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PROJECT MEMORANDUM
SCE DPV2 TRANSMISSION PROJECT

To: Billie Blanchard, Project Manager, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: December 9, 2014
Subject: Monthly Report for November 1 through November 30, 2014

INTRODUCTION

This report provides a summary of the construction and compliance activities associated with the SCE Red Bluff Substation Project. Construction activities for the project are limited to the improvements of the Red Bluff Substation access road from Corn Springs Road to the Substation which includes the installation of Arizona Crossings, gravel, and fencing which was approved by the BLM on January 9, 2014.

CPUC/BLM/Aspen Environmental Monitors (EM): Carla Wakeman

RED BLUFF SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADES

Summary of Activity

- Construction activities included grading, rock spreading, substrate compaction, trenching (see Figure 1), setting forms, and pouring concrete (see Figure 2) for Arizona Crossing installations along the access road. BMPs were continually repaired and installed.
- Water used for dust control during construction activities is being drawn from the well within the Red Bluff Substation. This area is included in the Monitors' daily sweeps for compliance.
- No work activities occurred from November 27 through November 30 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Environmental Compliance

- SCE General and Biological Monitors were onsite, as appropriate, throughout all construction activities.
- SCE General Monitors continually inspected construction activities to ensure compliance with air quality and water quality mitigation measures. During the subject time period there were no reported issues with fugitive dust, SWPPP compliance, or track-out.
- At the end of each day, the Biological Monitors ensured all open trenches were properly ramped to allow wildlife to escape. This was observed by the CPUC EM during site visits. No wildlife was reported to have become entrapped during the subject reporting period.
- CPUC EMs conducted site visits on November 6 and 20 to ensure compliance with all mitigation measures and conditions provided by the BLM in the Environmental Assessment for the construction of the road. No issues were identified. The appropriate monitors were onsite and all construction activities were in compliance. Water usage for the project has been restricted to the immediate work areas. To control fugitive dust, a 10 mph speed limit is being observed by the contractor. No fugitive dust or track-out issues were observed by the CPUC EM. Perimeter controls and concrete washouts required by the project SWPPP were observed in good working order and well maintained (see Figure 3).
- No incidents or spills were reported during the subject reporting period.



- Special-status species that were observed during the subject period along the access road included a golden eagle and loggerhead shrike. No mortalities were reported for any special-status species.

No Non-Compliance Reports or Project Memoranda were issued during the subject period for Red Bluff Substation construction and upgrade activities.

Agency Representatives during Construction (Other than CPUC EMs):

None.

PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1. Construction personnel trenching Arizona crossings (photo courtesy of FRED).



Figure 2. Concrete pouring for Arizona Crossings.



Figure 3. Properly contained concrete wash-out bins on the Red Bluff access road.