Notice of Public Availability

From: Karen Weiss California Department of Fish and Wildlife P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Subject: <u>Notice of Public Availability of Proposed Amendment to the San Diego Gas & Electric</u> <u>Subregional Plan</u>

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is considering an amendment to the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) Subregional Plan under the Natural Community Conservation Planning Act (NCCPA) of 1991. This notice announces the availability of the proposed amendment for public review and comment for forty-five (45) days.

The NCCPA encourages broad-based planning to protect and conserve the state's wildlife heritage while allowing appropriate development and growth. CDFW is authorized to approve natural community conservation plans (NCCPs) pursuant to the NCCPA, and to consider amendments to those plans for the conservation of species and habitats.

In 1995, the plan was permitted to cover 2,245,800 acres of SDG&E's service area. The plan is both a NCCP and a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) pursuant Section 10 of the federal Endangered Species Act. The SDG&E Plan is designed to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to 110 Covered Species and their habitats while allowing SDG&E to install, maintain, operate, and repair its existing gas and electric system and undertake anticipated expansion of that system. CDFW invites the public to review and comment on the proposed amendment.

The document can be viewed on the internet at CDFW's website at <u>https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Planning/NCCP/Plans</u>. Upon request, a paper copy also can be sent by mail by contacting Sara Kern at 916.531.4465.

All comments should be emailed to <u>sara.kern@wildlife.ca.gov</u>. The period for public review and comment will close forty-five (45) days after the date of this Notice. Comments received on or before January 13, 2022 will be reviewed.

Date: November 30, 2021

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