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**NOTICE OF TECHNICAL REVIEW WORKSHOP
for the
SAN ONOFRE NUCLEAR GENERATING STATION (SONGS)
SAN DIEGUITO WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECT**

A public workshop will be conducted by California Coastal Commission (CCC) staff and contract scientists to present the 2013 results of the CCC monitoring program for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) wetland mitigation project (San Dieguito Wetlands).



**The workshop will be held Monday, May 12, 2014 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM
at the City of Del Mar Powerhouse Community Center located at
1658 Coast Boulevard, Del Mar, California**

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For more information about the SONGS mitigation projects and monitoring programs go to:
<http://marinemitigation.msi.ucsb.edu/index.html>.

BACKGROUND

Four mitigation projects are required as conditions of Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) coastal development permit for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) Units 2 and 3 (permit no. 6-81-330A, formerly 183-73), among them the requirement to create or substantially restore a minimum of 150 acres of wetlands. The CCC originally adopted the conditions in 1991 to mitigate the adverse impacts of the power plant on the marine environment. The 1991 conditions also require SCE to provide the funds necessary for CCC staff's technical oversight and independent monitoring of the mitigation projects, to be carried out by independent contract scientists under the direction of the Executive Director of the CCC.

Construction of the wetland habitats in San Dieguito Lagoon was completed in 2011 and annual post-construction monitoring to evaluate whether the restoration meets the performance criteria in the SONGS permit began in January 2012. Concurrent monitoring of physical and biological attributes of the San Dieguito Lagoon and wetland reference sites (Mugu Lagoon, Carpinteria Salt Marsh and Tijuana Estuary) is being used to evaluate whether the San Dieguito wetland restoration meets the performance criteria set forth in the SONGS permit. The first year of compliance monitoring of the wetland restoration at San Dieguito Lagoon was completed in 2012. This workshop will contain the results for the second year (2013) of compliance monitoring of the wetland restoration at San Dieguito Lagoon.

PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP

The CCC's technical oversight and independent monitoring program provides for periodic public review of the performance of the SONGS mitigation projects.

The public workshop will provide an opportunity to review the results from the 2012 monitoring. The workshop will feature presentations on the monitoring results, the overall status of the San Dieguito Wetland Restoration in meeting the performance standards imposed by the CCC, potential problems and recommendations for solving them, and plans for the 2013 monitoring. ***No regulatory decisions will be made on the mitigation project at the workshop.*** CCC staff will use information from the workshop in carrying out its oversight and monitoring of the mitigation project.

It is the CCC's intention that the technical review workshop be attended by representatives of state and federal resource agencies, local government representatives, scientists interested in restoration and environmental monitoring, and the general public. The workshop will be conducted by CCC staff and contract scientists. Representatives from SCE and members of the CCC's Scientific Advisory Panel also will be on hand to provide further scientific viewpoints on the mitigation project.