



Southern California Edison (SCE)
Transmission Line Rating Remediation Gorman-Kern River 66 kV Project
Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)

To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Property Owners,
and Interested Parties

From: Eric Chiang, California Public Utilities Commission - Environmental Project Manager

Subject: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY - IS/MND

Date: November 22, 2024

PROJECT BACKGROUND. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for SCE's proposed Transmission Line Rating Remediation Gorman-Kern River 66 kV Project within southwest Kern County and north Los Angeles County. The project would involve rebuilding 65.3 miles of existing 66 kV subtransmission circuits by removing and replacing existing subtransmission towers and poles; removing and replacing existing conductor; installing optical ground wire; and modifying existing substations facilities associated with the powerline. Based on the Initial Study, the CPUC intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration under CEQA.

AVAILABILITY OF IS/MND: The IS/MND is available on the CPUC project website:
http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/panoramaenv/Kern_River/index.html

A copy of the IS/MND has been provided to the following libraries, where it may be reviewed:

Beale Memorial Library 701 Truxtun Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93301	Kern County Library - Arvin Branch 201 Campus Drive Arvin, CA 93203	Kern County Library - Frazier Park Branch 3732 Park Drive Frazier Park, CA 93225
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You may obtain a printed copy (hardcopy) or an electronic copy (compact disk [CD]) of the document upon request by mail or email to the addresses provided below, or by phone at (323) 646-0237.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: This IS/MND will undergo public review from **November 22 through December 23, 2024**. Comments must be postmarked or received by email by **5:00 p.m. on December 23, 2024**. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND may be submitted via mail, fax, or email to:

Gorman-Kern River TLRR Project 717 Market Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103	Fax: 650-373-1211 E-Mail: KernRiverTLRR@panoramaenv.com
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Note: The CPUC will not consider anonymous comments. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses will be available for public review in their entirety.