

O10 San Diego Gas & Electric

- O10-1** The comment introduces comments that follow. Responses to the individual comments within the documents and exhibits mentioned in this comment are included below.
- O10-2** This comment describes the services of San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), subject to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and introduces comments to follow on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).
- O10-3** This comment provides background information on SDG&E’s role in the Campo Wind Project with Boulder Brush Facilities (Project), which is also provided in Chapter 1, Project Description, of the Draft EIR. The comment states SDG&E will be constructing the connection of the switchyard to Sunrise Powerlink, and the switchyard will be transferred to SDG&E after construction. The comment further states that both the connection to the switchyard and the switchyard itself are subject to CPUC jurisdiction and would not be subject to County of San Diego (County) jurisdiction or to the requirements of the Major Use Permit issued by the County for their operation and maintenance. In response, the County acknowledges that the incoming/outgoing connection lines and the associated pole structures and foundations that would connect the switchyard to Sunrise Powerlink would be constructed, owned, and operated by SDG&E, and are subject to the jurisdiction of the CPUC for both construction and operation. The connection to Sunrise Powerlink would not be included in the County’s Major Use Permit; however, it is analyzed in the Draft EIR.
- Construction of the switchyard is currently included as part of the County’s Major Use Permit. However, after the switchyard is constructed and transferred to SDG&E, its operation and maintenance would be under CPUC jurisdiction and thus would not be subject to the County’s jurisdiction or Major Use Permit requirements. This comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.
- O10-4** This comment states that under the California Environmental Quality Act, SDG&E considers that the Draft EIR addresses all potential impacts to environmental resources, including Project components either constructed or ultimately owned by SDG&E. In response, impacts associated with all Project components, including components that are either constructed by or will be transferred to SDG&E, are adequately analyzed in the Draft EIR. This includes facilities and their construction, including access roads, foundation pads, and pull sites. The comment does not raise concerns related to the adequacy of the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.

Responses to Comments

- O10-5** This comment states that landscaping, revegetation, and/or habitat enhancement plans for the Project shall not inhibit SDG&E's access to facilities they would construct and maintain. SDG&E requests all proposed mitigation be placed outside of the right-of-way, access roads, and maintenance pads. In response, no landscaping is proposed as part of the Project. Per mitigation measure M-BI-7, disturbed areas that are not required to be clear for operations and maintenance activities (i.e., temporarily disturbed areas) shall be revegetated or stabilized using soil binders within 90 days of construction completion. Topsoil from excavations and construction activities would be segregated from sub-soil and reapplied to the surface of the ground during revegetation activities. To reestablish plant communities of most value to wildlife, the appropriate weed-free native grasses, forbs, and shrubs would be used. Revegetation activities on temporary disturbance areas would be undertaken as early as immediately following construction. In addition, Fuel Modification Zones will be required for the access road and the switchyard. Please refer to the Boulder Brush Facilities Fire Protection Plan (Appendix I to the Draft EIR). Proposed revegetation and mitigation are not anticipated to affect SDG&E's access to their respective facilities within the Boulder Brush Boundary. As the comment does not raise concerns related to the adequacy of the Draft EIR, no further response is required.
- O10-6** This comment requests an editorial revision in Chapter 1, Project Description, Location, and Environmental Setting, of the Draft EIR. As requested by SDG&E, references to "control house" have been revised to "control shelter" in the Project Description of the Final EIR. No other revisions are required in response to this comment
- O10-7** This comment requests an editorial revision on page 1-7 of Chapter 1 of the Draft EIR. As requested by SDG&E, the following text has been added on Page 1-7 of the Project Description in the Final EIR: "SDG&E would have use of the access roads after construction is complete for the purpose of operations and maintenance of their facilities." No other revisions are required in response to this comment.
- O10-8** This comment provides text from Chapter 2.5, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, of the Draft EIR. SDG&E has requested they be removed from a sentence stating their affiliation with either owning or operating treatment, storage, or disposal facilities within the County. SDG&E's reference in this sentence on page 2.5-8 of the Draft EIR has been removed in the Final EIR. No other revisions are required in response to this comment.
- O10-9** This comment requests the opportunity to review future environmental documents and permits associated with the Project. This comment does not raise an issue regarding the adequacy of the Draft EIR; therefore, no further response is required.