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NOTICE OF ORAL AND WRITTEN EX PARTE COMMUNICATION
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Pursuant to Rule 8.3 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the City of Chino Hills submits this Notice of Oral and Written Ex Parte Communication.

On Monday, October 22, 2007, Michael B. Day and Jeanne B. Armstrong of the law firm, Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Day & Lamprey, LLP, outside counsel for the City of Chino Hills, met with Andrew Campbell, advisor to Commissioner Rachelle Chong. The meeting took place at the Commission's offices in San Francisco at 11:00 a.m. and lasted approximately 20 minutes. Certain written materials were used in the meeting and were left with the Mr. Campbell. A copy of those materials is attached hereto.

At the meeting, Mr. Day explained that Chino Hills has grave concerns regarding Southern California Edison Company's proposed route for Segment 8A of its Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project. As proposed by SCE, Segment 8A would traverse through a densely populated area of Chino Hills. Mr. Day explained how the City has designed an alternate route for Segment 8A which is electrically sound and less expensive, but would avoid the residential areas of the City. Ms. Armstrong explained that the City had presented its proposed alternative as part of the scoping process that the Commission is undertaking as part of

its CEQA review with the intent that it be fully analyzed as part of the environmental documents prepared by the Commission.

For a copy of this notice please contact Ms. Melinda LaJaunie at 415-392-7900 or mlajaunie@goodinmacbride.com.

Respectfully submitted this October 22, 2007, at San Francisco, California.

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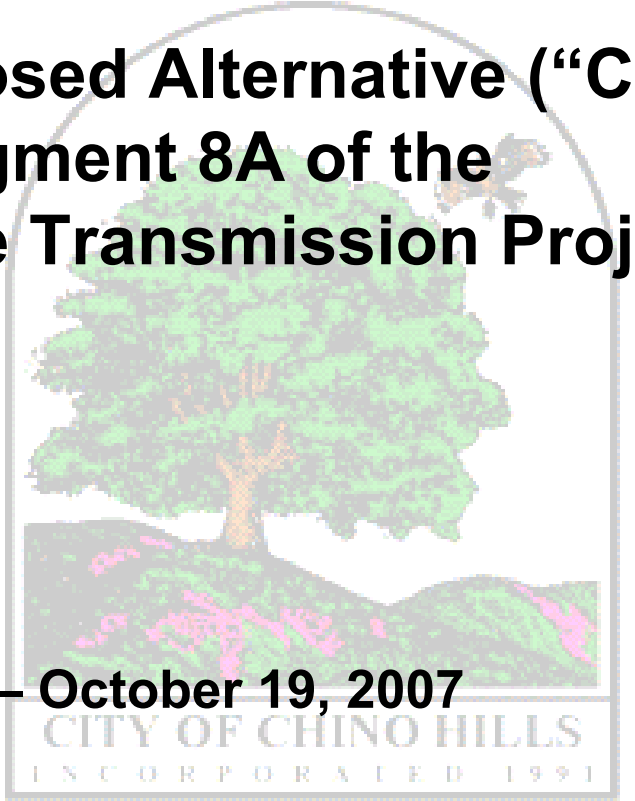
Chino Hills Proposed Alternative (“CHPA”) for Segment 8A of the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP)



