



Aspen *Environmental Group*

PROJECT MEMORANDUM SDG&E – MIGUEL-MISSION 230 kV #2 PROJECT

To: Michael Rosauer, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: August 18, 2004
Subject: Weekly Report #2: August 8, 2004 – August 14, 2004
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Christopher Meyer

Summary of Activity:

Weather was clear throughout the subject week. The clearing and grading activities in the area covered by Notice to Proceed (NTP) #1 was completed during the first part of the week except for a portion within coastal sage scrub habitat. No clearing or grading activities occurred while the CPUC EM was on-site and SDG&E started work on a variance request to enter the coastal sage scrub habitat before the September 1 date set in the mitigation measures.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit on August 10 and reviewed several proposed laydown areas with SDG&E.

The Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) and an Essex biologist were on-site to review the pre-construction status of the right-of-way and the sensitive resource flagging with the CPUC EM. The sensitive avian habitat had been flagged (see Figure 1) and the Essex EI will mark off additional barrel cacti at the request of CDFG and USFWS resource specialists who recently visited the project area.

The project cultural resource specialists have installed exclusion fencing and “Sensitive Resource Area – Keep out” signs around the cultural resource sites on the Los Coches to Fanita Junction section.

Environmental Compliance:

SDG&E informed the CPUC EM on August 10 that anchor bolts had mistakenly been delivered to the Steele Canyon High School staging site prior to the installation of visual screening. Due to the difficulty in procuring the screening material, SDG&E was allowed to keep the material at the staging site and installed the screening when it arrived on August 12.

Notices to Proceed (NTP):

NTP #1 was issued by the CPUC on August 4, 2004. SDG&E has requested an NTP for access road work and installation of 138/69 kV towers between Miguel and Los Coches. Pre-construction compliance review is underway for this portion of the project.

Variance Requests:

On August 13, Variance Request #2 that allows clearing in coastal sage scrub habitat on the Miguel Substation to Fanita Junction segment in the 2003/2004 nesting season, was approved by the CPUC. There are no other submitted variances pending review and approval.

TABLE 1
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS
(Updated 08/17/04)

Variance Request #	Date Submitted	Description	Status	CPUC Approval Date
1	07/07/04	Use of four storage and staging areas on the Los Coches to Fanita Junction Section for the duration of the project.	Completed	07/23/04
2	08/10/04	Clearing of coastal sage scrub habitat before September 1 on the Miguel to Fanita Junction section during the 2003/2004 nesting season.	Completed	08/13/04

Upcoming Items: SDG&E has requested that the CPUC EM meet with staff on August 18 to review staging and storage areas required for the Miguel to Los Coches portion of the project. The environmental training for the Miguel to Los Coches crews is scheduled for August 20. SDG&E will hold weekly meetings on Tuesday mornings to review issues and upcoming events.

Agency Personnel Contacts: None

TABLE 2
TEWS TRACKING
(Updated 08/17/04)

Number	NTP	Date Received	Description	Status	Approval Date ¹
1	1	07/24/04	Vista de Montemar ½ mile north of La Cresta Road, San Diego County	Approved from 7/26 to 9/26	See Variance Request #1

¹For TEWS requests, Approval Date reflects EM approval date. TEWS approvals valid for 60 days only.

Photographs



Figure 1 – Sensitive avian habitat marked by white flagging (black and white flagging will be added to differentiate sensitive resources areas from white right-of-way boundary markings).