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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

#### Announcement of National Geospatial Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) will meet on September 18–19, 2012 at the American Institute of Architects Building, 1735 New York Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20006. The meeting will be held in the Gallery Room. The NGAC, which is composed of representatives from governmental, private sector, non-profit, and academic organizations, was established to advise the Federal Geographic Data Committee on management of Federal geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and the implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–16. Topics to be addressed at the meeting include:

- Leadership Dialogue
- Geospatial Platform
- Geolocation Privacy
- FGDC Report
- COGO Report Card
- Subcommittee Reports

The meeting will include an opportunity for public comment on September 19. Comments may also be submitted to the NGAC in writing. Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must register in advance. Please register by contacting Arista Maher at the U.S. Geological Survey (703-648-6283, [amaher@usgs.gov](mailto:amaher@usgs.gov)). Registrations are due by September 14, 2012. While the meeting will be open to the public, seating may be limited due to room capacity.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on September 18 and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on September 19.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Mahoney, U.S. Geological Survey (206-220-4621).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Meetings of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee are open to the public. Additional information about the NGAC

and the meeting is available at [www.fgdc.gov/ngac](http://www.fgdc.gov/ngac).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for San Diego Gas and Electric's East County Substation Project, San Diego County, CA

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for San Diego Gas and Electric's (SDG&E) East County (ECO) Substation Project, located in San Diego County, California. The Secretary of the Interior approved the ROD on August 21, 2012, which constitutes the final decision of the Department.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the ROD have been sent to responsible Federal, State, and local government agencies and other interested stakeholders, and are available upon request from the Field Manager, BLM El Centro Field Office, 1661 S. 4th Street, El Centro, California 92243, and the BLM California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553, or via the Internet at the following Web site: <http://www.ca.blm.gov/elcentro>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** R. Brian Paul, Project Manager, telephone 760-337-4400; address BLM California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553-9046; email [catulewind@blm.gov](mailto:catulewind@blm.gov).

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** SDG&E filed right-of-way (ROW) application CACA-51625 for the ECO Substation

Project. The ECO Substation Project will provide an interconnection hub for renewable generation along SDG&E's existing Southwest Powerlink (SWPL) 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The project will consist of a 500/230/138 kV substation; a SWPL Loop-In (a short loop-in of the existing SWPL transmission line to the proposed ECO Substation); the rebuilt Boulevard Substation (an existing substation); and a 13.9-mile 138 kV transmission line connecting the new ECO Substation to the rebuilt Boulevard Substation, 0.8 mile of which is on public lands administered by the BLM (the remainder is located on private lands subject to the permitting authority of the California Public Utilities Commission). Through the ROD, the BLM approves the 0.8-mile portion of the 138 kV transmission line on BLM-administered public land, and makes no decision regarding those portions of the ECO Substation Project or other projects analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) that are not located on BLM-managed lands.

The project site is located approximately 70 miles east of downtown San Diego, south of Interstate 8, east of the town of Jacumba and along Old Highway 80, in San Diego County, California, within Township 18 South, Ranges 8 East, Section(s) 02, 03, 10, and 11.

The BLM preferred alternative would allow the construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of the 0.8-mile underground segment of the project's 138 kV transmission line on BLM-managed lands, which is necessary for the construction of the ECO Substation Project. In addition to the ECO Substation Project, the Final EIS/EIR evaluated a ROW application by Tule Wind, LLC to construct the Tule Wind Project, as well as the Energia Sierra Juarez Project, and Gen-Tie, Campo, Manzanita wind energy projects. Although these project components were analyzed in the same EIS/EIR, only the 0.8-mile underground segment of the ECO Substation Project 138 kV transmission line and portions of the Tule Wind Project would be located on BLM-managed lands. The BLM issued a separate decision on Tule Wind, LLC's ROW application on December 20, 2011.

This agency preferred alternative was evaluated in the Final EIS/EIR. The Notice of Availability of the Final EIS/EIR for the ECO Substation Project was published in the **Federal Register** on October 14, 2011 (76 FR 381).

Because this decision is approved by the Secretary of the Interior, it is not