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**PROJECT MEMORANDUM
SCE DPV 2 TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

To: Billie Blanchard, Project Manager, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: August 29, 2011
Subject: Weekly Report 05, August 15 to August 21, 2011

INTRODUCTION

This report provides a summary of the construction and compliance activities associated with the SCE DPV2 Transmission Project:

A summary of the Notices to Proceed (NTPs) with construction and Variance Request activity are also provided (see Tables 1 and 2, respectively, near the end of this report). Finally, a summary of Temporary Extra Workspace Requests (TEWS) is provided in Table 3.

CPUC/Aspen Environmental Monitors (EM): Jamie Miner was on site August 15 and 16.

DPV 2 CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIAL YARDS

NTP #1 was issued for construction and set-up of construction yards, including Desert Center 1 (DC1), Desert Center 2 (DC2), Blythe, and Menifee Construction Yards.

Summary of Activity:

1. Office trailers were delivered to DC1 and DC2 on August 17 and 18. Ingress/egress driveway grading and paving was completed on August 18 (see Figure 1). All other activities at these yards consisted of moving of equipment and maintaining BMPs throughout the subject period.
2. Construction activities continued at Blythe throughout the subject period and included placement of gravel, digging and setting fence post holes, installation of chain link fencing, movement of equipment, and maintenance of BMPs (see Figure 2).
3. Construction activities were initiated at the Menifee Construction Yard on August 16 and continued throughout the subject period. These activities included installation of BMPs, initial grubbing and grading, and installation of fencing (see Figure 3).
4. The CPUC EM conducted a field investigation of the offsite water locations at the Perris and Beaumont Construction Yards on August 16 per Variance Request #7 (see Table 2). Additionally, the CPUC EM was contacted by SCE on August 16 to discuss moving the offsite water location approved for the Menifee Construction Yard per TEWS #2 (see Table 3). The CPUC EM was onsite at the Menifee yard during the phone conversation with SCE and inspected the new water location request during that time (see Figure 4). Based on results of the inspection, the CPUC EM determined that the request to move the offsite water location should be approved.

Environmental Compliance:

1. BMPs, including straw wattles, secondary containment, and plastic sheeting, were inspected by the CPUC EM at each of the yards where construction activities were occurring and were considered sufficient.
2. Orange construction fencing had been installed at two Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) at the Blythe Construction Yard to provide avoidance for previously identified special-status plant (Harwood's milk-vetch) sites (see Figure 5).



3. During an inspection of the Blythe Yard on August 16, the CPUC EM observed a trash bin with a lid that was left open (see Figure 6). The CPUC EM closed the bin and then informed the SCE monitor that leaving the bin open was out of compliance. The SCE monitor responded that the trash bins would be more closely inspected.
4. Dust suppression was applied during all grading, gravel placement, and fence installation activities throughout the week.

COLORADO RIVER SUBSTATION/RED BLUFF SUBSTATION

Summary of Activity:

1. An email was sent to Aspen from SCE on August 12 identifying an incident that resulted in the crushing death of a Mojave fringe-toed lizard individual during a site visit to the Colorado River Substation. The incident occurred on August 9 while representatives from SCE were parking along an existing stub road.

Environmental Compliance:

1. The CPUC EM responded to the incident involving the crushing death of a Mojave fringe-toed lizard (described above) via email on August 12. The email recognized that SCE had implemented sufficient mitigation measures and conditions, including restricting travel to existing access roads, maintaining adequate speed limits, and providing a qualified biologist, during the site visit that occurred on August 9. However, the time period between the date of the incident and the distribution of the incident report email was considered insufficient. Consequently, the CPUC EM issued a written warning within the context of the email that required an appropriate time period (within 24 hours) for any future disclosures similar to this incident. SCE was informed that any future delays in reporting would result in a Project Memorandum (PM) or Non-Compliance Report (NCR).

No NCRs or PM were issued for construction activities during the subject period.

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES DURING CONSTRUCTION (OTHER THAN CPUC EMs):

None

CPUC NOTICES TO PROCEED (NTPS)

Table 1 summarizes the CPUC Notice to Proceed for the DPV2 Project, to date. No additional Notice to Proceed Requests have been submitted to date.

