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Reviewed By: City Manager *AW* City Attorney *SMT* Finance *AW* Other (Specify) None

DATE: March 16, 2010

TO: City Council

FROM: *Rn*
Rob Roshanian, Development Services Manager
Development Services Department

SUBJECT: Addendum No. 1 to the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Rice Avenue/Santa Clara Avenue/U.S. 101 Interchange Improvements

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council receive, approve, and file Addendum No. 1 to the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Rice Avenue/Santa Clara Avenue/U.S. Highway 101 Interchange Improvement Project.

DISCUSSION

On February 26, 2002, the City of Oxnard certified a Mitigated Negative Declaration/Finding of No Significant Impact (MND/FONSI) for the Rice Avenue/Santa Clara Avenue/U.S. 101 Interchange Project (State Clearinghouse #200106 1129). The MND included mitigation measures for Geologic/Seismic Hazards, Hazardous Waste, Floodplain Encroachment, Noise, Construction Air Quality, Biological Resources (Tree Removal, Migratory Birds, Invasive Species), Residential and Business Displacement, Community Facilities, Utilities, Historic and Archeological Resources, and Aesthetics (Tree Removal).

In order to reconstruct and widen Rice Avenue/Santa Clara Avenue and reconfigure the U.S. 101 on- and off-ramps, Southern California Edison (SCE) must relocate an existing 66 kilovolt (kV) subtransmission line (Line) on Rice Avenue/Santa Clara Avenue which was not specifically addressed in the MND project description but was generally included in Section 6.22 "Effects on Public Utilities and Services." At the time the MND was completed, the exact location and extent of the Line relocation could not have been known as the final road alignments and easements were not yet determined.

The scope of Line relocation extends from approximately 1,100 feet south of the intersection of Gonzales Road and Rice Avenue to a point approximately 1,500 feet north of the intersection of Santa Clara Avenue and Auto Center Drive. The Line is located in approximately 1,075 feet of the City Oxnard public right-of-way and approximately 3,275 feet are located in a SCE easement. The relocated Line will be located in easements on private property that have been acquired by the City for SCE in the form of private easements and in public property (city franchise). SCE will replace 21 existing wood poles with 26 poles ranging in height from 25 to 90 feet above ground beginning just south of Gonzales Road and ending on the west side of Santa Clara Avenue north of Auto Center Drive.

Addendum No. 1(attached) was prepared by City staff and SCE and finds that the specifics of the Line relocation are within the scope, impact assessments, and mitigations of the previously approved MND and that this Addendum No. 1 satisfies CEQA Section 15162(a).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial impacts in approving the Addendum.

(CW)

Attachment #1 - Rice Avenue/Santa Clara Avenue/U.S.Highway 101Interchange Project
Mitigated Negative Declaration Addendum No. 1

Note: Attachment #1 has been provided to City Council under separate cover. Copies for review are available at the Help Desk in the Library after 6:00 p.m. on Thursday prior to the Council meeting and in the City Clerk's Office after 8:00 a.m. on Monday prior to the Council meeting.