

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
PALA 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 for San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) Project P245561, along Pala Mission Road.

The BIA's approval of the Project would allow the proposed ROW to own, operate, maintain, repair, replace, reinstall, reconstruct, and/or remove existing electric facilities that are needed to continue providing electric service to the Pala Indian Reservation. The proposed ROW would also expressly provide SDG&E the right to install communication facilities and overhead appurtenances used solely and exclusively for SDG&E's internal communications. P245561 would be accessed from Highway 76 and continuing approximately 70 feet along partially disturbed, dry grassy land.

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 June 4, 2024, and end on June 10, 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# 59268)

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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