



Aspen *Environmental Group*

PROJECT MEMORANDUM SCE – VIEJO SYSTEM PROJECT

To: Jensen Uchida, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: January 19, 2005
Subject: Weekly Report #24: January 8, 2005 – January 15, 2005
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Christopher Meyer

The CPUC EM was not able to conduct a site visit during the subject week due to highway closures caused by the recent heavy rainfall. The CPUC EM reviewed the status of the project with SCE by telephone. Minimal work was occurring on the 220 kV transmission line due to the recent rains and saturated condition of the right-of-way. Only limited work occurred on the substation site due to the muddy conditions.

The CPUC EM received notification that a local special interest group, NOPE, has filed a complaint with the CPUC. The CPUC EM reviewed the construction status with SCE and verified that no construction is occurring outside the substation site and the adjacent 220 kV work on the hillside.

SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION

Summary of Activity:

As noted above, only limited work occurred on the substation site due to the muddy conditions.

Environmental Compliance:

The site vegetation has been removed from the substation site and a LSA Environmental Inspector (EI) has not been on-site full-time. The LSA EI is periodically checking the excavations and foundation holes for sensitive and common animals. Several fossils have been discovered and collected for examination by the paleontologist during the course of the project. The majority of the excavation has been completed on the substation site and no fossil discoveries were reported during the subject week.

In general, the Best Management Practices (BMPs) installed on the substation site have been installed properly and maintained.

220 kV TRANSMISSION LINE SEGMENT

Summary of Activity:

Crews continued working under the power outage during the subject week installing the upper portions of the towers.

Environmental Compliance:

BMPs were improved to allow access to the right-of-way during the outage in case of rain. The addition of rock to the access roads addressed several of the sedimentation and erosion issues on the 220 kV right-of-way.

NOTICES TO PROCEED (NTP):

NTP #1 was approved for substation construction by the CPUC on July 15, 2004, and NTP #2 was approved for the 220 kV upgrade on September 29, 2004. SCE is expected to start submittal of pre-construction compliance materials for the 66 kV transmission line portion of the project soon.

VARIANCE REQUESTS:

No variance requests were submitted for review during the subject week.

UPCOMING ITEMS:

SCE is working to submit the pre-construction compliance documents for the 66 kV towers. The CPUC EM reviewed the proposed 66 kV tower locations and associated access and work pads. The CPUC EM requested that SCE look at alternative routes for the access roads that would minimize the disturbance of both the hillside and the native habitat. SCE reviewed the plan and has made minor revisions to the access routes to further minimize environmental impacts on the hillside above the substation site.

AGENCY PERSONNEL CONTACTS: None