

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

PALA HOUSING RESOURCE OFFICE 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 Pala Band of Mission Indians New Right-Of-Way (ROW) Project (Project) proposed to occur at the Pala Housing Resource Center office at 35990 Pala Temecula Road, Pala Reservation, Tribal Tract 1019.

The BIA's approval of the Project would allow the proposed ROW to construct a primary underground include new underground electric facilities and an existing pad-mounted transformer D238765, which will allow SDG&E to provide electric service to 45 EV Chargers. BIA 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 May 20, 2024, and end on May 27, 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. Pala Tribal Administration Center, 12196 Pala Mission Rd, Pala, CA 92059
2. Pala Band of Mission Indian website: <http://www.palatribe.com/>
3. BIA NEPA Tracking System website: <https://bianepatracker2.doi.gov>
(Search: NEPA Tracker ID# 59060)

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.

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