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4.14 PUBLIC SERVICES

Would the Proposed Project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less-than-Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-than-Significant Impact	No Impact
a) Would the project 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:				
Fire protection?				✓
Police protection?				✓
Schools?				✓
Parks?			✓	
Other public facilities?				✓

4.14.0 Introduction

This section describes local public services in the area of the proposed San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) Tie Line (TL) 649 Wood-to-Steel Replacement Project (Proposed Project) and evaluates potential impacts on existing services. The following discussion addresses fire and emergency services, police and protective services, hospitals, schools, parks, and other public services, and evaluates the potential for construction, operation, and maintenance of the Proposed Project to adversely affect these services. As a result of this analysis, it was determined that the Proposed Project will have a less-than-significant impact on public services.

4.14.1 Methodology

Data regarding fire, police, emergency services, and public libraries were provided by the County of San Diego, City of San Diego, and City of Chula Vista. Data pertaining to local area schools were provided by the Chula Vista Elementary School District (CVESD), Sweetwater Union High School District (SWUHSD), and San Ysidro School District (SYSD). Statistics for local hospitals and parks were obtained from online sources and included a review of aerial imagery using Google Earth software.

4.14.2 Existing Conditions

Regulatory Background

No federal, state, or local regulations related to public services are relevant to the Proposed Project.

Environmental Setting

Fire and Emergency Services

The San Diego Rural Fire Protection District provides paid and volunteer fire protection services to approximately 26,500 people within a service area of 720 square miles in unincorporated San Diego County. The Proposed Project alignment will be served by Station 22, located approximately one mile to the east at 446 Alta Road in San Diego.

The San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) provides City of San Diego residents with fire and life-saving services, including fire protection, emergency medical services, and lifeguard protection at San Diego beaches. The SDFD serves a population of approximately 1,337,000 within a service area of approximately 331 square miles. The SDFD operates 47 stations with approximately 801 uniformed personnel and 161 civilian personnel. The Proposed Project will be served by Fire Station 6, located approximately 1.3 miles to the southwest at 693 Twinning Avenue in San Diego; Station 6 provides both fire protection and medical/rescue services. The Proposed Project will also be served by Station 43, located approximately 1.05 miles to the southwest at 1590 La Media Road in San Diego; this station provides general fire protection services as well as a brush rig and aircraft-crash firefighting truck.

Fire protection and emergency services for the City of Chula Vista are provided by the City of Chula Vista Fire Department. The Chula Vista Fire Department serves the City's approximately 52 square miles, with its main headquarters located at 447 F Street. The department employs an estimated 120 employees, the majority of which are sworn professional firefighters. During a typical 24-hour shift, an estimated 36 six-line firefighters and two Battalion Chiefs are on constant duty spread among the City's nine fire stations. The Chula Vista Fire Department's medical transport is provided through a contract with American Medical Response. The Proposed Project area will be served by Fire Station #3, located at 1410 Brandywine Avenue, and Fire Station #7, located at 1640 Santa Venetia Street. These stations are approximately 1.6 miles northwest and 2.4 miles north of the Proposed Project alignment, respectively.

Police and Protection Services

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department serves the eastern portion of the Proposed Project and provides general law enforcement, detention, and court services. The San Diego County Sheriff's Department has a service area of approximately 4,200 square miles, which includes the unincorporated regions of the County and nine cities under law enforcement contracts. The department employs approximately 4,000 sworn officers and support staff and operates seven detention facilities, including four (East Mesa Reentry Facility, Facility 8 Detention Facility, George Bailey Detention Facility, and Las Colinas Detention Facility) in the Otay Mesa area near the Proposed Project alignment. The station nearest the Proposed Project is located approximately 5.4 miles to the west at 845 Imperial Beach Boulevard in Imperial Beach.

The City of San Diego Police Department serves the western and central portions of the Proposed Project area. The main headquarters are located at 1401 Broadway in downtown San Diego, approximately 11.5 miles northwest of the Proposed Project site. In addition to police protection services, the San Diego Police Department operates a number of specialized divisions, including domestic violence, financial crimes, forensic science, and traffic units. The Proposed Project area is served by the department's Southern Division, which serves approximately 108,000 people within an approximately 31.5-square-mile patrol area that covers the communities of Border, Egger Highlands, Nestor, Ocean Crest, Otay Mesa, Otay Mesa West, Palm City, and San Ysidro. The Southern Division is headquartered at 1120 27th Street in San Diego, approximately 3.2 miles west of the Proposed Project alignment.

