jurisdiction. However, the switchyard and connection to the Sunrise Powerlink would be owned and operated by San Diego Gas & Electric, and thus subject to the jurisdiction of the California Public Utilities Commission for operation and maintenance.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has jurisdiction over the portion of the Project within the Reservation Boundary (i.e., Campo Wind Facilities), and has prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the impacts of the Project under the National Environmental Policy Act. The impact analysis included in the subsections herein hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the EIS.

The following subsections in Chapter 2 address environmental issue areas that have been found to be significant:

- Section 2.1, Aesthetics
- Section 2.2, Air Quality
- Section 2.3, Biological Resources
- Section 2.4, Cultural Resources
- Section 2.5, Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Section 2.6, Noise
- Section 2.7, Tribal Cultural Resources
- Section 2.8, Traffic and Transportation
- Section 2.9, Wildfire

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