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Costa Mesa, Calif., -- Orange County Coastkeeper is participating as an environmental advisor for the Citizens for Safe and Reliable Power, who support renovating the infrastructure along a corridor between San Juan Capistrano and San Clemente. Due to our success with the SmartScape project for Southern California Edison's Villa Park Substation, Coastkeeper was invited on the front end of the SDG&E project. We will work with developers and designers to ensure that the landscaping around the improved substations will utilize California Friendly vegetation to conserve water and reduce runoff pollution into the local watershed and the ocean.

In the past, Coastkeeper has been invited to participate on the back end of development or improvement projects, where our advice and resources for environmentally responsible practices were not considered. This has led to what may seem like a constant opposition to these projects, but this is hardly the case. We prefer to work with companies and industries to implement the best practices available that will protect water quality.

This April marked one year since the completion of the SCE SmartScape project. The 3-acre project, in the City of Orange, features cutting-edge technology and sustainable landscape practices that conserves water, eliminates dry-weather runoff, reduces maintenance costs, cuts down on the site's carbon footprint and establishes a habitat for urban wildlife. The SmartScape retrofit project is one of the largest sustainable landscape projects in Orange County and Coastkeeper looks forward to seeing continued success and utilizing this plan for similar projects.