

3 EFFECTS NOT FOUND TO BE SIGNIFICANT

3.1 Effects Found Not Significant as Part of the EIR Process

Chapter 3 addresses environmental issue areas that were found not to be significant for the Campo Wind Project with Boulder Brush Facilities (Project). The subsections found in Chapter 3 describe the existing conditions of each respective environmental issue area and analyze potential impacts resulting from implementation of the Project and applicable cumulative projects. As previously described in Chapter 2, for the purpose of this Environmental Impact Report (EIR), the County of San Diego (County) Guidelines for Determination of Significance apply to the direct/indirect impacts analysis and the cumulative impacts analysis. Where the County Guidelines for Determination of Significance do not address the impacts considered, Appendix G of the California Environmental Quality Act 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.

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 (Boulder Brush Facilities). However, the incoming and outgoing connection lines (approximately 1,000 feet in length) and associated pole structures and foundations that connect the Sunrise Powerlink to the switchyard would be constructed, owned, and operated by San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) and would not be included in the County's Major Use Permit. Because these components would be constructed by SDG&E, they are subject to the jurisdiction of the California Public Utilities Commission for construction, maintenance, and operation. After the switchyard is constructed by the Boulder Brush Developer and transferred to SDG&E's ownership, its operation and maintenance would also be under California Public Utilities Commission jurisdiction. The construction, operation, and maintenance of the remaining Boulder Brush Facilities (Off-Reservation gen-tie line, access roads, and high-voltage substation) would remain subject to the County's jurisdiction.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has jurisdiction over the On-Reservation Campo Wind Facilities, and has prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate the impacts of the Campo Wind Facilities under the National Environmental Policy Act. The analysis in this EIR hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the EIS.

The following subsections found in Chapter 3 address environmental issue areas that have been found to be less than significant without mitigation:

- Section 3.1.1, Agricultural Resources
- Section 3.1.2, Energy

- Section 3.1.3, Geology, Soils, and Seismicity
- Section 3.1.4, Greenhouse Gases
- Section 3.1.5, Hydrology and Water Quality
- Section 3.1.6, Land Use and Planning
- Section 3.1.7, Paleontological Resources
- Section 3.1.8, Public Services
- Section 3.1.9, Utilities and Service Systems