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General Plan Advisory Committee
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Subject: Notice of Preparation - General Plan Amendment No. 960

To Whom It May Concern:

The Imperial Irrigation District ("IID") appreciates the opportunity to provide comments to the County of Riverside ("County") General Plan Amendment No. 960.

The General Plan should include reference to not only the existing electrical transmission facilities within the planning area but also existing federally recognized energy transmission corridors, the existing designated Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") corridor and IID's Desert Southwest Transmission Line Project ("DSWTP").

The BLM, through the California Desert Conservation Act Plan ("CDCA"), created a vast utility corridor to house not only existing electrical and natural gas transmission facilities but to create a corridor for planning purposes to locate new facilities. Additional information regarding the CDCA can be found on the BLM web site at: http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd/cdca_q_a.html.

Further, the federal government adopted two separate transmission corridors to assist in the development of energy facilities in areas of the country that have need for additional transmission infrastructure. Both of these independent efforts include the existing SCE transmission easements but are geographically larger and will affect areas beyond the extent of those specific rights-of-way. Additional information regarding the Department of Energy's Corridor and Congestion Study and the designation of the West-wide Energy Corridor can be found on the following web sites: <http://nietc.anl.gov/index.cfm> & <http://corridoreis.anl.gov/>

Finally, the IID's Desert Southwest Transmission Project will be a 118 mile 500kV transmission line, located approximately three-hundred seventy five feet (375.0') north of, adjacent to and parallel to the existing SCE right-of-way within the CDCA Utility Corridor. IID's DSWTP had already been permitted by the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") and the Imperial Irrigation District under the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act respectively, and can be found on the BLM web site at: http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/palmsprings/desert_southwest_transmissing.html.

Please feel free to contact this office regarding any questions or concerns you may have concerning the content this letter. I can be reached at @ (760) 391-5950.

Sincerely,



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West-wide Energy Corridor Programmatic EIS Information Center



This Web site is the online center for public information and involvement in the West-wide Energy Corridor Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Energy Corridor PEIS).



Announcements

Final Programmatic EIS Now Available

The West-Wide Energy Corridor Final Programmatic EIS is now available for downloading or browsing online. Final PEIS maps of proposed Section 368 energy corridors and associated data are also available.



Final PEIS Energy Corridor Maps and Data Available

Final PEIS maps of proposed Section 368 energy corridors and associated data are now available for viewing/downloading.

The United States Department of Energy, the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management, the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, and United States Department of Defense (the Agencies) have prepared a **Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)** that evaluates issues associated with the **designation of energy corridors** on federal lands in eleven Western states. Based upon the information and analyses developed in this PEIS, the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture, and Defense could amend their respective land use plans by designating one or more of proposed energy corridors identified in the PEIS. This Web site is the online center for public information and involvement in the PEIS process.

Public Participation

Public participation in the West-wide Energy Corridor PEIS is important. This Web site provides information and services to help you participate in the PEIS process.

West-wide Energy Corridor PEIS
PEIS purpose, scope, and schedule.

- Final PEIS Maps
- Interagency Data
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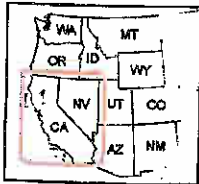
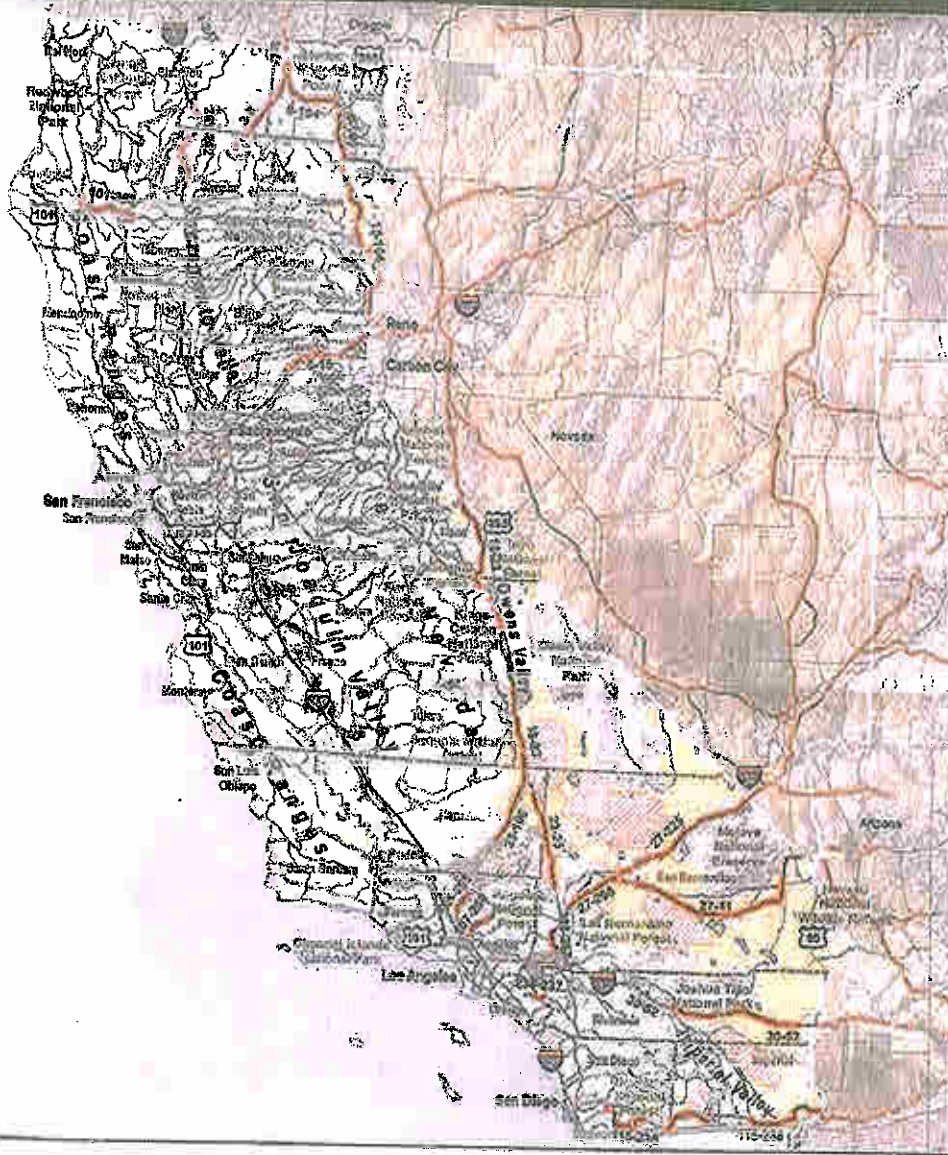
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