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## 5.14 PUBLIC SERVICES

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Would the project:		Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless APMs Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a.	Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
i.	Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii.	Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii.	Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
iv.	Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
v.	Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### 5.14.1 Introduction

This section of the PEA describes public services in the vicinity of the Proposed Project. Fire and police protection, parks, schools, and other public facilities such as hospitals and libraries are addressed, and the potential effects resulting from the Proposed Project construction, operation, and maintenance are evaluated. Impacts to public services, if any, are anticipated to be less than significant for construction, operation, and maintenance of the Proposed Project.

### 5.14.2 Methodology

Public services, utilities, and service systems data were obtained from searches of local government websites and other local service informational resources. The review also included Google Earth maps, aerial photographs of the Proposed Project area, GIS data, and online maps. Anticipated construction schedules, temporary (construction) impact areas, and permanent (operation and maintenance) impact areas were reviewed where project-related activities would occur within existing public parks.

### 5.14.3 Existing Conditions

#### 5.14.3.1 Regulatory Background

##### Federal

There are no relevant federal regulations related to public services.

**State**

There are no relevant state regulations related to public services.

**Local**

There are no relevant local regulations related to public services.

**5.14.3.2 Public Services Setting****Fire Protection**

The San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (Fire-Rescue Department) provides fire protection for the City of San Diego. The Fire-Rescue Department also provides many other services, including emergency/rescue services, hazard prevention, and safety education ensuring the protection of life, property and the environment. The Fire-Rescue Department has a service territory covering 331 square miles, serving a population of approximately 1.3 million people, and it covers 17 miles of coastline extending 3 miles offshore and also approximately 4,600 acres around Mission Bay Park. The Fire-Rescue Department includes 47 fire stations within the City of San Diego. The Department includes the following budgeted personnel: 801 uniformed fire personnel, 338 uniformed lifeguard personnel, and 161 civilian personnel.

Within the vicinity of the Proposed Project, the Fire-Rescue Department has one fire station, San Diego Fire Station (SDFS) 42. SDFS 42 is located at 12110 World Trade Drive, approximately 0.75 miles southeast of the Rancho Carmel Substation and covers 6.5 square miles.

The San Diego County Fire Authority (SDCFA), created in June 2008, combines independent fire agencies under one fire chief to unify fire protection services for the County. The SDCFA aims to improve response and emergency services to unincorporated areas and is responsible for maintaining fire engines and related equipment for volunteer and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection stations.

The SDCFA has one fire station within the Proposed Project's vicinity, Rancho Santa Fe Fire Station 2. The Rancho Santa Fe Fire Station 2 is located at 16930 Four Gee Road, approximately 170 feet north of the proposed reconducted power line alignment. The Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District covers 38 square miles and services over 29,000 citizens. The district has the following personnel: one Chief, one Deputy Chief, one Battalion/Training Officer, three Battalion Chiefs, thirty-nine paid fire suppression personnel, and three fire prevention personnel.

**Law Enforcement**

The San Diego Police Department (SDPD) has a total of nine divisions serving over one million residents. Portions of the Proposed Project area fall within the Black Mountain Ranch area served by the Northwestern Division and the Rancho Bernardo area served by the Northeastern Division. The SDPD Northwestern Division is located at 12592 El Camino Real and the SDPD Northeastern Division is located at 13396 Salmon River Road.

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department (SDCSD) is the chief law enforcement agency for the County with 4,000 employees (including administrative staff). The SDCSD service area

covers approximately 4,200 square miles including unincorporated areas. The Proposed Project area is served by the 4S Ranch Substation (a substation of the North Coast Sheriff's Station). This substation serves the 4S Ranch community, Rancho Santa Fe, Black Mountain Ranch, Rancho Peñasquitos, and Lake Hodges. It is located at 10282 Rancho Bernardo Road and is approximately 500 feet east of the proposed reconducted power line alignment.

### **Schools**

There are five schools within 0.25 mile of the Proposed Project: Maranatha Christian School (K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade), Maranatha Christian Preschool, Design 39 Campus, Kinderhouse Montessori School, and Del Norte High School.

