



CITY OF **RANCHO PALOS VERDES**
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

March 1, 2016

Dear Resident,

Starting this March, Southern California Edison (SCE) will be making electrical improvements in the city of Rancho Palos Verdes and the surrounding Palos Verdes Peninsula. SCE is strengthening the electricity distribution grid to improve power reliability through a multiyear, multibillion-dollar investment plan that includes upgrades to make power more dependable, safer, and cleaner, along with new technologies that enable integrating more clean energy. The upgrades to the distribution network will allow SCE to meet the region's growing demand for electricity, and improve grid performance, while meeting California's ambitious renewable-power goals. This Infrastructure Replacement Program - called the Stirrup Cutover Project - involves replacing well-worn poles, transformers, underground cables, upgrading equipment to accommodate higher load demand and eliminating the Stirrup substation.

The Stirrup Cutover Project is planned for the area north of Deane Dana Friendship Park and Crest Road, between Western Ave to the east and Martingale Dr. to the west, and up to the northern city boundary. Some of these power poles and related equipment are located in the public right-of-way along the streets and others are located in private homes' backyards in utility easements. SCE, the other utilities, and their contractors will need access to the utility poles several times throughout the construction period in order to complete their work.

During the replacement of these power poles and related equipment, power outages are to be expected. The duration of the power outages will vary, ranging from just a few hours to an entire day. Other utilities' services are likely to be affected by this work since those utilities' service lines and equipment are located on these power poles too, and so temporary outages for these services should be anticipated and planned for as well. Please also note that there will not be any generators provided to serve as a back-up source of electricity during the power outages. To protect employees from possible electrical backfeed, any residents wishing to use their own generators to provide power to their residences during power outages must notify SCE in advance by calling SCE at 888-759-6056. Use of a generator without SCE's prior approval could cause serious safety issues. SCE is assisting customers prepare for the project impacts by providing information on its website under "What to Expect as We Work in Your Area" at on.sce.com/upgrades.

Traffic delays in these residential areas should be expected and some residential streets will need to be closed to through-traffic during the day while the work is being performed. Barring any unforeseen conditions, such as inclement weather, the construction work will generally be performed between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday excluding City holidays, in order to meet the project deadlines. Please adhere to the construction signs and follow the instructions of the crews directing traffic and construction detours, for your safety and the safety of the workers.

Some residences will be receiving more detailed written power outage notifications directly from SCE, but if you have any questions regarding this work, and how and when your property's services will be affected, please call the Stirrup Project Team at SCE's South Bay Service Center at (310) 783-9316. SCE, the other utilities, and the City of Rancho Palos Verdes appreciate your patience and cooperation during the construction period.

Rancho Palos Verdes,
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