

SCE VALLEY SOUTH SUBTRANSMISSION PROJECT

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Subject: Monitoring Report #31: June 28 to July 11, 2020

Introduction

This report provides a summary of the construction and compliance activities associated with Southern California Edison’s (SCE) Valley South Subtransmission Project (VSSP). Project components include:

- Installation and upgrades of the 115 kV subtransmission line
- Modification of some existing 12 kV and 33 kV distribution facilities
- Telecommunication equipment installation and upgrades
- Installation of new components at the Valley Substation

CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): CPUC EM, Rosina Goodman, was onsite June 29 and July 7, 2020.

CPUC Notices to Proceed (NTPs)

Table 1 summarizes the NTPs issued for VSSP construction. No additional NTPs are required.

Table 1 - NTPs

NTP #	Date Requested	Date Issued	Description
NTP #1	12/11/18	01/04/19	Use of 2 Material Yards and Vegetation Management at six locations along the right-of-way.
NTP #2	02/26/19	03/25/19	Construction of Project components not subject to final engineering due to use of required insulated conductor in high fire hazard areas, Segments 1 and 2.
NTP #3	05/16/19	06/07/19	Poles subject to final engineering due to required use of insulated conductor in high fire hazard areas.

Construction & Compliance

To date, all pre-compliance materials associated with NTPs #1, #2, and #3 that have been submitted have been approved. Construction activities associated with NTP #1 began on February 4, 2019. Construction activities associated with NTP #2 began on May 6, 2019. Construction activities associated with NTP #3 began on June 18, 2019.

A summary of construction and compliance activities for the subject reporting period is provided below.

Summary of Construction Activity

1. Wilson Construction is not currently using the Valley Substation Contractor Yard for the VSSP but still occupies the space for use on another SCE project. .
2. Wilson Construction activities on Segment 1 included RAR (Remote control Automatic Reclosure) installation at Construction Area UNK56 (see Photo 1).
3. No Wilson construction activities occurred on Segment 2 during the monitoring period.
4. SCE self-perform construction activities included finishing potheads and installing loops at Construction Area UNK250 and overnight work pulling cable on southern underground section from UNK207 through UNK 222 on Leon Road.

Environmental Compliance

1. Biological monitoring occurred during construction activities during the monitoring period.
2. There were no SCE self-reported or CPUC incidents during the monitoring period.
3. On July 7, the CPUC EM observed the SCE self-perform crews preparing for overnight work at the southern underground construction areas on Leon Road from Construction Area UNK207 through UNK222 (see Photo 2). Traffic control was set-up according to Traffic Control Plan and the equipment was checked for compliance with the Construction Night Lighting Plan.
4. As of the end of the monitoring period, there is one active nest (red-tailed hawk) associated with project activities on Segments 1. Buffers have been established per the Project Nesting Bird Management Plan, which specifies the establishment of buffers and the removal of inactive non-special-status bird species' nests. There were no nest buffer reduction submissions during the monitoring period. No nests were removed during the subject reporting period.
5. There was one special-status species (loggerhead shrike) observed at locations associated with construction activities during the subject monitoring period.
6. No new Stephen's kangaroo rat burrows were documented during the monitoring period on Segment 1.
7. There were no SCE self-reported SWPPP maintenance items associated with construction activities reported throughout the monitoring period.
8. There were no reportable (> 1 gallon) or non-reportable (<1 gallon) spills associated with construction activities during the monitoring period.

Temporary Extra Workspaces (TEWS) and Minor Project Changes (MPCs)

No MPC or TEWS requests were approved during the subject monitoring period. Table 2 summarizes the TEWS and MPCs for the Valley South Subtransmission Project to date.

Table 2 – TEWS & MPCs
(Updated 07/16/20)

MPC/TEWS No.	Description	Status
MPCs		
1	Leon Road Realignment	Issued by CPUC 01/11/19
2	Laydown area for wood pole storage south of Valley Substation Yard.	Issued by CPUC 07/10/19
3	Additional work areas and access roads on Segment 1 and Segment 2	Issued by CPUC 08/30/19
4	Additional work area adjacent to pole 4402074E on Segment 2.	Issued by CPUC 10/29/19
5	Additional work areas and access roads on Segment 1	Issued by CPUC 12/12/19
6	Additional overland travel access on Segment 1	Issued by CPUC 01/16/20
7	Change overhead distribution work to underground and associated workspace on Segment 1 between Construction Areas UNK44 and UNK45	Issued by CPUC 03/13/20
8	Additional work area to be used for the installation of an anchor on existing pole #4393118E	Issued by CPUC 03/26/20
TEWS		
1	Use of existing access road at Construction Area UNK241 through UNK243	Issued by Aspen 09/12/19

CPUC Compliance Incidents, Project Memoranda (PMs) and Non-Compliance Reports (NCRs)

No Incident Reports, PMs, or NCRs were issued by the CPUC EM during the subject reporting period. Table 3 summarizes the CPUC Incidents, PMs, and NCRs issued to date.

Table 3 - CPUC Incidents, Project Memoranda, and Non-Compliance Reports
(Updated 07/16/20)

Incident/ PM/NCR	Regulatory Requirement	Date Issued	Segment	Description
Level 1 Incident	NTP requirement	08-20-19	Segment 1	Wood poles staged at Construction Areas not released for construction.
Level 1 Incident	SWPPP/BIO-2/ AES-1	09-25-19	Segment 1	Construction equipment without secondary containment, staging area without screening, pipes without capping, and an open trench with gaps in covering.
Level 1 incident	NTP/MMCRP	02-19-20	Segment 1	Distribution riser trenching outside of approved project disturbance limits between Construction Areas UNK44 and UNK45.
Level 1 incident	NTP/MMCRP	03-05-20	All	Weekly and daily reporting not adhering to the criterion stated in the MMCRP.
Level 1 incident	NBMP	04-22-20	Segment 1	Nest buffer reduction for a red-tailed hawk nest not managed in accordance with the Nesting Bird Management Plan (NBMP)

PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1 – RAR installation at Construction Area UNK56 (June 29, 2020).



Photo 2 – SCE preparing for overnight underground work at Construction Area UNK207 (July 7, 2020).