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Valley Center transmission line upgrade project



Older wood pole (right), being replaced by new steel pole (left).

Our commitment to providing clean, safe and reliable energy means making enhancements to our system, which includes transmission line upgrade activities that will help improve the reliability and integrity of our electric system.

Overview

This fire “hardening” project will take place in the Valley Center community in northern San Diego County. It includes putting the majority of an existing overhead transmission line (TL6926) underground and placing the remainder of the line on fire-resistant steel poles.

As part of our Community Fire Safety Program, this project includes safety and reliability measures that help increase the resiliency of our electric system during extreme weather conditions in high fire-risk areas. Other steps we’re taking to improve reliability include increased inspections of our electric system and additional tree trimming.

Project benefits

- Enhanced safety and reliability of the electric system;
- Improved electric system safety and performance during extreme weather conditions.

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About the project

The project will take approximately 12 months to complete. Activities will include removing seven miles of an overhead transmission power line along Valley Center Road between two existing substations, but leaving intact the existing distribution power line on shorter poles. The new transmission power line will be placed underground along Valley Center Road, Cole Grade Road and Pauma Heights Road. The last three-mile section of the power line will transition back to above ground along Pauma Heights Road where existing steel poles already supporting an existing power line. This double circuit alignment will connect to SDG&E's substation on Valley Center Road.

Estimated project schedule

Start date: October 2020

Estimated end date: December 2023

What to expect

Throughout the project, we'll work as safely and quickly as possible and make every effort to minimize disruptions such as construction traffic, dust and noise along these streets.

Although not anticipated, our work may require us to shut off the power for safety purposes. If so, we'll contact you in advance to help make sure you're prepared for a planned outage. Please note, construction dates are subject to change according to compliance requirements, inclement weather, or other unforeseen circumstances. Construction activities often occur intermittently and will not occur concurrently.

Contact information

If you have questions or concerns, please visit sdge.com/Major-Projects or call 1-844-765-6388.

