

**SCE VALLEY SOUTH SUBTRANSMISSION PROJECT**

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**Subject:** Monitoring Report #3: May 11, 2019 to May 25, 2019

**Introduction**

This report provides a summary of the construction and compliance activities associated with Southern California Edison’s (SCE) Valley South Subtransmission Project (VSSP).

**CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM):** CPUC EM, Rosina Goodman, was onsite May 14 and May 21, 2019.

**CPUC Notices to Proceed (NTPs)**

Table 1 summarizes the NTPs with construction for the Valley South Project.

**Table 1 - NTPs**  
 (Updated 06/02/19)

<b>NTP #</b>	<b>Date Requested</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Description</b>
NTP #1	12/11/18	01/04/19	Use of 2 Material Yards and Vegetation Management at six locations along the right-of-way.
NTP #2	02/26/19	03/25/19	Construction of Project components not subject to final engineering due to use of required insulated conductor in high fire hazard areas, Segments 1 and 2.
NTP #3	05/16/19	UNDER REVIEW	Poles subject to final engineering due to required use of insulated conductor in high fire hazard areas.

**Construction & Compliance**

A summary of construction and compliance activities is provided below.

***Contractor Yards and Vegetation Management (NTP #1)***

As defined in NTP #1, Project contractor yards include:

- Antelope Road Contractor Yard
- Valley Substation Contractor Yard

## ***Construction of Substation, Subtransmission, Distribution, Telecommunication (NTP #2)***

As defined in NTP #2, Project components include:

- Installation and upgrades of the 115 kV subtransmission line
- Modification of some existing 12 kV and 33 kV distribution facilities
- Telecommunication equipment installation and upgrades
- Installation of new components at the Valley Substation

To date, all pre-compliance materials associated with NTPs #1 and #2 that have been submitted have been approved. Construction activities associated with NTP #1 began on February 4, 2019. Construction activities associated with NTP #2 began on May 6, 2019.

### **Summary of Construction Activity**

1. Wilson Construction and their subcontractor, Cattract, are currently using the Valley Substation Contractor Yard for mobile office headquarters and equipment and material storage.
2. BMP installation and maintenance occurred at tubular steel pole (TSP) foundation locations in Segment 1.
3. KV Structures conducted foundation activities at Construction Areas UNK3, UNK 7, UNK2, UNK125, and UNK250 (see Photo 1).
4. Cattract conducted underground trenching for conduit at the underground section along the Valley Substation, west of Menifee Road (see Photo 2).

### **Environmental Compliance**

1. Traffic control was in place along Grand Avenue during foundation drilling activities at Construction Area UNK 07 (see Photo 3).
2. During foundation drilling at Construction Area UNK125, Stephen's kangaroo rat burrows were flagged for disturbance avoidance by biological monitors (see Photo 1).
3. Biological, paleontological, and archaeological monitoring occurred during construction activities for foundations and underground trenching.
4. Two new nests were reported during the subject period. Buffer reductions for active nests are being managed as outlined in the DRAFT Nesting Bird Management Plan (NBMP).
5. Protocol surveys for riparian bird species are underway.
6. There were no SCE self-reported incidents and no CPUC incidents documented for construction activities throughout the monitoring period.
7. There were no SWPPP maintenance items associated with NTP #1 documented for construction activities throughout the monitoring period.
8. There was one non-reportable (< 1 gallon) spill associated with construction activities during the monitoring period. Impacted soil was dug-up using the spill kit on site and transported back to the subcontractor's yard for proper disposal.

## PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1 – Foundation drilling at Construction Area UNK 125. Note pink pin flags marking Stephen’s kangaroo rat burrows, May 21, 2019.



Photo 2 – Underground trenching along the Valley Substation to Menifee Road, May 21, 2019.



Photo 3 – Traffic control along Grand Avenue during drilling at Construction Area UNK7, May 14, 2019.