The Chula Vista Police Department serves the western portion of the Proposed Project area that is not within the City of San Diego. The Chula Vista Police Department serves approximately 52 square miles within the City. The main headquarters is located at 315 4th Avenue, approximately five miles northwest of the Proposed Project alignment. The department employs an estimated 240 officers, including supervisors.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility is located approximately 275 feet east of the Proposed Project alignment and just southwest of the San Diego County Sheriff's detention facilities. The correctional facility has the capacity for 3,480 inmates.

The United States (U.S.) Customs and Border Patrol has a strong presence in the Proposed Project area due to its proximity to the U.S.-Mexico border. The San Diego Region Border Patrol headquarters is located approximately 2.6 miles south of the Proposed Project alignment at 2411 Boswell Road in San Diego.

Hospitals

There are no major hospitals within the immediate vicinity of the Proposed Project. The nearest medical facility is Kaiser Permanente Adult and Pediatric Urgent Care, located approximately 0.6 mile southwest of the western terminus of the Proposed Project alignment at 4650 Palm Avenue in San Diego. The nearest hospitals with emergency medical care are both in the City of Chula Vista: Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center, located approximately 2.2 miles north of the Proposed Project alignment at 751 Medical Center Court, and Bayview Hospital, located approximately 3.5 miles from the Proposed Project alignment at 330 Moss Street.

Schools

The Proposed Project alignment lies within the CVESD, SWUHSD, and SYSD. The CVESD operates 45 schools serving kindergarten through sixth grade; the SWUHSD operates 11 middle schools and 15 high schools, as well as ancillary programs; and the SYSD operates seven elementary schools, one middle school, and a preschool program and child development center. As shown in Table 4.14-1: Schools within Two Miles, there are 15 schools within two miles of the Proposed Project alignment. The school nearest to the Proposed Project alignment is Ocean View Hills School, located approximately one mile to the southwest.

Table 4.14-1: Schools within Two Miles

School Name	Address	Approximate Distance from the Proposed Project (Miles)
Ocean View Hills School	4919 Del Sol Boulevard, San Diego, California, 92154	1.01
Vista Del Mar School	4885 Del Sol Boulevard, San Diego, California, 92154	1.15
San Ysidro Middle School	4345 Otay Mesa Road, San Diego, California, 92173	1.99
San Ysidro High School	5353 Airway Road, San Diego, California, 92154	1.49
Los Altos Elementary School	1332 Kenalan Drive, San Diego, California, 92154	1.92
Juarez Lincoln Elementary School	849 Twining Avenue San Diego, California, 92154	1.24
Berean Bible Baptist Academy	4110 Palm Avenue, San Diego, California, 92154	1.31
Loma Verde Elementary School	1450 Loma Lane, Chula Vista California, 91911	1.87
Rohr Elementary School	1540 Malta Avenue, Chula Vista California, 91911	1.47
Valle Lindo Elementary School	1515 Oleander Avenue, Chula Vista, CA, 91911	1.25
East Hills Academy	1791 Rock Mountain Road, Chula Vista, California,	1.36
Olympian High School	1925 Magdalena Avenue, Chula Vista, California, 91913	1.40
Wolf Canyon Elementary School	1950 Wolf Canyon Loop, Chula Vista, California, 91913	1.69
Concordia Church and School	1695 Discovery Falls Drive, Chula Vista, California, 91915	1.94
High Tech High Chula Vista	1945 Discovery Falls Drive, Chula Vista, California, 91915	1.40

Sources: Google Earth Pro, 2015; CVESD, 2014; SWUHSD, 2014; SYSD, 2015

Parks and Other Services

Several local, city, and regional parks are located near the Proposed Project alignment. The closest public libraries to the Proposed Project are both in San Diego: San Ysidro Branch Library is located approximately 2.7 miles to the west of the Proposed Project at 101 West San Ysidro Boulevard, and Otay Mesa Nestor Library is located approximately 2.7 miles to the west of the Proposed Project at 3003 Coronado Avenue. Section 4.15 Recreation provides more information on parks and recreational facilities.

