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DEAR INTERESTED PARTIES:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Corps) has completed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential impacts associated with issuing a permit to Southern California gas Company (SCG) to relocate an existing natural gasline within Prado Dam Basin, located in Riverside County, California.

The gasline's current location conflicts with planned future construction that would be conducted by the Corps on the Prado Dam Spillway. In its current location, the gasline could be punctured during construction; therefore, the gasline needs to be relocated away from the spilly and dam facilitate construction. The project consists of two main phases: 1) removing or grouting in place portions of the existing gasline, and 2) installing new pipe segments along a new alignment. Construction for the gasline relocation is currently scheduled to begin October 19, 2021 and is planned to end in Spring 2022.

An electronic version of the Draft EA is available on the Corp's website at:

https://www.spl.usace.army.mil/Media/Public-Notices/Article/2732702/spl-2021-0816nlh-draft-ea-prado-dam-gas-line-removal/

The Corps is the lead Federal agency for this action and is responsible for complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This Draft EA also documents the status of compliance with other applicable environmental laws and regulations.

The Corps encourages all interested parties to submit comments concerning the analysis presented in the Draft EA. Comments may be submitted through September 18, 2021. Comments should be as specific as possible and address the analysis of potential environmental impacts. Reviewers should organize their participation so that it is meaningful and makes the agency aware of the viewer's interests and concerns using quotations and other specific references to the text of the Draft EA and related documents. Matters that could have been raised with specificity during the comment period on the Draft EA may not be considered if the raised for the first time later in the decision process. This comment procedure is intended to ensure that substantive comments and concerns are made available to the Corps in a timely manner so that the Corps has an opportunity to address them.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment-including your personal identifying information-may be made publicly available at any time.

Please submit comments or questions regarding the Draft EA to <u>Kathlyn.F.Osagie@usace.army.mil</u> with subject heading "Prado Basin SCG Pipeline Relocation Draft EA Review Comments."

If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact Ms. Kathlyn Osagie, at (213) 330-6030 or via e-mail at <u>Kathlyn.F.Osagie@usace.army.mil</u>.

Thank you for your attention to this document.

Sincerely,

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