

4.14 Recreation

This section describes recreational resources in the area of the Proposed Project. The potential impacts are also discussed. The Proposed Project would not result in any change to existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities. Therefore this section provides a general discussion of impacts to recreation in accordance with the CEQA.

4.14.1 Environmental Setting

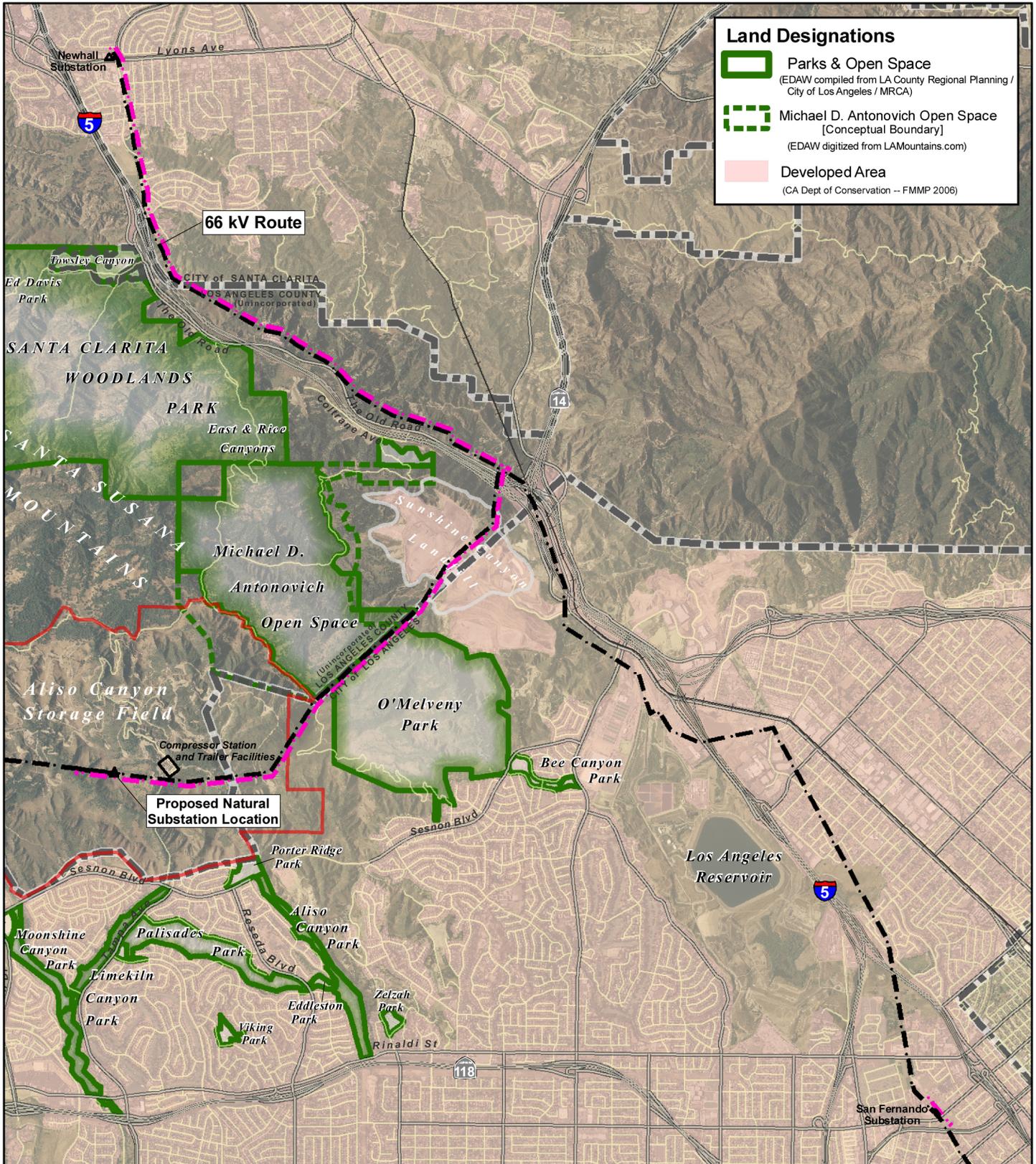
The Proposed Project site is located in portions of unincorporated Los Angeles County and the cities of Los Angeles and Santa Clarita. The Santa Susana Mountains are the dominant topographic feature within the vicinity of the Proposed Project site. These mountains are within the acquisition area of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy that operates a number of open space and recreational parks, such as the 4,000-acre Santa Clarita Woodlands Park (including Ed Davis Park in Towsley Canyon, and East & Rice Canyon), the 500-acre MDA Open Space Preserve, and the 2.326-acre MDA Regional Park at Joughin Ranch. The city of Los Angeles operates the 672-acre O'Melveny Park located in Granada Hills, which provides connectivity with the MDA Open Space and Santa Clarita Woodlands beyond. The locations of these park and recreational facilities are shown on Figure 4.14-1.

