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Project Title: Lugo-Victorville Remedial Action Scheme Project

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 City: Ontario Zip: 91764 County: San Bernardino

Project Location: County: San Bernardino City/Nearest Community: Daggett, Ludlow,
 Cross Streets: I-40; I-15; SR 247; SR 95; and SR 164; Pioneer Road, Newberry Road, Daggett-Yermo Road, and Nipton Road Zip Code: Multiple
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): See ° Figu ' re " N / ° ' " W Total Acres: 66.94
 Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: I-40; I-15; SR 247; SR 95; SR 164 Waterways: Mojave River
 Airports: Barstow-Daggett Airport (DAG) Railways: BNSF Schools: NA

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ Draft EIS Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: Incidental Take Permit

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type Transmission MWNA
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Educational: _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Recreational: _____ Other: _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minerals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading	<input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

See Attached

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>8</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date December 22, 2023 Ending Date January 22, 2024

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Attachment 1

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Electric Transmission Right of Way; Rural Living (RL and RL-5), Resource Conservation (RC), Community Industrial (IC), General Commercial (CG), Multiple Residential (RM), Neighborhood Commercial (CN), Highway Commercial (CH), and Institutional (IN), RC, R-U, and SD-RES (Special Development), O-S District, designated as Open Lands land use designation.

Project Description:

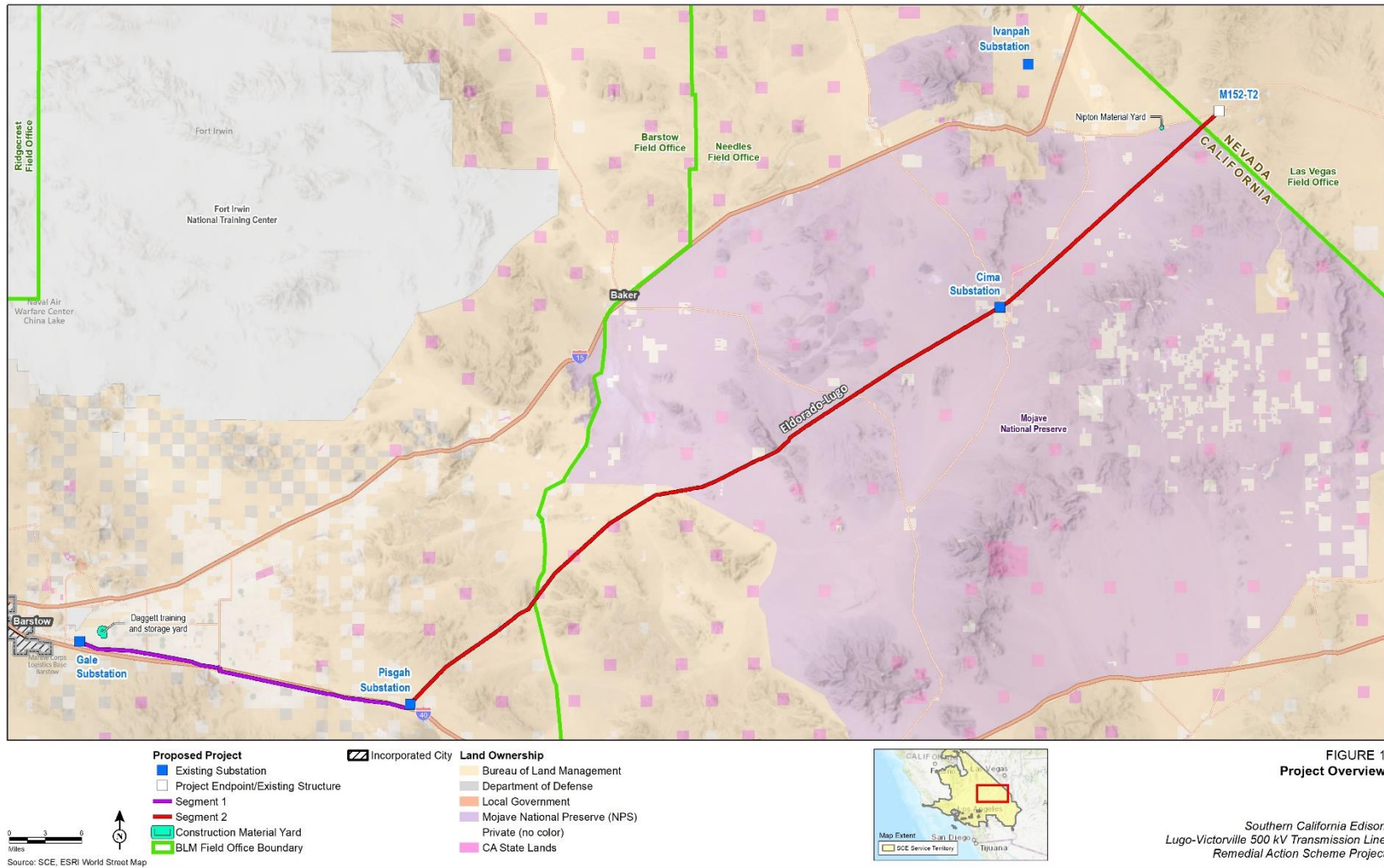
The proposed Project by Southern California Edison (SCE) (Applicant) aims to prevent thermal overloading of the existing Lugo-Victorville 500kV Transmission Line to reliably interconnect and integrate multiple renewable generation projects in the eastern California and southern Nevada area onto the California Independent System Operator controlled grid. The proposed Project includes the installation of a new telecommunication path in the existing utility corridor, including the replacement of overhead ground wire (OHGW), optical fiber nonconducting riser (OFNR) cable, and/or all-dielectric self-supporting (ADSS) fiber-optic cable between the existing Eldorado Substation in Nevada, and Cima, Pisgah, and Gale Substations in California. The Project would replace 34 existing poles and install 17 new telecommunication poles along the existing transmission corridor. New and replacement pole risers, anchors, and manholes would also be installed as part of the project. Existing access roads would be utilized to the extent possible.