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Objective

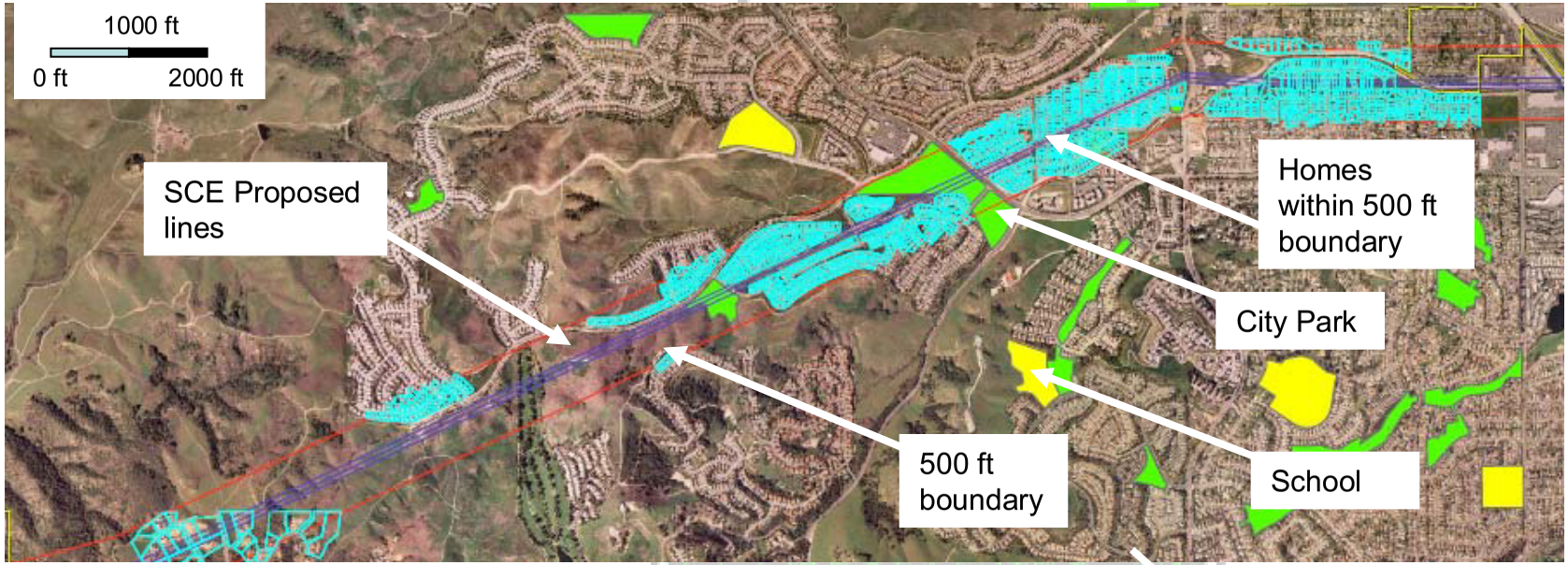
Present the attributes of the Chino Hills Proposed Alternative (“CHPA”) for the Segment 8A of the SCE’s Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (“TRTP”).

Brief History of TRTP

- The need for TRTP to integrate the needed renewable resources in Tehachapi Wind Resource Area (TWRA) has been known to the state for more than a decade
  - CPUC has been leading the efforts on integration of TWRA resources
- The California Independent System Operator (CAISO) planned for and approved the TRTP in January of 2007
  - At the time CAISO (and SCE) clearly recognized that the TRTP around Chino Hills needed to be reconsidered due to routing concerns
- SCE filed an application for the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for TRTP with the CPUC in June 2007
  - In that application, Segment 8A of TRTP would use ROW of an idle single circuit 230kV line to house a double circuit 500kV line
    - SCE's filing clearly states that Segment 8A will have severe adverse public impacts that could NOT be mitigated
    - To the best of our knowledge, building the largest known transmission line in Western United States in a 150' wide ROW, as proposed for TRTP, is unprecedented anywhere in California, and perhaps the nation, let alone in populated areas

TRTP Segment 8A in Chino Hills

More than 1,000 homes sheltering estimated 3,500 residents and 3 heavily used recreation parks will be within 500 ft of the SCE proposed line in Chino Hills alone.