Additionally, the Porter Ranch and Knollwood communities in the city of Los Angeles, located south and southeast of the Proposed Project site, respectively, include various pocket parks and recreational facilities in proximity to the Proposed Project, which are also depicted on Figure 4.14-1. Some specific parks in Porter Ranch are Holleigh Bernson Memorial Park, Moonshine Canyon Park, Limekiln Canyon Park, Palisades Park and Palisades Recreation Center, Porter Ridge Park, Eddleston Park, and Aliso Canyon Park. Bee Canyon Park and Zelzah Park are in Knollwood.

4.14.2 Significance Criteria

The significance criteria for assessing the impacts to recreation derive from the CEQA Environmental Checklist. According to the CEQA Checklist, a project would cause a potentially significant impact if it would:

- Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated, or
- Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have a physical effect on the environment.



Land Designations

-  Parks & Open Space
(EDAW compiled from LA County Regional Planning / City of Los Angeles / MRCA)
-  Michael D. Antonovich Open Space
[Conceptual Boundary]
(EDAW digitized from LAMountains.com)
-  Developed Area
(CA Dept of Conservation -- FMMP 2006)



Legend

-  66 kV Sub-transmission Modifications
-  Existing 66kV Sub Transmission Line
-  Aliso Canyon Storage Field

Transportation Network (NavTeq 2006 / EDAW updates 2009)

-  Highways and Main Roads
-  Streets and Fire Roads

1 inch = 5,000 feet

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Aliso Canyon PEA

Figure 4.14-1
Parks and Recreation




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4.14.3 Applicant Proposed Measures

There are no Applicant Proposed Measures associated with recreation resources.

4.14.4 Environmental Impacts

The potential impact to recreation resources from construction and operation of the Proposed Project was evaluated using the stated CEQA significance criteria and is presented in this section. For the purpose of presenting potential impacts to recreation, CEQA criteria were evaluated and are discussed separately for construction and operations

Construction Impacts

Would the Proposed Project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

Construction of the Proposed Project would not involve an increase in the use of existing recreational facilities as it is anticipated that most of the construction jobs would be filled by the existing area labor force. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in the need for additional recreational facilities, nor would it result in the expansion or deterioration of existing recreational facilities. No impact would occur. The Proposed Project may have temporary construction impacts to Brand Park where existing poles will be replaced with TSP's. SCE will try to minimize impacts to the park, where feasible, by scheduling construction activities during periods of low park visitor volume (e.g., non-weekend periods).

Would the Proposed Project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have a physical effect on the environment?

The Proposed Project does not include the construction of new or expanded recreational facilities. In addition, it is anticipated that most of the construction jobs would be filled by the existing area labor force. There would be no increased demand for recreational facilities that could result in the need for new or expanded recreational facilities. No impact to the environment from new or expanded recreational facilities would occur.

Operation Impacts

Would the Proposed Project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

Operation of the Proposed Project would not result in an increase in the use of existing recreational facilities as implementation of the Proposed Project would not result in changes that would require additional workers/employees at SCE or SoCalGas. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in the need for additional recreational facilities, nor would it result in the expansion or deterioration of existing recreational facilities. Also, no operational impacts to size or access to Brand Park will result from the Proposed Project. No impact would occur.

Would the Proposed Project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have a physical effect on the environment?

The Proposed Project does not include new or expanded recreational facilities. In addition, implementation of the Proposed Project would not result in changes that would require additional workers/employees at SCE or SoCalGas. There would be no increased demand for recreational facilities that could result in the need for new or expanded recreational facilities. No impact to the environment from new or expanded recreational facilities would occur.

4.14.5 Mitigation Measures

The Proposed Project was determined to have **less than significant impact without mitigation** due to construction and operation; therefore no mitigation is required or proposed.

4.14.6 References

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