The Project is subject to CEQA and requires an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) for the protection of the Mojave desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) and the gilded flicker (*Colaptes chrysoides*). The ITP, if issued by CDFW subject to certain conditions, would remain in effect for 30 years. The Project also requires that the Applicant notify CDFW under section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to obtain a CDFW-executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) authorizing impacts to Fish and Game Code section 1602 resources associated with the Project. An LSAA is required between CDFW and an entity proposing to substantially divert or obstruct the natural flow or substantially change the bed, channel, or bank of any river, stream, or lake. The LSAA is designed to protect the fish and wildlife resources of a river, stream, or lake. CDFW, consistent with their obligation as the CEQA lead agency, has analyzed and disclosed the environmental effects of the proposed Project as part of the "whole of the action" in the Draft IS/MND. Notwithstanding the proposed exercise of CDFW's regulatory authority under the California Fish and Game Code, the Draft IS/MND addresses other potential environmental impacts across the resource spectrum that may result from construction, operations, and maintenance of the Project over the 30-year period and are relevant under CEQA. The primary objectives of the proposed Project are to reliably interconnect and integrate multiple renewable energy generation projects in the eastern California and southern Nevada area onto the California Independent System Operator controlled grid and ensure adherence to rigorous environmental standards.

Regional access to the Project area is provided by I-40, I-15, SR-247, SR-95, and SR-164. The majority of roadways spanned by the Project area consist of local unpaved roadways. Pioneer Road, Newberry Road, Daggett-Yermo Road, and Nipton Road would be used to access Project components and construction yards. Segment 1 of the proposed Project runs parallel to I-40 from the Gale to Pisgah Substations and is accessible from Route 66. Segment 2 of the proposed Project would be accessed primarily by helicopters based at Hesperia Airport, Barstow-Daggett Airport, Baker Airport,

Jean Airport, and staged at construction yards, including the Daggett Construction Yard. The portion of Segment 2 in Clark County can be accessed via SR-164. Up to 121 construction personnel may be present at any given time over the 1-year construction period between Segment 1 and Segment 2 combined. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2024. Construction crews would generally work Monday through Saturday for approximately 10 hours per day. Project construction activities would generally occur between 5:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., depending on time of year, including travel time. Crews may travel to and set up at sites before sunrise or clean up and travel from sites after sunset. Noise-generating construction activities on private land will occur between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., consistent with the San Bernardino County Development Code and the mitigation measures in the Draft IS/MND. Nighttime construction work is not anticipated for the proposed Project; however, if temporary artificial nighttime lighting is required, it will be consistent with the mitigation measures in the Draft IS/MND. Operations and maintenance activities are currently implemented by SCE within the Lugo-Victorville Project ROW on the existing infrastructure, which would continue to be maintained on a similar schedule following implementation of the proposed Project.

Figure 1 Project Overview



**FIGURE 1
 Project Overview**

Southern California Edison
 Lugo-Victorville 500 kV Transmission Line
 Remedial Action Scheme Project