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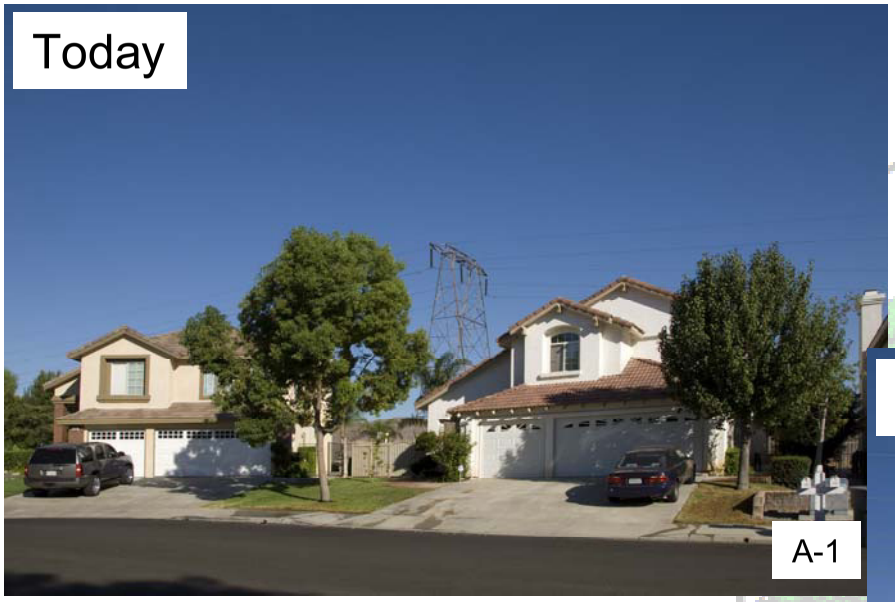

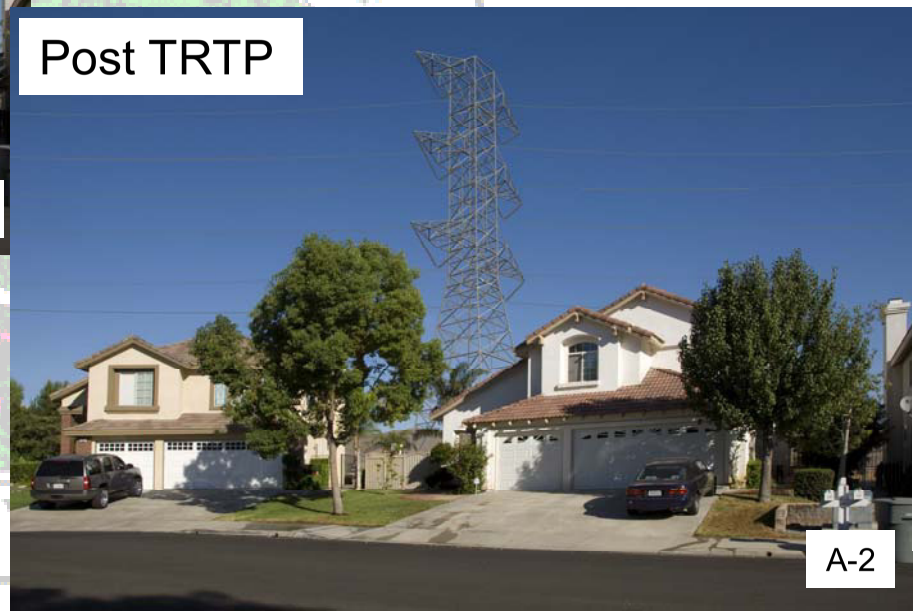

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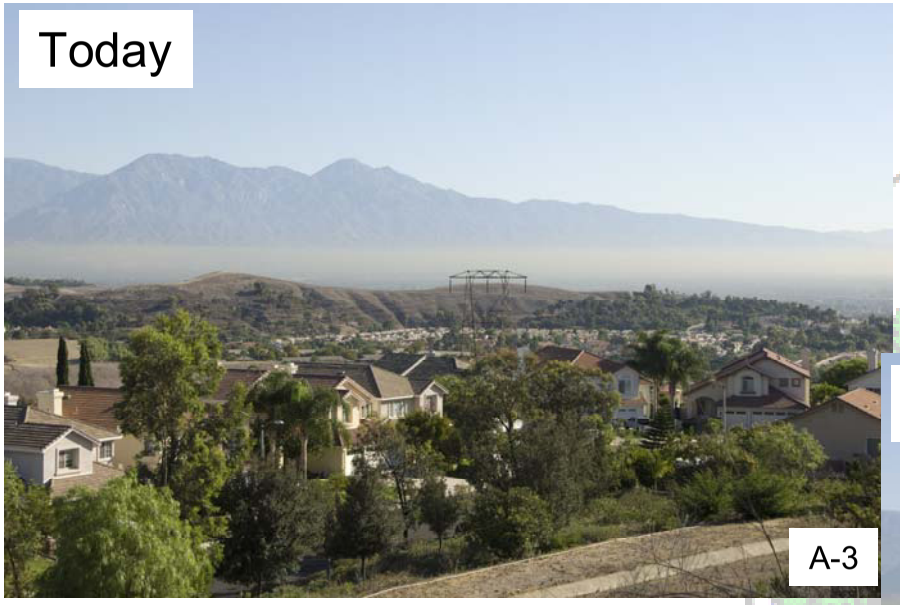