- Maranatha Christian School (K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) – The school is located at 9050 Maranatha Drive. The school is approximately 150 feet northwest of the proposed reconducted power line. The nearest classroom is approximately 500 feet northwest of the proposed reconducted power line alignment and 750 feet northwest of the existing Artesian Substation.
- Maranatha Christian Preschool –The preschool is located at 10752 Coastwood Road, San Diego, California, 92127 (near the intersection of Rancho Bernardo Road and Camino San Bernardo). The Bernardo Substation is approximately 0.4 mile east of the school and the proposed reconducted overhead power line alignment is approximately 600 feet south of the school as well as the closest classroom.
- Design 39 Campus – Poway Unified School District. This school is located at 17050 Del Sur Ridge, San Diego, California 92127. It is approximately 500 feet southwest of the proposed reconducted overhead power line alignment. The closest classroom lies approximately 1,050 feet southwest of the proposed reconducted overhead alignment.
- Kinderhouse Montessori School. This school is located at 17025 Via Del Campo, San Diego, California 92127. It is approximately 986 feet southeast of the Bernardo Substation. The school offers primary through sixth grade, but also offers classes for toddlers (18 through 30 months of age) and introduced infant care in the summer of 2015.
- Del Norte High School. Poway Unified School District. This school is located approximately 0.25 mile south of the proposed reconducting overhead power line alignment. This school offers ninth through twelfth grade and is located at 16601 Nighthawk Lane.

### **Parks**

The Proposed Project is located in the vicinity of a few community parks, open space preserves, and recreation areas, as follows:

- The Santa Fe Valley Open Space Preserve is directly north of the Artesian Substation. The total preserve is approximately 300 acres, but only 16.6 acres are within 0.25 mile of the Proposed Project. Existing transmission and power lines run through this area, but work on these structures will be within existing SDG&E ROW and are not expected to impact the preserve.

- Approximately 32 acres of the Black Mountain Ranch open space is within 0.25 mile of the Proposed Project. The Black Mountain Ranch Open Space Park contains 10 trails, 5 parking lots with paved access, and 2 community parks (Black Mountain Ranch Community Park and the Hilltop Community Park).
- The Greenfield Preserve and Christopher Hill Preserve also lie within one mile of the Proposed Project area.
- The 4S Ranch Community Park consists of four separate parks (Homestead, Heritage, Liberty, and Patriot), with a combined total of approximately 17.4 acres (refer to Figure 5.10-1: Proposed Project Land Use Map of Chapter 5.10: Land Use and Planning). The closest two parks, 4S Heritage Park (5.54 acres) and 4S Patriot Park (5.75 acres), are located approximately 0.12 mile south of the Proposed Project and 0.4 mile north of the Proposed Project, respectively. Both parks offer similar amenities, including playgrounds, basketball courts, picnic areas, and fields.
- Various Home Owners Association (HOA) parks are west of the Artesian Substation including Mel Driscoll HOA Park, Kristen Glen HOA Park, and Reagan Glen HOA Park. The closest of these, Kristen Glen HOA Park, is located approximately 760 feet west of the Artesian Substation.

### **Other Public Facilities**

The 4S Ranch Library, 10433 Reserve Drive, San Diego, CA 92127, is approximately 900 feet north of the proposed reconducted power line alignment. The closest hospitals that would serve the area are Pomerado Hospital in the City of Poway (1.3 miles east of Rancho Carmel Substation), Scripps Memorial Hospital in the City of Encinitas (8.8 miles west of the existing Artesian Substation), Palomar Medical Center in the City of Escondido (7 miles north of Bernardo Substation), and Palomar West Medical Center in the City of Escondido (7 miles north of the existing Artesian Substation).

### **5.14.4 Potential Impacts**

#### **5.14.4.1 Significance Criteria**

Standards of significance were derived from Appendix G of the *CEQA Guidelines*. Under these guidelines, the Proposed Project could have a potentially significant impact to public services if it would:

- a) Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:
  - i. Fire protection;
  - ii. Police protection;
  - iii. Schools;

- iv. Parks;
- v. Other public facilities.

#### **5.14.4.2 Question 14a(i & ii) – Impacts to fire and police protection?**

##### **Construction – Less Than Significant Impact**

There are two emergency service providers within 0.25 mile of the Proposed Project – one fire station and one police station. Construction of the Proposed Project would only represent a small, temporary increase in population as outlined in Section 5.13, Population and Housing and would not require any new or expanded emergency service facilities.

