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Dear Mr. Colton:

This letter is to document recent Forest Service (FS) findings from site visits to the special use permit (SUP) area for the Sunrise Powerlink Project. Forest Service Hydrologist, Jason Jimenez, and Forest Service Road Engineer, Mark Marquette, have observed several areas of ground disturbance from project construction activity outside of approved project limits or not depicted in current approved SUP Exhibits:

- Tower leg access route has been graded at project worksite CP-69 that is not identified in approved SUP Exhibit 4.
- At project worksite EP-131, the constructed width of the tower access road exceeds the approved limits of Exhibit 4. Vehicle parking off the road in the cleared vegetation has also been observed and documented.
- At worksite EP-141 an unauthorized loop turnaround is being used by construction traffic.
- At worksite EP-141 access road, grading has occurred that is not identified in Exhibit 4.

These actions do not comply with the following terms of the SUP.

SUP Requirements:

Clause II B: All plans for development, layout, construction, reconstruction, or alteration of improvements in the permit area, as well as revisions to those plans must be prepared by a professional engineer, architect, landscape architect or other qualified professional based on federal employment standards acceptable to the authorized officer. These plans and plan revisions must have written approval from the authorized officer before they are implemented. The authorized officer may require the holder to furnish as built plans, maps, or surveys, upon completion to the work.

Clause VIII G: The holder shall prepare site plans to show the location of all buildings, service areas, roads, and structures (Exhibit 4). Such plans shall be on a scale of 1:360 with 2 foot contour intervals. The holder is encouraged to consult with the authorized officer during the preparation of the site plan to ensure that it is adequate. No construction shall be undertaken by the holder prior to site plan approval.



Corrective Actions:

I thank SDG&E for taking prompt action ahead of this notice to correct the above matters and meet with the FS to resolve these issues. Of notable importance was SDG&E's misinterpretation of allowable ground disturbance within areas labeled as "Permanent Construction & Maintenance Pad" in the legend of SUP Exhibit 4.

It's now established that all ground disturbance is limited to the approved drawn features of Exhibit 4, not the general work area used earlier for analysis purposes. Any features that SDG&E intends to construct that are not in the approved Exhibit 4 design must be drawn by a qualified professional as described in the permit and submitted to the FS for approval prior to construction. Requests to process revisions shall be submitted through the FS Sunrise Project Manager.

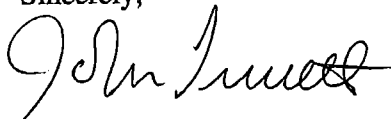
The following corrective actions must occur:

1. Revised engineer drawings to Exhibit 4 for CP-69 shall be submitted to the FS for review and approval. The drawings shall depict access grading. Amendments to all relevant restoration plans that describe restoration of access grading areas shall also be provided to the FS. Drawings for all tower sites that require access grading shall also be submitted to the FS for prior review and approval.
2. Fiber rolls shall be placed along both sides of EP-131 access road to designate the width of the road and to prevent parking in non-designated areas. If the fiber rolls are not effective they shall be replaced with silt fencing to prevent parking.
3. Construction Traffic turnaround is restricted to approved areas. The area mentioned at EP-141 shall be discontinued and signed as "No Project Access".
4. For the EP-141 access road, a site specific restoration plan needs to be submitted and approved by the FS to conform with approved exhibits. Restoration of vegetation also needs to be addressed.

Failure to complete the corrective action by November 11, 2011, may result in suspension of your special use permit. Refer to permit section VII for the provisions regarding termination, suspension, and revocation. This letter is your notice of noncompliance and your notice of opportunity to take corrective action.

If you have questions contact Brian Paul, Sunrise Project Manager at (619) 445-6235.

Sincerely,



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