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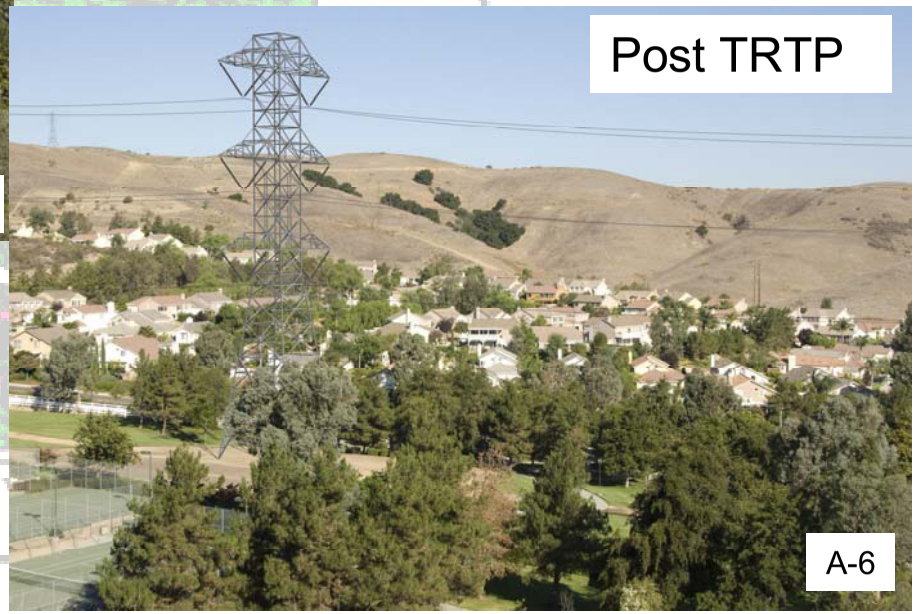
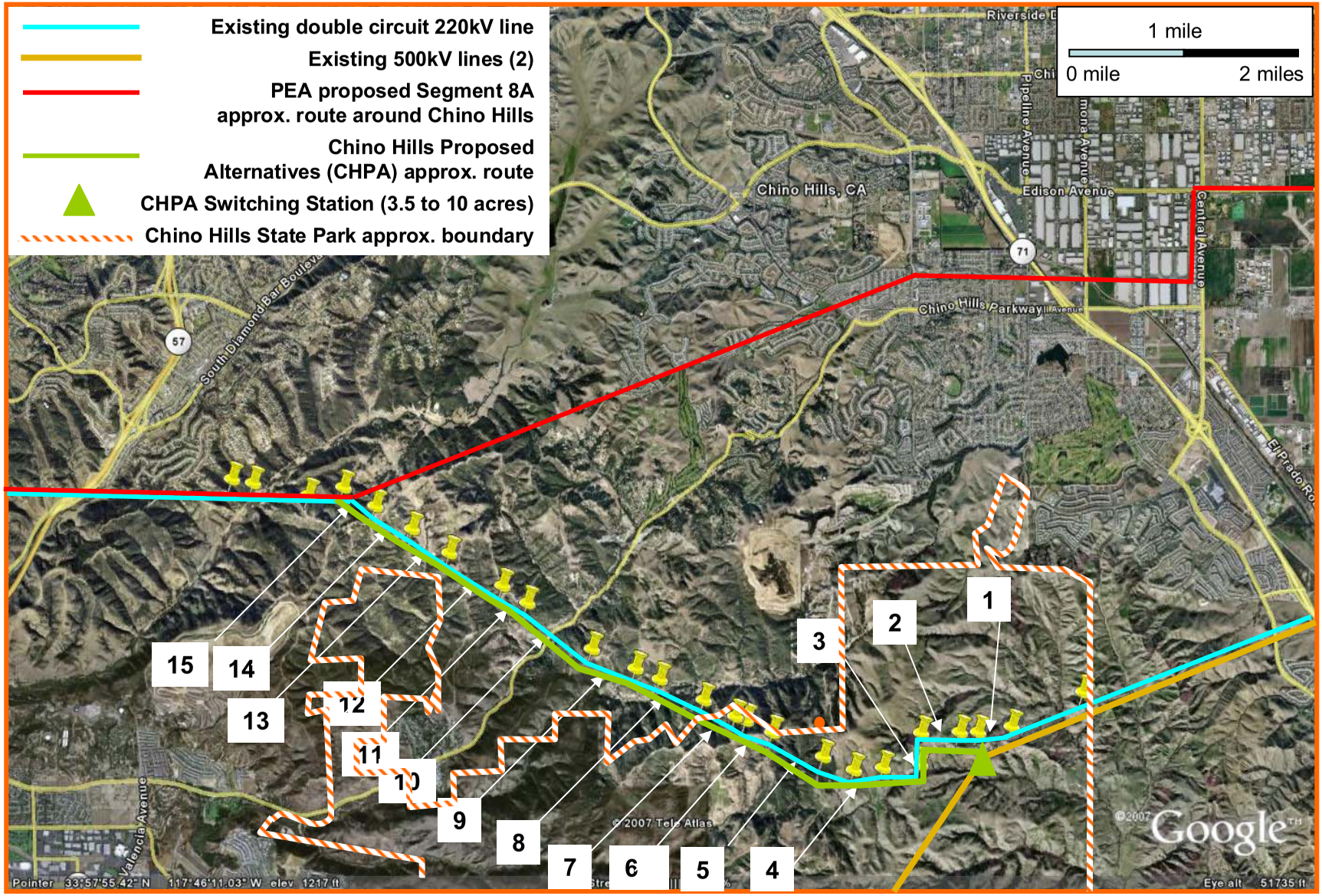


