



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Riverside County Planning Department (RCPD) has prepared a Draft Initial Study & Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the project listed below pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines §15000 et seq. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS-MND may do so in writing within the 30-day public review period from Monday, May 22, 2023, through 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 2023.

Project Title: Anza Electric Cooperative (AEC) Electricity Transmission Line Project

Project Location: The project components would be located primarily within the rights-of-way of CA State Route 371 (SR 371) in the unincorporated community of Anza, California. The remainder of the project alignment would be located within existing AEC utility easements that are generally north of SR 371 and along existing local roadways. In addition, the project proposes a new substation, the Bautista Substation, near the intersection of Bautista Road and SR 371. The project site includes Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 576-060-040 for the proposed Bautista Substation and 96 parcels for the proposed realignment, and the project is within the United States Geological Survey (USGS) Cahuilla Mountain and Anza Lake, California 7.5-minute topographic quadrangles. The project location and alignment are shown in Figure 1.

Brief Project Description: AEC's existing land-based utilities systems in the project area consist of wooden utility poles, approximately 35 to 45 feet in height with single- or three-phase crossarm mounted distribution lines attached. The existing poles currently carry electric power distribution lines. The project includes replacement of approximately 3.1 miles of 34.5-kilovolt electricity transmission lines and construction of the Bautista Substation. The replacement transmission lines would be strung on the existing utilities poles. The replacement transmission line alignment would not be located on Cahuilla Reservation or U.S. Forest Service lands. The proposed Bautista Substation would consist of electrical distribution facilities.

The proposed project is not located on a site that is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

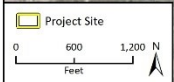
Public Meeting: RCPD will consider the IS-MND during a regular Planning Commission meeting following the review period on June 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501.

30-Day Document Review: The IS-MND is available for public review at the RCPD office at 4080 Lemon Street, Riverside, California 92501 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The IS-MND may also be accessed from the RCPD website, <https://planning.rctlma.org/>.

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Figure 1 Project Site Location



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Fig. 1 Project Location 2/15/2022