



Aspen *Environmental Group*

PROJECT MEMORANDUM SCE – VIEJO SYSTEM PROJECT

To: Michael Rosauer, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: August 25, 2004
Subject: Weekly Report #3: August 15, 2004 – August 21, 2004
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Christopher Meyer

Summary of Activity:

Weather was clear throughout the subject week. Notice to Proceed (NTP) #1 for work on the substation site was issued by the CPUC on Thursday, July 15.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit on August 19 and reviewed the construction activities, Best Management Practices (BMPs), and hazardous material control with SCE's contractor and inspectors.

A crew worked on placing copper wire in the grounding grid on the substation site (see Figure 1). The completed area of the grounding grid has been backfilled and a grader was working the area so that rock can be placed in the future (see Figure 2). A survey crew was working on the site with the grounding crew.

Excess spoil from the trenching along the access road and site grading was being loaded into trucks for removal from the site (see Figure 3). Fugitive dust was observed briefly when some dry soil was loaded into a truck. The construction inspector immediately instructed the water truck driver to place water on the spoil pile.

A grader was observed working on the SCE right-of-way above the substation site. The CPUC EM and SCE inspector walked up to the transmission line tower and discovered that the grader was being operated by a California Department of Forestry (CDF) fire crew (see Figure 4). The CDF has an agreement with SCE to maintain access along the transmission line.

Environmental Compliance:

For all other operations, the CPUC EM observed that construction was in compliance with mitigation measures adopted in the MND and other permitting requirements.

The site vegetation has been removed and LSA Environmental Inspector will not be on-site full-time. The sensitive resources on the hillside are separated from the construction activities by a cyclone fence.

A water truck was working throughout the substation site to keep fugitive dust down on the grading and spoil removal operations.

Notices to Proceed (NTP):

NTP #1 was approved by the CPUC on July 15, 2004. SCE is waiting for the City of Mission Viejo vote on October 30, 2004, regarding an assessment district to underground the proposed 66 kV subtransmission line through the City before moving forward with the 66 kV subtransmission line portion of the project.

Variance Requests: No variance requests have been submitted at this time.

Upcoming Items: None

Agency Personnel Contacts: None

Photographs



Figure 1 – Crew placing copper wire in the grounding grid on the substation site.



Figure 2 – An operator in a grader smoothed substation site after the completed grounding grid had been backfilled.



Figure 3 – Excess spoil from the right-of-way being loaded into trucks for removal from the substation site.



Figure 4 – CDF grader working SCE transmission line easement.