



Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER WQ 2004-0004-DWQ, STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DREDGE OR FILL DISCHARGES TO WATERS DEEMED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO BE OUTSIDE OF FEDERAL JURISDICTION, ETS 8083101 CMP POLE P478619 PROJECT, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, W DID NO. 7A373008001

Dear Ms. Spear,

On July 1, 2025, San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E or Discharger) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order WQ 2004-0004-DWQ, *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredge or Fill Discharges to Waters Deemed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Be Outside of Federal Jurisdiction* (General Order). The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) has reviewed your enrollment materials and finds that the dredge/fill discharges associated with the eTS 8083101 CMP Pole P478619 Project (Project) meet the requirements for enrollment under this General Order. SDG&E is hereby enrolled under the General Order and may proceed with the Project therewith.

A copy of the General Order is attached to this notice. The General Order can also be found on the [State Water Board's Adopted Orders webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board/decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf) at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board/decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of the General Order. You are responsible for complying with all applicable requirements. Failure to comply with the

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General Order constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the General Order.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION, IMPACTS, AND MITIGATION

SDG&E is continually repairing, maintaining, upgrading, and replacing distribution facilities throughout its service territory. Ongoing operations and maintenance activities are necessary to ensure safe, reliable service as mandated by the California Public Utilities Commission. The purpose of the Project is to replace a pole, Pole P478619, with a new steel pole and caisson within SDG&E's right of way.

The work location will be accessed via existing roads and overland travel. The installation will be 2 feet south of the existing pole with the current pole being fully removed and backfilled with excavated native soil. Excavated soils will be stored and excess spoils will be removed from the project site for disposal. Once Pole P478619 has been installed, conductor wires will be attached.

The area of direct soil disturbance (i.e., excavation, side casting and backfill) will be limited to approximately 10 feet around the existing pole for the staging and operation of construction vehicles and equipment. Equipment that will be used includes an auger machine, rubber tracked excavator, and various hand tools.

The proposed project will result in 0.006 acres and 20 linear feet of temporary impact and no permanent impacts to the Colorado River Basin Water Board's jurisdictional waters of the state. The temporarily impacted area will be restored to pre-project conditions upon completion of the work.

PROJECT LOCATION

The Project is located in SDG&E's right of way, 0.71 miles southwest of the Southern Overland Trail Cultural Preserve in San Diego County, California. This area is within Section 34, Township 14 South, Range 7 East. San Bernardino Base & Meridian.

The latitude and longitude of the Project site is listed below in Table 1. Maps showing the Project locations and areas of impacted waters are found in Attachment A: Project Maps.

Table 1: Project Site Locations

Site	Latitude	Longitude
1	32.913019° N	116.245903° W

FEES RECEIVED

An application fee of \$4,212 was received on July 1, 2024. There is no project fee due to the minor amount of waters of the state impacted by the Project. The fee amounts were determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections

3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3) and were calculated as a Category E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

The Colorado River Basin Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from the procedural requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15061) under a Class 1 categorical exemption (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301 et seq.). Class 1 categorical exemptions consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use (Existing Facilities).

The Colorado River Basin Water Board concludes that the enrollment of this Project under the General Order and the activities described herein meet the exemption criteria under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and no exceptions to the exemption apply (Pub. Resources Code, § 21084; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15300.2).

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES

The Discharger must implement measures to avoid and minimize adverse impacts to waters of the state and comply with all applicable requirements in the General Order.

TERMINATION OF COVERAGE

Upon completion of the Project, SDG&E shall submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) form requesting to be un-enrolled from the General Order. The NOT form is included in Attachment 2 of the General Order.