TABLE 1
CPUC NTPs
(Updated 08/29/11)

NTP #/ Permit	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment #	Description
CPUC NTPs				
NTP #1	4/28/2011	6/23/2011	Yards	Authorization to proceed with the development of the Devers, Desert Center 1, Desert Center 2, Summit, Blythe, Perris, Beaumont, and Menifee Construction Yards.
NTP #2	08/05/11	Under Review	T/L	Installation of exclusionary fencing, Devers to Blythe. No cultural resources affected. Bio submitted 08/26/11.
	08/26/11	Under Review	Yard	Authorization to proceed with development of the Beaumont #2 Construction Yard.
	08/26/11	Under Review	T/L	Construction of transmission line on BLM lands.
	08/26/11	Under Review	Substation	Construction of Red Bluff Substation, BLM lands.

VARIANCE & TEMPORARY EXTRA WORKSPACE REQUESTS

Variance Requests and Temporary Extra Workspace (TEWS) Requests submitted to date are summarized in Tables 2 and 3, respectively.

TABLE 2
VARIANCE REQUESTS
 (Updated 08/29/11)

Variance Request	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment #	Description
VR #1	5/6/11	5/24/11	Devers-Valley	Construction of traditional lattice towers instead of "Tetra" towers at two locations (Structures #1139 and #1140)
VR #2	4/21/11	5/26/11	All	Revisions to Mitigation Measure B-7d pertaining to seasonal restrictions for Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard and flat-tailed horned lizard to support consistency with conditions provided in the Biological Opinion.
VR #3	7/12/11	7/18/11	DC 1 & DC 2 Yards	Utilize offsite well location and installation of 12,000 gallon water tank for filling trucks.
VR #4	7/6/11	7/21/11	Menifee Yard	Expansion of Menifee Construction Yard, which would include approximately 5 acres of additional disturbance within the western portion of the parcel, for material storage and other activities.
VR #5	4/22/11	07/28/11	CRS Devers and Valley Substations, Series Capacitor Site	Modification of APM A-7 regarding carpooling for construction at substations.
VR #6	7/7/11	08/01/11	Menifee, Beaumont, Perris Yards	Request to remove Mitigation Measures B-13a and B-13b, and to modify B-1a, B-1a (revised), and B-7e pertaining to Western Riverside County MSHCP compliance.
VR #7	8/11/11	08/23/11	Perris, Beaumont, Menifee, Blythe Yards	Request to utilize offsite water hydrants at Perris, Beaumont, Menifee, and Blythe Construction Yards.
VR #8	08/25/11	08/27/11	Beaumont Yard	Installation of seeded jute netting along yard frontage.
	08/25/11	Under Review	DC 2 Yard	Temporary power installation.
	08/29/11	Under Review	Devers, Summit Yards	Request to utilize offsite water sources at the Devers and Summit Construction Yards.

TABLE 3
TEMPORARY EXTRA WORKSPACE (TEWS) REQUESTS
 (Updated 08/29/11)

TEWS Request	Date Requested	Date Approved	Segment #	Description
#1	7/20/2011	7/27/11	Blythe Yard	Use of offsite hydrant and installation of water tank at location adjacent to Blythe Construction Yard
#2	7/28/2011	08/04/11	Menifee Yard	Use of offsite hydrant, located along the frontage of the Menifee Construction Yard, and a flexible hose to supply water to a 4,000 gallon water truck.
#3	8/16/2011	8/16/2011	Menifee Yard	Revised use of offsite hydrant, located along the frontage of the Menifee Construction Yard, approximately 200 yards north of previously approved location.

PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1: The ingress/egress driveways have been graded and paved at the DC2 Construction Yard.



Figure 2: Construction activities at Blyth Yard included gravel placement and fence installation. View east from southern boundary.



Figure 3: Construction activities occurring at the Menifee Construction Yard.



Figure 4: View of newly approved TEWS request for offsite water at the Menifee Construction Yard. Note water truck in background.



Figure 5: One of two ESAs that have been established at the Blythe Yard for previously identified special-status plant locations.



Figure 6: Trash bin left open during construction activities at the Blythe Construction Yard.