Construction activities associated with the Proposed Project would not burden local fire or police services. At the completion of each work day, construction crews will lock up and secure each worksite to prevent theft or vandalism associated with work equipment or supplies. SDG&E will also implement its project-specific fire plan, which may include contract fire prevention patrol(s) as appropriate. Furthermore, SDG&E may have private security personnel monitoring construction sites where materials are stored, which may include the substations, staging yards, and ROW. Therefore, impacts, if any, would be less than significant.

##### **Operation & Maintenance – No Impact**

Operation and maintenance of the Proposed Project will be virtually the same as operation and maintenance of existing facilities. The expanded substation, overhead lines, and underground substation getaways will operate unstaffed (with minimal scheduled maintenance) and all operations and maintenance will occur on facilities located within existing SDG&E ROW, franchise position (city/county streets) and SDG&E-owned property. Therefore, no impacts to fire or police protection would occur.

#### **5.14.4.3 Question 14a(iii) – Impacts to schools?**

##### **Construction – No Impact**

The Proposed Project would not significantly affect school enrollment since construction of the Proposed Project is relatively short-term. The number of construction workers would be insignificant relative to the local population as outlined in Section 5.13, Population and Housing. The Proposed Project is not anticipated to generate new students for the schools in the area.

No new or physically altered schools would be necessary as a result of the Proposed Project. Therefore, the Proposed Project is not anticipated to impact schools during construction activities.

##### **Operation & Maintenance – No Impact**

Operation and maintenance of the Proposed Project will be virtually the same as operation and maintenance of existing facilities. The expanded substation, overhead lines, and underground substation getaways will operate unstaffed (with minimal scheduled maintenance) and all operations and maintenance will occur on facilities located within existing SDG&E ROW, franchise position (city/county streets) and SDG&E-owned property. The Proposed Project

would not cause any substantial change to the assigned operations and maintenance staff and their current activities. Because there would be no change to staffing levels related to operations and maintenance activities, there would not be a resulting noticeable change in population attributable to the Proposed Project. Therefore, there would not be an impact on school enrollment and the Proposed Project would not contribute to any need to expand or replace existing schools, or build new schools. Therefore, no impacts to schools would result from operation and maintenance of the Proposed Project.

#### **5.14.4.4 Question 14a(iv) – Impacts to parks?**

##### **Construction – No Impact**

It is not anticipated that the Proposed Project would restrict access to, or require use of, park lands, recreational trails, community parks, vehicular parking, or other recreational facilities for construction activities. SDG&E ROWs containing existing power and transmission lines that extend into the Santa Fe Valley Open Space Preserve and Black Mountain Ranch open space have established access roads for construction usage. Construction access to transmission and power lines is not anticipated to affect the preserve and open space areas or restrict access to other users. The Greenfield Preserve and Christopher Hill Preserve will be avoided entirely by construction; and therefore, no impacts will occur as a result of the Proposed Project. The Proposed Project will not involve developing new residential units or services that will generate a new daytime or residential population in the area that will increase the demand on parks. Construction workers traveling to the area may use existing public services or amenities such as parks; however, this potential increase in demand will be minimal and temporary and will not exacerbate the need for or deterioration of the park facilities or result in the need for new facilities. Construction activities will not cause any significant alteration or deterioration to the parks; therefore, no impacts are anticipated.

##### **Operation & Maintenance – No Impact**

Operations and maintenance activities for the Proposed Project would be substantially similar to existing operations and maintenance with respect to existing parks. No new workers are anticipated to be required for operation and maintenance of the Proposed Project. The Proposed Project would not create any increased demand on the local public park system. Therefore, no new or expanded parks would be required in order to meet existing demand and no impacts would occur.

#### **5.14.4.5 Question 14a(v) – Impacts to other public facilities?**

##### **Construction and Operation & Maintenance – No Impact**

No additional government or public services would be required as a result of construction activities associated with the Proposed Project. The Proposed Project neither increases the demand for, nor alters the level of, local public services required because it would not measurably increase local population or housing opportunities and/or requirements. Therefore, there would be no impacts.



### 5.14.5 Applicant Proposed Measures

The Proposed Project would not result in significant impacts relating to Public Services. Therefore, no Applicant Proposed Measures are being proposed.

### 5.14.6 Detailed Discussion of Significant Impacts

The Proposed Project would not cause any significant impacts relating to public facilities.

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