If you require further assistance, please contact Logan Raub, 401 Water Quality Certification Program Manager via phone at (760) 776-8966 or email at Logan.Raub@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Michael Placencia
Executive Officer
Colorado River Basin
Regional Water Quality Control Board

Enclosures: 1) Attachment A Project Maps
2) State Water Board Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ

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Pole P478619 Project, Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ

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Attachment A
Project Maps

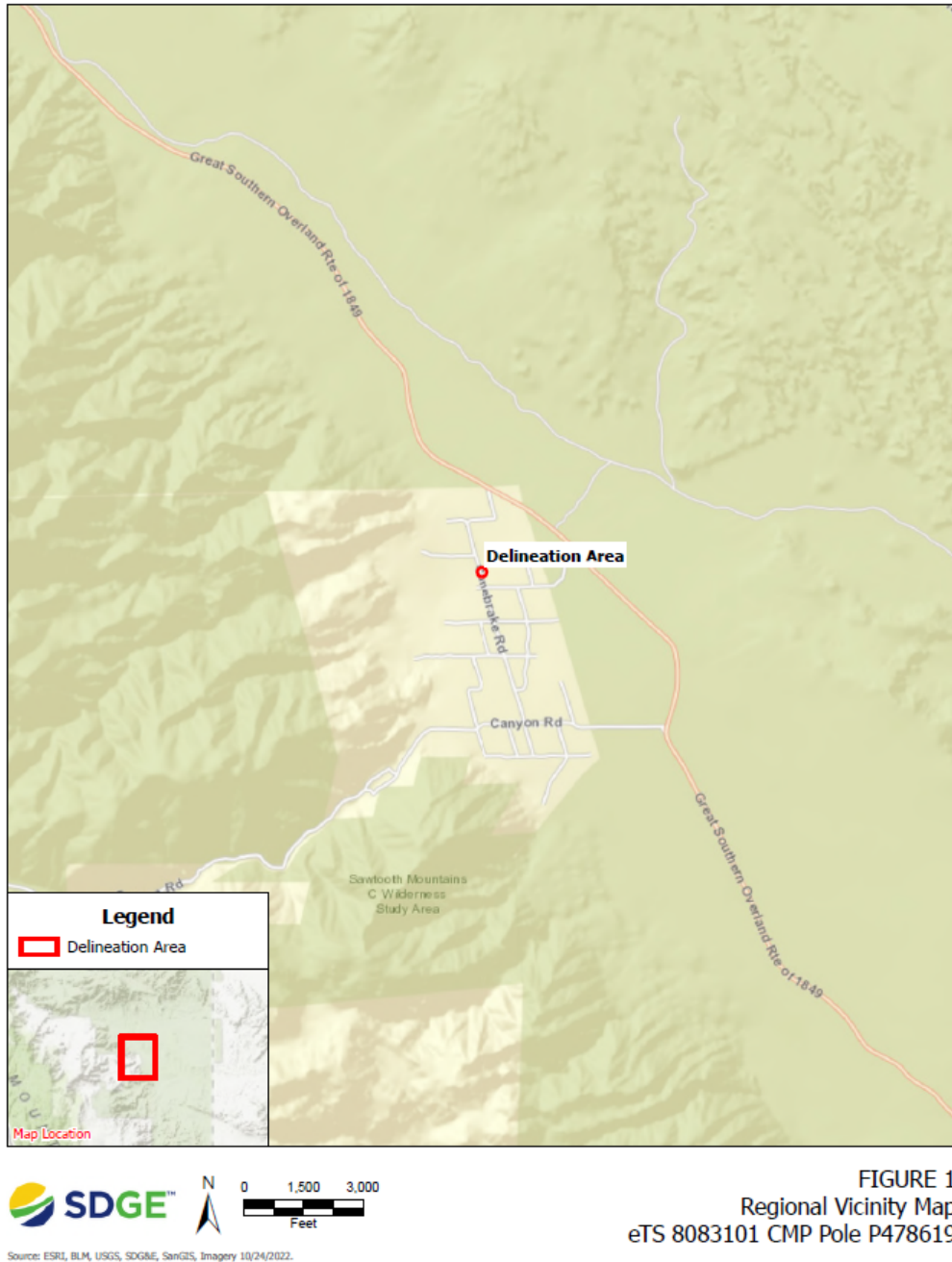
