



California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

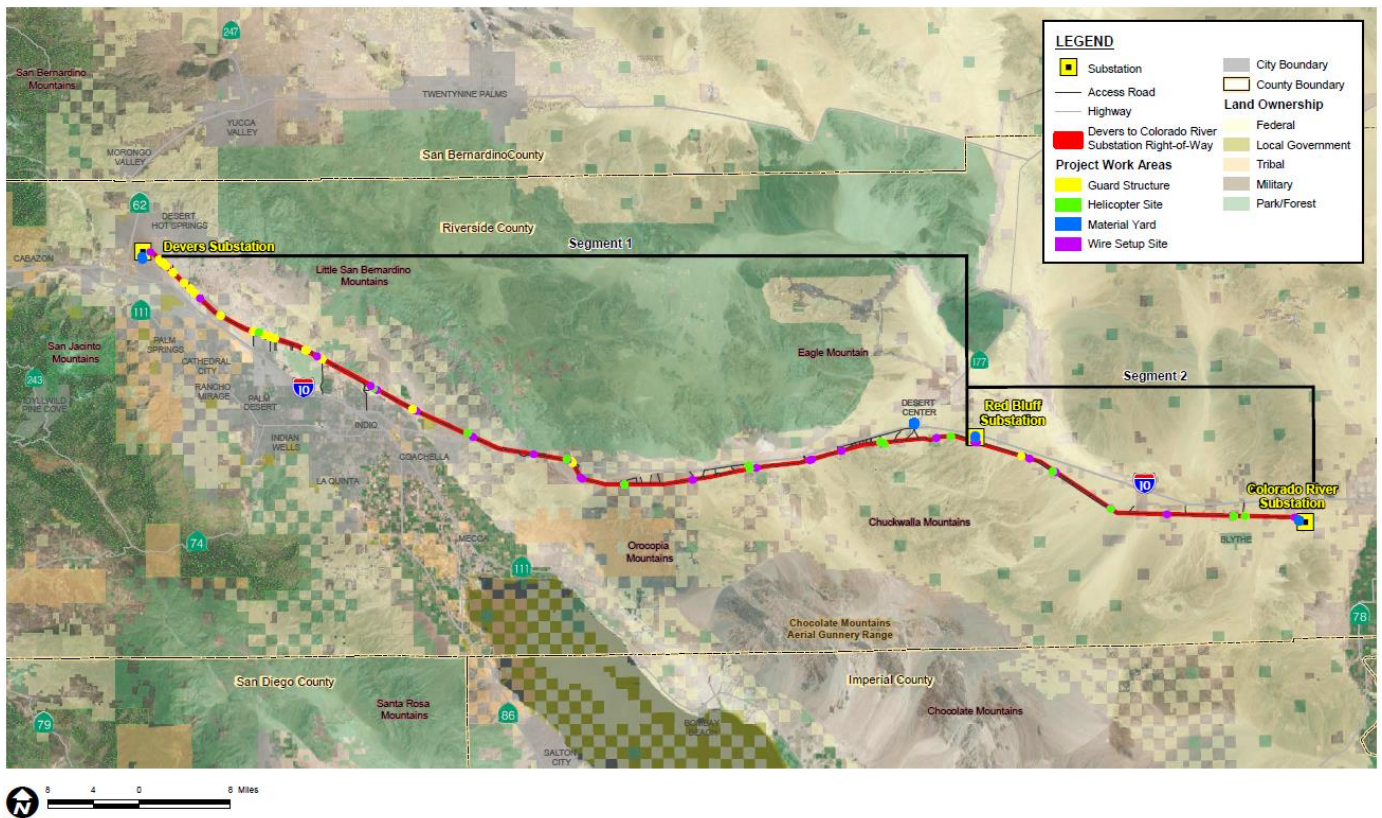
LEAD AGENCY: California Department Fish and Wildlife

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SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Sections 21092 and 21092.3 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072

Project Location: The project is located within the utility corridor that extends from the Devers Substation east to the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station in Arizona. The project is limited to a portion of the utility corridor from the Devers Substation to the Colorado River Substation (approximately 111 miles) in eastern Riverside County, generally between the Cities of Palm Springs and Blythe (see Figure 1).

Figure 1: Project Location



Project Description: The project involves the replacement of segments of existing Devers–Colorado River No. 1 500-kilovolt single-circuit transmission line components, including conductor and hardware, which would occur within the existing right-of-way. As proposed, the project would correct phase-to-ground discrepancies and would not involve an increase in line capacity. Four existing material yards would be utilized during construction. These existing and previously disturbed material yards would be located at the Devers, Red Bluff, and Colorado River Substations, and in Desert Center near State Route 117. In addition, infrastructure such as fiber-optic cable would not be installed or collocated with replacement conductor.

The project includes two segments: Devers to Red Bluff No. 1 (Segment 1) and Colorado River to Red Bluff No. 1 (Segment 2). Segment 1 would reconductor approximately 80 miles of existing line and replace hardware on 281 existing structures, and Segment 2 would reconductor approximately 31 miles of existing line and replace hardware on 93 existing structures.

Location of Mitigated Negative Declaration Available for Public Review. The Mitigated Negative Declaration may be viewed online at <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Notices>. In addition, copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and appendices on CD are available for review at the locations listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Public Repository Sites

Site	Address	Telephone
CDFW Bermuda Dunes Office	78078 Country Club Drive, Suite 109, Bermuda Dunes, CA 92203	760.200.9158
CDFW Blythe Office	17041 South Lovekin Boulevard, Blythe, CA 92225	760.922.9189
Desert Hot Springs Library	11691 West Drive, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240	760.329.5926
Palm Springs Library	300 S. Sunrise Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262	760.322.7323
Cathedral City Library	33520 Date Palm Drive, Cathedral City, CA 92234	760.328.4262
Desert Public Library	70251 Ramon Road, Rancho Mirage, CA 92270	760.321.1111
Palm Desert Library	73300 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, CA 92260	760.346.6552
Coachella Library	1538 Seventh, Coachella, CA 92236	760.398.5148
Indio Library	200 Civic Center Mall, Indio, CA 92201	760.347.2383
Thousand Palms Library	31189 Robert Road, Thousand Palms, CA 92276	760.343.1556
Lake Tamarisk Public Library	43880 Tamarisk Drive, Desert Center, CA 92239	760.227.3273
Palo Verde Valley District Library	125 West Chanslor Way, Blythe, CA 92225	760.922.5371

Public Comment Period: By this notice, CDFW is announcing the opening of the 45-day comment period (July 13, 2018, to August 27, 2018). All written comments must be received by August 27, 2018, by 5:00 p.m. (end of the 45-day public review period).

Commenting on Mitigated Negative Declaration: Written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be addressed to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Inland Deserts Region

Attention: Kimberly Freeburn Marquez, Project Manager

Mailing Address: 3602 Inland Empire Boulevard, Suite C-220, Ontario, California 91764

OR via email: Kim.Freeburn@wildlife.ca.gov (subject line: “DPV1 TLRR Project MND Comments”).

The project is not located on any list of places containing hazardous materials.