Chino Hills Proposed Alternative (CHPA)

- The City of Chino Hills protested the routing of Segment 8A in Chino Hills in August 2007 on “Public Health and Safety” grounds both during construction and operation phases of the project
  - However, recognizing the importance of TRTP to the state, Chino Hills offered to work with SCE to search for alternative solutions
- As part of its protest, Chino Hills referred to an alternative for Segment 8A that Chino Hills believes to be superior to that in CPCN application from all perspectives

CHPA and Relevant Transmission Routes Around Chino Hills

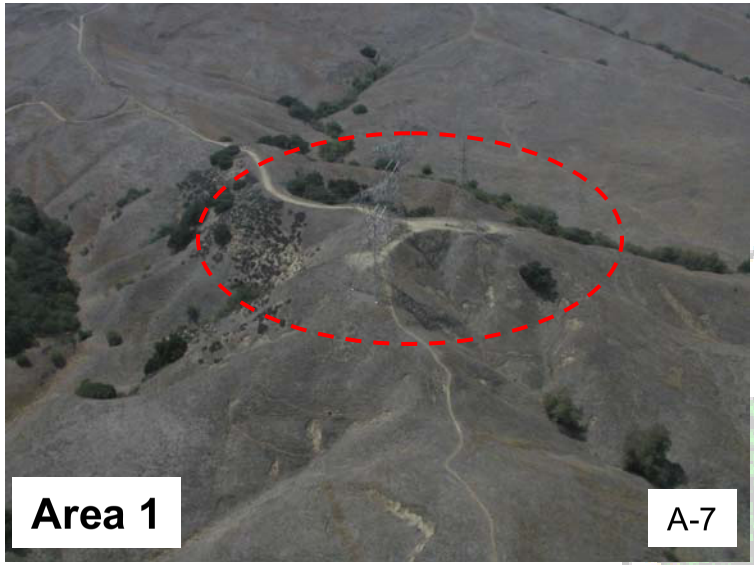


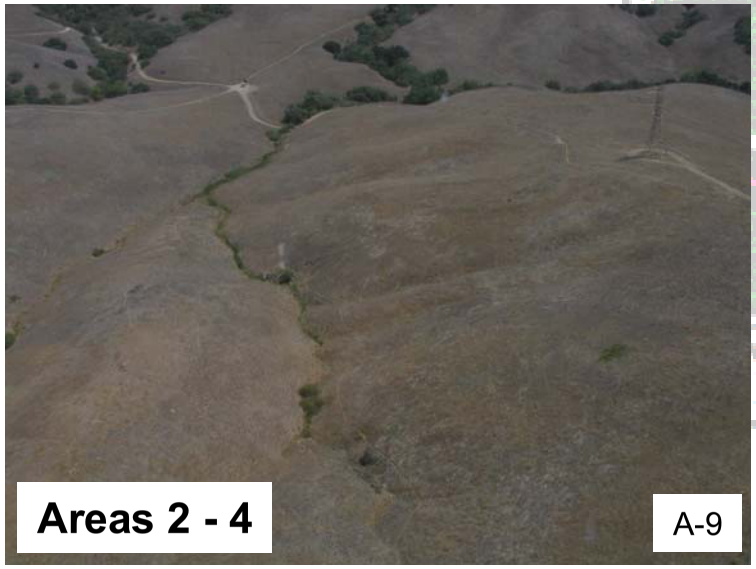
Main Attributes of CHPA

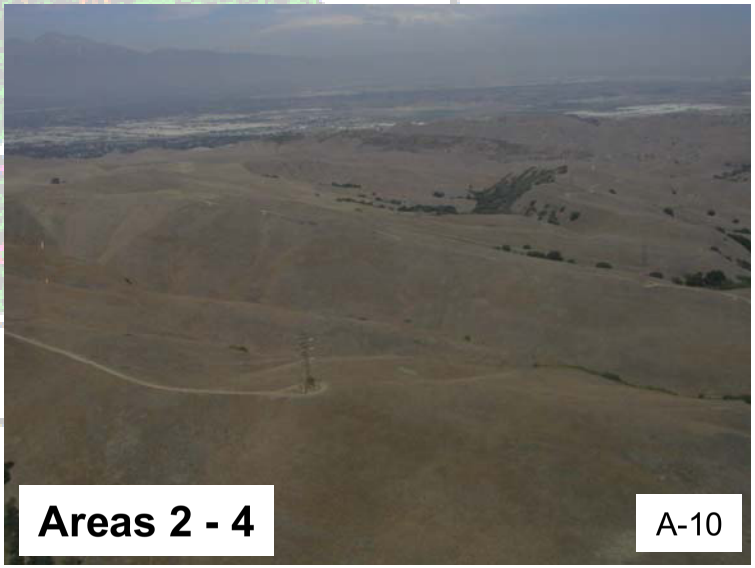
- Eliminates the need for building about 15 miles of double circuit 500kV transmission line in the populated areas of Chino Hills and the two neighboring communities of Chino and Ontario - considered the most costly and troubling part of the entire TRTP project
  - Two ancillary developments (segments 8B/8C) should also be eliminated or reduced in size
- Will have significantly more manageable environmental impacts
  - CHPA transmission line segment is around 6 miles long and remains completely within existing transmission corridors
    - Less than 3 miles in the Chino Hills State Park
    - We could not identify a single household falling within 500 ft of CHPA - versus 1,000 for the SCE proposed route in Chino Hills alone
  - Requires a 3.5 acre switching station in the Chino Hills State Park
    - Area selected for the switching station seems environmentally acceptable
      - The station will be built under several existing transmission lines with an existing access road and a profile that can readily blend in the surrounding environment
      - Mostly flat terrain and devoid of vegetation
      - Generally away from park visitor areas and vista points
- Preliminary assessments by SCE show that CHPA is acceptable from engineering, schedule and budget standpoints
  - Our assessment shows that the cost of TRTP could be noticeably reduced

