

SCE VALLEY SOUTH SUBTRANSMISSION PROJECT

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Subject: Monitoring Report #38: November 8 to November 21, 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 November 19, 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. All construction related work associated with NTPs #1, #2, and #3 has been completed, with the exception of restoration activities on Segment 1. Energization of the line is expected in December 2020.

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 included lowering distribution arms at Construction Area UNK35 on Segment 1 on November 19, 2020 (see Photo 1). No construction activities occurred on Segment 2.
3. No SCE self-perform construction activities occurred during the monitoring period.

Environmental Compliance

1. Biological monitoring occurred during construction activities during the monitoring period.
2. There were no SCE self-reported or CPUC-issued incidents or observations during the monitoring period.
3. Traffic control was observed onsite along Leon Road during construction activities at Construction Area UNK35.
4. As of the end of the monitoring period, there are no active nests associated with project activities. There were no nest buffer reduction submissions during the monitoring period. No nests were removed during the subject reporting period.
5. There were no special-status species observed at locations associated with construction activities during the subject monitoring period.
6. There were no SCE self-reported SWPPP maintenance items associated with construction activities reported throughout the monitoring period.
7. 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 12/4/20)

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

MPC/TEWS No.	Description	Status
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 12/4/20)

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).
Level 1 incident	NBMP	07-31-20	Segment 1	No daily sweeps by a biological monitor for construction activities during the nesting season according to the NBMP.

PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1 – Lowering distribution arms at Construction Area UNK35 (November 19, 2020).