4.14.3 Impacts

The following subsections describe the criteria of significance used to assess potential impacts to public services that may result from implementation of the Proposed Project, and examine those potential impacts.

Significance Criteria

Determination of impacts was derived from Appendix G of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. Impacts to public services are considered potentially significant if they result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities or the need for new or physically altered governmental facilities in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives. These public services include fire protection, police services, emergency services, hospitals, schools, parks, and public facilities.

Question 4.14a – Adverse Impact to Public Services

Construction

Fire and Police Protection – No Impact

Several emergency providers are located in the vicinity of the Proposed Project, but none are immediately adjacent to or within 0.25 mile of any of the Proposed Project components. The Proposed Project will neither increase the temporary demand for nor alter the level of local public services required because it will not significantly increase local population or housing demands. Emergency services may be required as a result of Proposed Project construction; however, such incidents are not anticipated and will not burden existing emergency services beyond current capabilities. To decrease the potential for fires and the need for fire services, SDG&E will implement the Proposed Project-specific Construction Fire Prevention Plan provided in Attachment 4.8: Construction Fire Prevention Plan, which is part of SDG&E's Project Design Features and Ordinary Construction/Operating Restrictions. This Project Design Feature and Ordinary Construction/Operating Restriction is described in Chapter 3 – Project Description and Section 4.8 Hazards and Hazardous Materials. Construction is not anticipated to affect response times because no complete road closures will be required for construction activities. While lane closures will be necessary during construction, traffic controls will be implemented as required by the encroachment permits that will be obtained from the appropriate jurisdiction, and emergency vehicles will be provided access. Additional details on potential lane closures are discussed in Section 4.16 Traffic and Transportation. As a result, no impacts to fire and police protective services are anticipated.

Schools – No Impact

The Proposed Project will not increase the temporary demand for school enrollment because it will not perceptibly increase local population during the short duration of construction. Family relocations are not anticipated as a result of the Proposed Project. Therefore, school enrollment will not be affected and no new schools will be necessary as a result of the Proposed Project. Additionally, because the Proposed Project alignment is not located immediately adjacent to any schools, noise or air pollution generated by Proposed Project construction activities will not impact schools. As previously discussed, no road closures will be required in the vicinity of any schools, and therefore school access will not be blocked. As a result, no impacts to schools are expected.

Parks – Less-than-Significant Impact

There are two privately owned recreation facilities and one public recreational facility within 0.25 mile of the Proposed Project, as described in Section 4.15 Recreation. Construction of the Proposed Project will not significantly increase the local population, and it will not reduce the number of park facilities or require temporary or permanent closure of these existing facilities sufficient to require new parks. As described in Section 4.15 Recreation, the Proposed Project will not require any park closures; however, in order to access pole locations 4 through 17, construction crews may utilize the Aquatica San Diego parking lot and entrance roads. Additionally, construction crews may utilize the curbside fire hydrants at the Aquatica San Diego and the Sleep Train Amphitheatre to obtain water for dust control purposes. Therefore, impacts to parks or other recreational facilities will be less than significant.

Other Public Facilities – No Impact

No other public facilities are located in close proximity to the Proposed Project alignment. The Proposed Project will not increase the local population or otherwise result in a change that will require alteration or expansion of existing libraries or other public services. As a result, no impacts are anticipated.

Operation and Maintenance – No Impact

Following construction, the Proposed Project will be unstaffed and will be maintained according to SDG&E's existing operation and maintenance plans. Operation and maintenance activities for the Proposed Project will be conducted in the same manner as the existing facilities. Operation and maintenance activities are expected to decrease slightly as a result of the Proposed Project due to the lower maintenance requirements of the replacement steel poles relative to the existing wood poles. Because the steel poles will improve the power lines' fire safety, fewer impacts to fire and emergency services are likely to occur during operation and maintenance. As a result, there will be no impact to public services from operation and maintenance of the Proposed Project.

4.14.4 Applicant-Proposed Measures

Because the Proposed Project will not result in any significant impacts to public services, no applicant-proposed measures have been proposed.

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