Suitable Areas for CHPA Switching Station

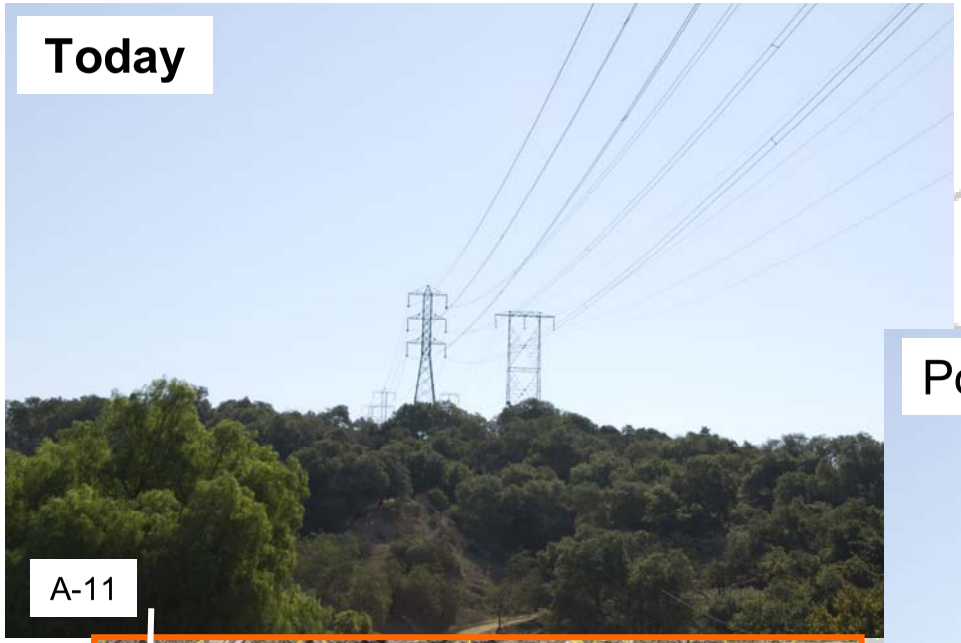
Aerial Photos of the CHPA Switching Station Suitable Areas 1-4: Pictures taken on July 14, 2007

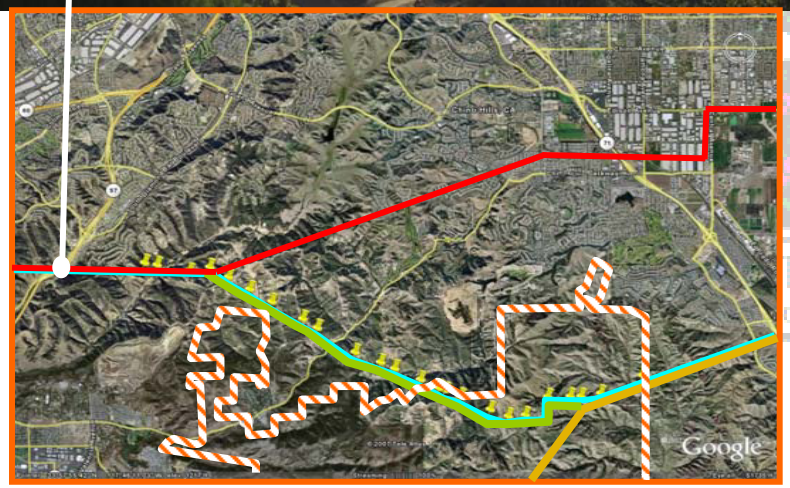






Expected Transmission Line Configuration Entering and Within CHSP





Concluding Remarks

- Chino Hills Proposed Alternative (CHPA) for Segment 8A would resolve the most critical concerns, as acknowledged by all parties including SCE, within the entire TRTP project
- Chino Hills intends to work with all impacted parties to iron out all concerns with CHPA
  - Chino Hills is working closely with SCE on system and engineering/ environmental studies of CHPA
  - Chino Hills intends to continue the dialogue with the State Park, legislature, CPUC and other interested parties
    - To the extent practicable, we intend to coordinate all these efforts with SCE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Melinda LaJaunie, certify that I have on this 22nd day of October 2007 caused a copy of the foregoing

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to be served on all known parties to A.07-06-031 via email to those listed with email on the most recent service list on the CPUC website, and via U.S. mail to those without email service. I also caused courtesy copies to be hand-delivered as follows:

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I declare on penalty of perjury under California law that the foregoing is true. Executed this 22nd day of October 2007 at San Francisco, California.

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