

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

SANTA YSABEL NEW ROW PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND FONSI

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Southern California Agency, has reviewed an Environmental Evaluation (EE) of the Iipay Nation of Santa Ysabel Right-Of-Way (ROW) Project which proposes to obtain an easement (ROW) to construct underground distribution line. The project will provide new electrical service to San Felipe Housing Project, including a Pump House, in Santa Ysabel, CA.

The BIA's approval of the Project would allow SDG&E to obtain a new Right-Of-Way (ROW) to install, own, operate, maintain, repair, replace, reinstall, reconstruct, and/or remove electric facilities that would provide electrical service to the new San Felipe Housing Project within the Santa Ysabel Reservation. The new housing development, including a Pump House, requires electric service via underground electric facilities commencing from pole P311826 extending in a southerly direction, with a width of 10 feet and length of 0.57 miles. SDG&E prepared an EE in support of federal requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 United States Code §4321 *et seq.*) and the BIA NEPA Guidebook 59 IAM 3-H. The EE assesses the environmental effects that may result from the Project.

Based on the analysis and impacts detailed in the EE, any input received during this public review period, and the entire administrative record, the BIA will decide whether to reach a Finding of No Significance Impact (FONSI), direct further work on the EE, or initiate the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

The public review period of the EE will be open for seven (7) calendar days, beginning on February 2, 2024, and end on February 8, 2024. A draft, unsigned FONSI has been prepared and is available for review along with the EE. The public review will begin on

The EE and FONSI are available for public review at one (1) physical location and two (2) virtual location:

1. Santa Ysabel Tribal Office, Schoolhouse Canyon Rd, Santa Ysabel, CA 92070
2. Santa Ysabel website: <https://www.iipaynationofsantaysabel-nsn.gov/>
3. BIA NEPA Tracking System website: <https://bianepatracker2.doi.gov>
(Search: NEPA Tracker ID# 57483)

The FONSI is a finding on environmental effects, not a decision to proceed, therefore it cannot be appealed. 25 CFR 2.7 requires a 30-day appeal period after the decision to proceed with the action is made before the action may be implemented. Appeal information will be made publicly available when the decision to proceed is made.

For more information, please contact John Lin, Environmental Protection Specialist, BIA, Southern California Agency, 1451 Research Park Drive, Riverside, CA 92507, telephone (951)877-1045. Written comments should be mailed to Javin Moore, Superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern California Agency, 1451 Research Park Drive, Riverside, CA 92507.