



5020 Chesebro Road, Suite 200, Agoura Hills, CA 91301 Tel. 818-597-3407, Fax 818-597-8001, www.aspeneg.com

# PROJECT MEMORANDUM SCE DPV2 TRANSMISSION PROJECT

**To:** Billie Blanchard, Project Manager, CPUC **From:** Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager

**Date:** February 14, 2014

**Subject:** Weekly Reports 125–133 (combined), 12/01/13 thru 02/02/14

#### INTRODUCTION

This report provides a summary of the construction and compliance activities associated with the SCE DPV2 Transmission Line and Red Bluff Substation Projects. This report is organized as follows:

- Transmission Line Construction
- Substation Construction and Upgrades
- Construction Yards and Other Workspaces

CPUC/BLM/Aspen Environmental Monitors (EM): Rosina Goodman

#### TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION

# **Summary of Activity**

- 1. During the subject reporting period, SCE began hydroseeding activities on the Devers to Valley Transmission Line. Crews installed BMPs, scarified the sites when necessary (see Figure 1), and applied hydroseed (see Figure 2). Once hydroseeding was completed, the crews went back to the sites to remove the temporary BMPs. Sites that were hydroseeded include:
  - O Towers 1062/R2, 1065 through 1086, 1091 through 1104, 1106 through 1114, 1123 through 1128, and 1135 through 1144
  - Splice Sites 7, 10, and 17A
  - Wire Site 36
  - Fiber Optic Site 30
  - o Guard Sites 48A, 52, 54, 58, 64, and 71
  - o Pull Sites 26, 27, 29, 32, 33, and 39
  - Helicopter Landing Zone H7

#### **Environmental Compliance**

- SCE Biologists and Monitors were onsite, as appropriate, throughout all construction activities associated with the above listed sites.
- The CPUC EM and SCE Environmental Coordinator (EC) completed review of the Devers to CRS
  alignment and began Devers to Valley for final site Close-out. At the time of this report, this review
  has not yet been completed.
- Hydroseeding for this season was completed the week of February 10<sup>th</sup> and will be detailed in a future report.

No Non-Compliance Reports or Project Memoranda were issued during the subject period for transmission line construction activities.



# **Agency Representatives during Construction (Other than CPUC EMs):**

None.

#### SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADES

## **Summary of Activity**

- 1. Colorado River Substation (CRS) (BLM Lands) Activities that occurred at CRS during the subject period included domestic well installation and BMP maintenance. In January 2014, repairs to the CRS access road began which includes the removal and replacement of damaged asphalt at approximately five drains, repairing cracked base along the slope of the road, and improving riprap areas along the road (see Figure 3). Filter fabric will be installed along the v-ditch that runs along the north, east and south side of the CRS. Work on the CRS access road is scheduled to continue through March 2014.
- Red Bluff Substation (BLM Lands) Activities that were conducted at the Red Bluff site included domestic well installation, final civil construction, and demobilization of material inside the substation including removal of multiple conex (storage) containers, and unused light posts and Ballards. Construction on the Red Bluff Access Road Improvements is tentatively scheduled to begin at the end of March 2014.
- 3. Series Capacitor (BLM Lands) Activities that were conducted during the subject period included commissioning of the Series Capacitor 2, BMP removal, and the removal of the fencing between Series Capacitor 1 and 2. The construction screening was also removed as all major construction at the site has been completed (see Figure 4).
- 4. Devers Substation (Private Lands) Construction activities at the Substation included the installation of a security system.

### **Environmental Compliance**

- SCE General, Biological, and Archeological Monitors were onsite, as appropriate, throughout all construction activities associated with the above listed sites.
- During the subject time period, zero mortalities of Mojave fringed-toed lizards along the CRS access road were reported.

No Non-Compliance Reports or Project Memoranda were issued during the subject period for substation construction and upgrade activities.

# **Agency Representatives during Construction (Other than CPUC EMs):**

None.

# CONSTRUCTION YARDS AND OTHER WORKSPACES

#### **Summary of Activity:**

Devers Yard (Material Yard) – Activities are limited to minor maintenance, implementation of BMPs, temporary storage of construction equipment and materials, and worker vehicle parking.

Beaumont 2 Yard (Contractor Show-Up Yard) – Activities are limited to minor maintenance, implementation of BMPs, temporary storage of construction equipment and materials, and worker vehicle parking.

All other yards used for construction have been restored and returned back to their owners.

# **Environmental Compliance:**

• SCE Biological Monitors conducted biological sweeps at all the above construction yards still in use throughout the subject period.

No Non-Compliance Reports or Project Memoranda were issued during the subject period for Construction yard activities.

# PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1. Site scarification activities in preparation for hydroseeding at Tower 1062.



Figure 2. Hydroseeding at Tower 1096.



Figure 3. Repairs to the CRS access road.



Figure 4. Commissioned Series Capacitor. Please note the construction screening has been removed.