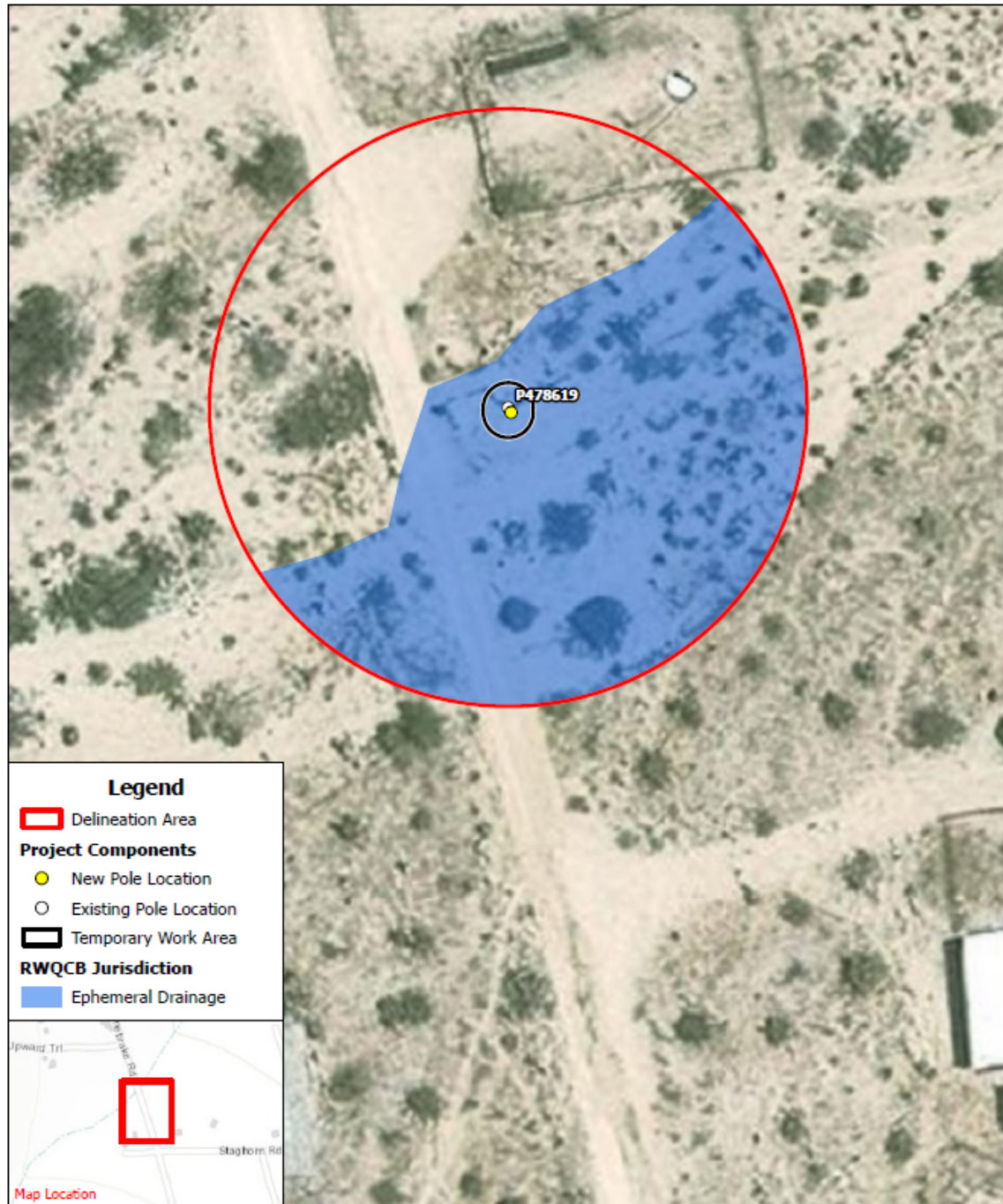


FIGURE 1
Regional Vicinity Map
eTS 8083101 CMP Pole P478619

Figure 1. Regional Map of Site¹

¹ SDG&E, July 2025. Notice of Intent (NOI) submitted for the eTS 8083101 CMP Pole P478619 Project.



Source: ESRI, BLM, USGS, SDG&E, SanGIS, Imagery 10/24/2022.

FIGURE 3
RWQCB Potentially Jurisdictional Waters
eTS 8083101 CMP Pole P478619

Figure 2. Work Area and Jurisdictional Map



Figure 3. Photo of site and deteriorating pole facing south.

Attachment B

Order WQ 2004-0004-DWQ

A copy of Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ can be found at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf