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## PROJECT MEMORANDUM SCE DPV2 TRANSMISSION PROJECT

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### 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

A summary of the Notices to Proceed (NTPs) with construction and Variance Request activity are also provided (see Tables 1 and 2, respectively, near the end of this report). Additionally, a summary of Temporary Extra Workspace (TEWS) and non-compliance activities are provided in Tables 3 and 4, respectively. Table 5 provides a summary of transmission line construction progress to date.

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### TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION

#### Summary of Activity

1. Colorado River Substation (CRS) to Red Bluff Substation
  - Site stabilization activities, including BMP removal, recontouring, and desert pavement/topsoil replacement were conducted at Splice Sites 55 and 56, Pull Site 72, and Wire Site 71.
2. Red Bluff Substation to Devers Substation
  - Maintenance of Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard fencing occurred at Towers 2010, 2012, 2016, 2121, 2129, 2131, 2134, 2136, 2201, and 2204.
  - Tower assembly and/or steel deliveries occurred at Towers 2234, 2237, 2238, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2244, 2246, 2251, 2254, 2255, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2266, 2300, and 2313.
  - Pole installation occurred at Guard Structures 67 and 68 (see Figure 1).
  - Wire stringing activities were conducted between Towers 2209 and 2215, 2216 and 2229, 2333 and 2353, 2410 and 2425, and at associated wire stringing locations (see Figure 2).
  - Foundation close-out activities were conducted at Towers 2000X, 2104, 2105, 2110, 2127 through 2133, 2135 thru 2201, 2208 thru 2216, 2242 through 2245, 2247 through 2250, 2252, 2253, 2256, 2266, 2300, 2302, 2325, 2326, 2350, 2430, 2431, 2434, 2436, 2439, 2447, 2453, and 2455 through 2509.
  - Site stabilization activities, including BMP removal, recontouring, and desert pavement/topsoil replacement were conducted at Towers 2003, 2012, 2013, 2015 through 2105, 2110, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448 through 2452, 2454 through 2457, and 2500 through 2507, at Pull Sites 4 and 5, at Splice Sites 1, 2, 5, 6, and 51, at Wire Sites 6 and 8, and at Guard Structures 8 and 10 (see Figure 3).



### 3. Devers Substation to Valley Substation

#### Non-USFS Land

- Installation of BMPs occurred at Wire Site 40/Pull Site 41/Splice Site 13.
- Maintenance of BMPs occurred at Towers 1002 thru 1031, 1067 thru 1069, 1071 thru 1076, 1078 thru 1080, 1110, 1111, 1130, 1131, 1146, and 1153.
- Vegetation clearing occurred at Guard Structures 71, 72, 79, 80, 81A, 81B, 83B, 85, and 85A, Pull Site 39, and Wire Site 40/Pull Site 41/Splice Site 13.
- Grading activities occurred at Towers 1123, 1124, 1130, and 1131, Pull Site 39, Pull Site 43, Wire Site 40/ Pull Site 41/Splice Site 13, Wire Site 42, Guard Structure 79, and the main access road between Towers 1072 and 1075.
- Site clearing for permanent landing pads occurred at Towers 1033, 1035, and 1036.
- Micropile foundation activities occurred at Towers 1049, 1050, 1109, and 1112 (see Figure 4).
- Tower assembly and/or steel deliveries occurred at Towers 1001, 1002, 1007, 1015, 1016, 1068, 1069, 1071, 1073, 1075, 1077, 1081, 1082, 1084, 1091, 1104, 1115, 1116, 1118, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, Wire Site 10, and within Helicopter Landing Zones (HLZs) H1A, H1X, H2, H7 and H9 (see Figure 5).
- Tower foundation close-out activities occurred at Towers 1001 thru 1010, 1013, 1015, 1018, 1019, 1021 thru 1027, 1032 thru 1036, 1050, 1051, 1053, 1054, 1057 thru 1059, 1075 thru 1090, 1093 thru 1100, 1104 thru 1106, 1110, 1111, 1114, 1121, 1123, 1124, 1131, and 1141.

#### USFS Land

- Micropile site preparation occurred at Tower 1044.
- Site clearing for permanent landing pads occurred at Tower 1040.
- Micropile foundation activities occurred at Tower 1043.
- Tower assembly occurred at Towers 1045, 1047, and 1048.
- Foundation close-out activities occurred at Towers 1037, 1038, 1046, and 1048.

#### **Environmental Compliance**

- Per the requirements of the Paleontological Monitoring and Treatment Plan, approved Paleontological Monitors were present during grading and foundation drilling activities where required throughout the subject period.
- The CPUC EMs confirmed that approved desert tortoise Authorized Biologists were available at all applicable sites.
- The CPUC EMs confirmed Authorized Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard (CVFTL) Monitors and handlers were onsite during construction activities at applicable sites.
- The CPUC EMs confirmed permitted California gnatcatcher (CAGN) Biologists were onsite during construction activities at applicable sites.
- After reviewing Project helicopter tracks provided by SCE, it was determined that there was a total of two incidents where helicopter construction operations encroached into Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) nest buffers during the subject period.
- On February 26, the CPUC EMs observed fugitive dust emissions leaving the disturbance areas and access roads between Towers 1115 through 1122. Upon speaking with Biological Monitors who were

onsite, it was discovered no fugitive dust suppression techniques were used at any of the sites or access roads all day. The CPUC EMs immediately notified the SCE Environmental Coordinator (EC). The SCE General Monitor reported a water truck arrived onsite to perform fugitive dust suppression at approximately 2:15pm.

- There were two reported incidents of work occurring outside of approved project disturbance limits.
  - On February 26 when the OPGW fiber wire pull had reached the last tower on the pull, the wire had to be pulled 225 feet past Tower 2216 and was laid down outside of an approved disturbance area. The crew walked out to the wire and placed some 4x4 boards to raise the wire off the ground. After the two wires were disconnected, the helicopter with a long line was then used to carry the ends of the wire back to each tower site. An SCE Biological Monitor swept the area between the towers after the wire was lifted and found soil lines from the wire and a few branches broken from an Ambrosia plant. The crew stated that they would call the Biological Monitor if they have to walk outside of the disturbance area and would not stage any boards or equipment outside of the approved work areas.
  - On February 28 when the OPGW fiber wire pull had reached the last tower on the pull, the wire had to be pulled 225 feet past the tower 2215 and was laid down outside of an approved disturbance area. After the two wires were disconnected, the helicopter with a long line was then used to lift the end of the sock line off the ground to be reeled back into the truck. The Biological Monitor swept the area between the towers after the wire was lifted and found soil lines from the wire and a few branches broken from an Ambrosia and Atriplex plants.
- On February 28, the onsite Biological Monitor reported a construction worker brought a small dog to HLZ H9. The dog was observed running around the outside of the fence and disturbance area for HLZ-H9. The Biological Monitor notified the worker that pets were not allowed on site. The worker left the site with the small dog and did not return.
- On March 2, the CPUC EM observed two vehicles associated with wire stringing activities between Towers 2227 and 2228 parked in a drainage outside the approved access road limits (see Figure 6). The CPUC EM notified the onsite SCE Biological Monitors; however, they were unaware of the incident due to precautions related to entering work sites during active wire stringing. Once conditions were safe, the SCE Biological Monitor notified the vehicle owners that they were not in an approved area for parking. The vehicles were immediately moved into an approved parking area.

No Non-Compliance Reports or Project Memoranda were issued during the subject period for transmission line activities. Non-Compliance activities for the project to date are summarized in Table 4.

**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 foundation excavation, construction of the MEER building and switchracks, installation of conductor cable and other conduit, trenching for grounding and backfilling of trenches, storm drain installation, and steel erection. Activities associated with the CRS access road improvements included key trenching and installation of riprap and culverts.
2. Southeast (SE) Telecomm Line (BLM and Private Lands) – Activities that were conducted during the subject period were limited to demobilization from the site.
3. Desert Center Telecomm Site (BLM and Private Lands) – Activities that occurred during the subject period included civil grading, retaining wall construction, distribution pole and line installation, and driveway access construction.

4. Red Bluff Substation (BLM Lands) – Activities that were conducted at the Red Bluff site included foundation excavation; construction of the MEER building, transformer pads, and switchcracks; installation of conductor cable and other conduit; trenching for grounding; steel erection; and telecomm splicing.
5. Chuckwalla Telecomm Site (BLM Lands) – No construction activities occurred during the subject period.
6. Series Capacitor (BLM Lands) – Activities that were conducted during the subject period included construction associated with the capacitor and MEER building, foundation excavation, security equipment installation, and grounding well construction.
7. Mirage Substation Loop-ins (Private Lands) – Activities consisted wire pulling from the transmission line tower down both sides of Via Las Palmas and south along Vista de Oro distribution line poles to the Mirage Substation.
8. Devers Substation (Private Lands) – Activities that were conducted for the Devers Substation expansion and upgrades included foundation excavation and concrete for the extension of the 500 kV switchcrack 2 positions and MEER building electrical improvements (see Figure 7).
9. Valley Substation (Private Lands) – No construction activities occurred during the subject period.

### **Environmental Compliance**

- SCE General, Biological, and Archeological Monitors were onsite, as appropriate, throughout all construction activities associated with the above listed sites.
- There were two incidents associated with excessive speeding along the CRS access road reported during the subject period.
- There was one incident associated with improper disposal of trash (including food scraps) reported at CRS during the subject period.

No Non-Compliance Reports or Project Memoranda were issued during the subject period for substation construction and upgrade activities. Non-Compliance activities for the project to date are summarized in Table 4.

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

None.

## **CONSTRUCTION YARDS AND OTHER WORKSPACES**

### **Summary of Activity:**

Non-Federal Lands:

Blythe Yard (Material Yard/Contractor Show-Up Yard) – There were no construction activities conducted during the subject period. The process of closing out this yard has begun.

Desert Center 1 Yard (Material Yard) – There were no construction activities conducted during the subject period. The process of closing out this yard has begun.

Desert Center 2 Yard (Material Yard/Contractor Show-Up Yard) – There were no construction activities conducted during the subject period. The process of closing out this yard has begun.

Chiriaco Summit Yard (Material Yard) – Activities are limited to minor maintenance, implementation of BMPs, and material deliveries.

Indio Yard (Material Yard) – Activities are limited to minor maintenance, implementation of BMPs, and material deliveries.

Indio 2 Yard (Material Yard) – Activities are limited to minor maintenance, implementation of BMPs, and material deliveries.

Devers Yard (Material Yard) – Activities are limited to minor maintenance, implementation of BMPs, and material deliveries.

Devers 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.

Beaumont Yard (Material Yard) - Activities are limited to minor maintenance, implementation of BMPs, and material deliveries.

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.

Menifee 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.

Perris 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.

**Environmental Compliance:**

- SCE Biological Monitors conducted biological sweeps at all construction yards throughout the subject period.

No Non-Compliance Reports or Project Memoranda were issued during the subject period for Construction yard activities. Non-Compliance activities for the project to date are summarized in Table 4.

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

None.

**CPUC/BLM NOTICES TO PROCEED (NTPS)**

Table 1 summarizes the CPUC/BLM Notices to Proceed (NTPs) for the DPV2 and Red Bluff Projects, to date.

**TABLE 1**  
**NTPs**  
(Updated 3/26/13)

NTP #/ Permit	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment	Description
<b>CPUC NTPs</b>				
NTP #1	04/28/11	06/23/11	Yards	Authorization to proceed with the development of the Devers, Desert Center 1, Desert Center 2, Summit, Blythe, Perris, Beaumont, and Menifee Construction Yards.
NTP #2	08/05/11	09/09/11	T/L	Installation of exclusionary fencing, Devers to Blythe. No cultural resources affected. Bio pending.
NTP #3	08/26/11	09/19/11	Yards	Construction of Beaumont Construction Yard #2.
NTP #4	09/09/11	09/20/11	Yards	Construction of Indio Construction Yard.
NTP #5	09/16/11	10/11/11	Red Bluff Distribution Line	Upgrades to a segment of the existing SCE 12 kV circuit overhead distribution line to supply light and power to the Red Bluff Substation, non-BLM lands.
NTP #6	09/16/11	10/17/11	Substation	Authorization to proceed with improvements to the new Colorado River Substation on private lands, including extension of the existing 33 kV distribution line, installation of a new telecommunication line, and access road improvements.

NTP #/ Permit	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment	Description
NTP #7	09/09/11	12/01/11	T/L – DPV1	Construction activities associated with a minor relocation of the Devers-Valley No. 1 Line (DV1).
NTP #8	10/08/11	12/02/11	T/L – CRS to Red Bluff	Construction of the DPV2 transmission line between Red Bluff and Colorado River Substations and replacement of existing DPV1 overhead ground wire; non-BLM lands.
NTP #9	10/08/11	12/02/11	T/L – Devers to Red Bluff	Construction of the DPV2 transmission line between the existing Devers Substation and the new Red Bluff Substation; non-BLM lands.
NTP #10	10/08/11	12/02/11	T/L – Devers to Valley	Construction of the DPV2 transmission line between existing Devers and Valley Substations; not including San Bernardino National Forest lands.
NTP #11	11/08/11	12/10/11	Yards	Construction of Devers 2 and Indio 2 Construction Yards.
NTP #12	01/20/12	02/03/12	Yards	Construction of Desert Center 3 Construction Yard.
NTP #13	04/12/12	05/09/11	Substation	Devers Substation upgrades
NTP #14	06/13/12	06/20/12	Substation	Valley Substation upgrades
—	06/19/12	Retracted	T/L- Devers to Valley	H10- Helicopter Landing Zone
NTP #15	07/16/12	11/15/12	Substation	Colorado River Substation to Blythe South East Telecommunication Route
NTP #16	11/07/12	12/03/12	Substation	Mirage loop in.
<b>BLM NTPs</b>				
BLM NTP #1	08/26/11	09/19/11	DPV2 Substation, T/L	Authorization to proceed with construction of the DPV2 Transmission Line, Colorado River Substation, and associated project components on BLM lands.
BLM NTP #2	08/26/11	09/19/11	Substation	Construction of Red Bluff Substation and associated project components, BLM lands.

## VARIANCE & TEMPORARY EXTRA WORKSPACE REQUESTS

Table 2 presents Variance Requests submitted to CPUC, BLM and/or USFS for review and approval. Table 3 presents CPUC Temporary Extra Workspace (TEWS) and BLM Level 1 requests that are submitted to the CPUC EMs for review and approval. Variance Requests and CPUC TEWS/BLM Level 1/2A requests submitted to date are summarized in Tables 2 and 3, respectively.

**TABLE 2**  
**VARIANCE REQUESTS**  
(Updated 3/26/13)

Variance Request	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment	Description
<b>Private Lands (CPUC Jurisdiction)</b>				
VR #1	05/06/11	05/24/11	Devers-Valley	Construction of traditional lattice towers instead of “Tetra” towers at two locations (Structures #1139 and #1140)

Variance Request	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment	Description
VR #2	04/21/11	05/26/11	All	Revisions to Mitigation Measure B-7d pertaining to seasonal restrictions for Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard and flat-tailed horned lizard to support consistency with conditions provided in the Biological Opinion.
VR #3	07/12/11	07/18/11	DC 1 & DC 2 Yards	Utilize offsite well location and installation of 12,000-gallon water tank for filling trucks.
VR #4	07/06/11	07/21/11	Menifee Yard	Expansion of Menifee Construction Yard, which would include approximately 5 acres of additional disturbance within the western portion of the parcel, for material storage and other activities.
VR #5	04/22/11	07/28/11	CRS Devers and Valley Substations, Series Capacitor Site	Modification of APM A-7 regarding carpooling for construction at substations.
VR #6	07/07/11	08/01/11	Menifee, Beaumont, Perris Yards	Request to remove Mitigation Measures B-13a and B-13b, and to modify B-1a, B-1a (revised), and B-7e pertaining to Western Riverside County MSHCP compliance.
VR #7	08/11/11	08/22/11	Perris, Beaumont, Menifee, Blythe Yards	Request to utilize offsite water hydrants at Perris, Beaumont, Menifee, and Blythe Construction Yards.
VR #8	08/26/11	08/27/11	Beaumont Yard	Request to install seeded jute netting along the property frontage at Beaumont Construction Yard.
VR #9	08/24/11	09/01/11	DC 2 Yard	Request for installation of temporary power poles outside of Desert Center 2 Construction Yard.
VR #10	08/26/11	09/01/11	Devers & Summit Yards	Utilize offsite water locations needed for dust suppression at Devers and Summit Construction Yards.
—	09/21/11	Retracted	Perris Yard	Request for additional workspace involving vegetation clearing, installation of BMPs, and temporary driveway installation at Perris Construction Yard.
VR #11	09/26/11	09/28/11	T/L	Two water sources for exclusionary fencing work.
VR #12	10/13/11	10/18/11	T/L	Request for parking/temporary staging of vehicles along existing access road within the Coachella Valley Preserve during exclusionary fencing activities.
VR #13	10/26/11	11/10/11	Devers Yard	Request for temporary power supply to provide power to construction trailer at the Devers #1 Construction Yard.
VR #14	11/10/11	11/28/11	Substation	Request for increased well pumping to support civil work, including access road improvements, at Colorado River Substation.
VR #15	12/13/11	12/14/11	Summit Yard	Request for temporary power outside yard boundaries required to power office trailers.

Variance Request	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment	Description
VR #15 Mod	04/25/12	05/02/12	Summit Yard	Request for temporary power modification.
VR #16	12/22/11	01/04/12	Project-wide	Request to approve alternate/extended work hours project-wide.
VR #17	01/04/12	01/09/12	Project-wide	Request to utilize existing approved construction yard and/or exclusionary fencing water sources for transmission line construction needs.
VR #18	10/25/12 10/26/12	Denied 01/13/12	Substation	Request to formalize changes to the Red Bluff MMCRP Mitigation Measure BIO-4 and Applicant Measure BIO-5.
VR #19	01/06/12	01/18/12	T/L	Request to allow the usage of helicopter landing zone H9-DV as a replacement for H8-DV.
VR #20	01/13/12	01/19/12	T/L	Request for the use of offsite water hydrants located in the Cabazon area for dust suppression.
VR#21	01/20/12	02/02/12	T/L	Request for the use of offsite water hydrants located in the Lake Tamarisk area for dust suppression
VR #21 Mod	03/16/12	03/21/12	T/L	Modification to VR #21. Request installation of two driveways and an underground water line adjacent to the approved stand tank locations at the Lake Tamarisk Resort water source.
VR #21 Mod	09/24/12	10/03/12	T/L	Request for a modification to Variance #21 for the expansion of the egress at the Lake Tamarisk water source.
VR #22	01/25/12	02/02/12	T/L	Request to install 10,000-gallon standing water tanks at three locations.
VR #23	01/27/12	02/21/12	T/L	Request to modify NTP #10 and MM AQ-1g for additional t-line helicopter construction.
VR #24	02/08/12	02/21/12	T/L	Request for approval to purchase MWD water credits in lieu of Colorado River water credits due to the unavailability of water allotments within the Colorado River Basin.
VR #25	02/10/12	02/28/12	T/L	Request for use of existing DPV1 access roads and spur/stub roads for parking and staging of vehicles and equipment.
VR #26	03/09/12	03/16/12	Substation	Request for the use of offsite water source located on a private date farm.
VR #27	03/09/12	03/20/12	Substation	Request for the use of offsite water source located off Corn Springs Road.
VR #28	03/22/12	03/30/12	T/L	DPV2 Gas Line Road.
VR #29	03/22/12	04/04/12	T/L	DVP1 minor relocation of outage pull sites.
VR #30	03/23/12	04/10/12	Substation	CRS pull sites.
VR #31	04/24/12	05/05/12	T/L	Helicopter landing zone H2 disturbance area revision
VR #32	03/16/12	05/08/12	T/L	HLS H7-DV boundary modification.
VR #33	04/26/12	05/17/12	T/L	Additional water hydrant locations

Variance Request	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment	Description
VR #35	05/11/12	05/15/12	Substation	Request to eliminate construction screening of the Devers Substation Expansion area.
VR #36	05/17/12	05/29/12	T/L	Three additional water stand tanks from Devers to Red Bluff
VR #37	06/20/12	06/30/12	T/L	Request a disturbance area shift for Tower 1013 due to engineering changes.
VR #38	08/09/12 Revised	08/21/12	T/L	Request for additional water source locations in the Thousand Palms area.
VR #39	08/14/12	09/05/12	T/L	Request for additional access road use near Towers 2103, 2112, and 2260.
VR #40	08/22/12	09/11/12	T/L	Request for the use of an existing spur road to Tower 2242.
VR #41	09/10/12	09/12/12	T/L	Request for the use of additional access routes to Towers 1118-1122 and HLZ H9. These roads were previously approved through the TEWS process.
—	04/12/12	Retracted	T/L	Preconstruction survey extension request from 14 days to 30 days. Petition for Modification required.
—	08/09/12 revised	Retracted	T/L	APM A-6 - Eliminate tarping on bottom dump trucks. Petition for Modification required.
VR #42	08/14/12	09/21/12	T/L	Request for a road to be used as a helicopter picking site near Tower 1031.
VR #42 Mod	02/28/13	03/05/13	T/L	Request to modify Variance 42 to allow equipment and material to be staged on the access road near Tower 1031 for helicopter picks.
—	08/14/12	Retracted	T/L	Request that Helicopter Landing Zones (HLZs) on Devers to Valley be exempt from construction screening MM V-1a.
VR #43	09/18/12 (revised)	09/21/12	T/L	Request revisions to pull sites from Devers to Red Bluff.
VR #44	09/24/12	09/28/12	T/L	Request a stub road revision at Tower 1147.
VR #45	09/25/12	10/04/12	T/L	Request for the use of additional access roads on the Devers to Valley section.
VR #46	09/20/12	10/10/12	T/L	Helicopter Picking Locations for Sites 1112 and 1108.
VR #47	10/09/12 (revised)	10/18/12	T/L	Relocation of guard structures and an addition of an access road in the Devers to Red Bluff section.
VR #48	10/02/12	10/18/12	T/L	Request for an additional water source in the Devers to Valley section.
VR #49	11/02/12	11/07/12	T/L	Request additional disturbance area at Tower 2000X.
VR #50	10/19/12	11/11/12	T/L	Request for the expansion of splice site 57 (near Tower 2557) and expansion and shift of splice site 64 (near Tower 2614).
VR # 51	10/24/12	11/15/12	T/L	Request to convert two conventional tower sites to helicopter sites from Devers to Red Bluff. In addition, SCE is requesting to add temporary helicopter platforms to access three sites.

Variance Request	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment	Description
VR #52	11/13/12 (revised)	11/15/12	T/L	Request to revise the disturbance area for Fiber Optic Site 59.
VR #53	10/30/12	11/20/12	Substation	Request access road improvements along the CRS access road.
VR #54	11/27/12	12/07/12	T/L	Request to revise pull site on Devers to Valley (pull Package 1).
VR #55	11/28/12	12/10/12	T/L	Request to revise pull sites from Devers to Red Buff (Pull Site Revision III-B).
VR #56	12/17/12	01/07/13	T/L	Request for an additional HLZ site near Tower 1051.
VR#57	01/03/13 and 01/07/13	01/10/13	T/L	Request to shift guard structures from Red Bluff to Devers (Priority #1). Request to shift guard structures from Red Bluff to Devers (Minor Modification).
VR #58	01/04/13	01/15/13	T/L	Request to shift pull sites from Red Bluff to Devers (Pull Site Priority #2).
VR #59	01/08/13	01/15/13	Substation	Request for a temporary work area for the Mirage Substation Telecommunication Loop-In.
VR #60	01/18/13	01/22/13	Substation	Request for an additional disturbance area for CRS SE Telecom Route Anchor Rod Installation.
VR #61	01/18/13	01/23/13	Substation	Request to use Gravel Pit Road to access pole installation locations east of TL tower M123-T1 for the SE Telecom Route.
VR #62	01/30/13	02/07/13	T/L	Request to shift Devers to Valley Pull 102 for Towers 1002-1010.
VR #63	01/30/13	02/07/13	T/L	Request to shift Devers to Valley Pulls 103 for Towers 1010-1019.
VR #64	01/29/13	02/12/13	T/L	Request to shift Devers to Valley Pulls 104-105 for Towers 1019-1031.
VR #65	01/31/13	02/12/13	T/L	Request to shift Devers to Valley Pulls 101 for Towers 1000-1002.
VR #66	02/14/13 Revised on 02/25/13	02/28/13	T/L	Request to expand Tower 1077 disturbance area.
VR #67	02/25/13	02/28/13	T/L	Suppress fugitive dust outside of HLZs H2 and H2A disturbance areas, including required access roads.
VR #68	02/13/13	03/07/13	T/L	Request to shift Devers to Valley Pulls 109 for Towers 1083-1090.
VR #69	03/07/13	03/08/13	T/L	Request to use Gasline Road to Tower 2249 to avoid an active nest.
VR #70	03/05/13	03/13/13	Substation	Request to use access roads by Devers Substation.
VR #71	03/08/13	03/14/13	T/L	Request to modify the turning radius at HLZ H7.
VR #72	03/13/13	03/18/13	T/L	Request to shift Devers to Valley Pulls 115 for Towers 1132 to 1143.

Variance Request	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment	Description
	03/11/13	Under Review	T/L	Request for the following yards (Beaumont 1, Perris, Devers, Indio 1 and Desert Center 2) to stay as permanent construction yards.
	03/13/13	Under Review	T/L	Request to shift Devers to Valley Pulls 110-113 for Towers 1090 to 1122.
	03/22/13	Under Review	T/L	Request to expand the Devers to Valley Guard Structures 3 and 4.
	03/22/13	Under Review	T/L	Request to shift Devers to Valley Pulls 116-117 for Towers 1143-1157.
	03/22/13	Under Review	T/L	Request to shift Devers to Valley Pulls 107-108 for Towers 1065 thru 1082.
<b>BLM</b>				
BLM #1	10/18/11	10/27/11	Substation	Request to install a temporary guard structure along the entrance of the existing transmission line access road for Colorado River Substation.
BLM #2	10/19/11	10/27/11	Substation	Request to approve 24-hour drilling operations at the CRS site.
BLM #3	01/24/12	02/28/12	Red Bluff	Rock Crushing
BLM #4	03/16/12	03/30/12	Substation	Red Bluff Loop-in pull site modifications.
BLM #5	03/22/12	05/18/12	T/L	DPV2 Gas Line Road.
BLM #6	03/23/12	04/10/12	Substation	CRS pull sites.
BLM #7	03/28/12	04/11/12	Substation	Request for HLZ (helicopter landing zone) at Red Bluff Loop-in Tower site RB1-2W.
BLM #8	04/06/12	05/16/12	Substation	Additional water sources @ Red Cloud Road, Red Bluff Substation.
DNA #1	10/27/11	12/07/11	Series Capacitor	Request for a slight expansion of the Series Capacitor site due to engineering conflicts.
DNA #2	12/21/11	02/01/12	Red Bluff	Request to install secondary well at Red Bluff Substation site.
DNA #3	12/22/11	05/24/12	Series Capacitor	Request to relocate a portion of the Imperial Irrigation District distribution line located at the Series Capacitor site.
DNA #4	02/01/12	05/24/12	T/L	Request for the addition of proposed helicopter construction and maintenance platforms to the description included in the Project Refinements 1 and 2 documents.
DNA #5	03/05/12	05/22/12	Red Bluff Loop-ins	Request to revise road locations.
DNA #6	04/04/12	04/17/12	Substation	Red Bluff Substation access road realignment.
DNA #7	04/12/12	05/22/12	Series Capacitor	Certain activities to be constructed within the footprint of the Series Capacitor bank.
DNA #8	05/02/12	07/31/12	T/L	Additional access route between Towers 2528X and 2527.

Variance Request	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment	Description
DNA #9	05/19/12	06/15/12	CRS	Request for a permanent turning radius along the CRS access road.
DNA #9	06/04/12	06/15/12	CRS	300-foot driveway along the CRS access road.
DNA #11	07/02/12	07/31/12	T/L	A Level 2 Variance request for a disturbance area shift at Tower 1013 due to engineering changes. This tower is located on BLM land.
—	07/24/12	Retracted	T/L	APM A-6 - Eliminate tarping on bottom dump trucks.
BLM #9	04/04/12	09/21/12	T/L	Request for a HLZ and temporary disturbance area shifts near CRS.
DNA #10	06/18/12	09/25/12	Substation	Request to build a telecom site near Desert Center for Red Bluff Substation.
DNA #12	07/30/12	09/26/12	Substation	DNA for Colorado River Substation Telecommunication Distribution Line.
BLM #10	10/24/12	11/20/12	T/L	Request to construct Tower 2413 using both conventional and helicopter construction methods.
<b>USFS</b>				
USFS-1	03/15/12	03/20/12	T/L	SBNF engineering modifications (revised disturbance areas).

**TABLE 3**  
**TEMPORARY EXTRA WORKSPACE (TEWS) REQUESTS**  
(Updated 3/26/13)

TEWS Request	Date Requested	Date Approved	Segment	Description
<b>CPUC</b>				
#1	07/20/11	07/27/11	Blythe Yard	Use of offsite hydrant and installation of water tank at location adjacent to Blythe Construction Yard
#2	07/28/11	08/04/11	Menifee Yard	Use of offsite hydrant, located along the frontage of the Menifee Construction Yard, and a flexible hose to supply water to a 4,000 gallon water truck.
#3	08/16/11	08/16/11	Menifee Yard	Revised use of offsite hydrant, located along the frontage of the Menifee Construction Yard, approximately 200 yards north of previously approved location.
—	09/06/11	Retracted	Devers Yard	Revised use of offsite hydrant, including installation of above ground pipeline and water towers.
#4	09/29/11	09/29/11	T/L	Use of parking areas along primary access road within 400-ft total distance exclusionary fencing locations with exception of sites within the Coachella Valley Preserve.
#5	07/13/12	07/17/12	T/L	Request to use two existing access roads near Tower 1118 and 1119.
#6	07/31/12	08/03/12	T/L	Request to use an existing access road to Tower 1122

TEWS Request	Date Requested	Date Approved	Segment	Description
#7	08/01/12	08/03/12	T/L	Request to use an existing access road to H9
#8	11/07/12	11/08/12	T/L	Request to use an existing access road near Tower 1141.
<b>BLM Level 1</b>				
Level 1 #1	06/06/12	06/11/12	Red Bluff Loop In	RB1-4E disturbance area shift.
Level 1 #2	07/12/12	08/06/12	T/L	Request for two stand tank locations. Received revised request from SCE on 08/06/12.
Level 1 #3	09/13/12	Partial Approval on 09/17/12, Complete Approval on 09/24/12	T/L	Remove visual screening at Helicopter Landing Zones H1E H4 and H5.  *Approved the removal of screening at H4 on 09/17/12. Approval of the removal of screening at H1E and H5 on 09/24/12.
Level 1 #4	09/14/12	09/17/12	T/L	Request to shift the tower disturbance area at Tower 2644.
Level 1 #5	09/14/12	09/19/12	T/L	Request to use an existing road (Ford Dry Lake Road) as access.
Level 1 #6	09/25/12	09/26/12	T/L	Request the use of an additional access route to Tower 1130.
Level 1 #7	10/09/12	10/11/12	T/L	Request to use an access road (Chuckwalla Valley road) near Tower 2574.
Level 1 #8	12/20/12	01/16/13	Substation	Request to export the excess excavation soil from Red Bluff Substation to a local approved disposal site.
Level 1 #9	01/18/13	02/04/13	Substation	Request to use Gravel Pit Road to access pole installation locations east of TL tower M123-T1 for the SE Telecom Route.
Level 1 #10	02/07/13	02/08/13	Substation	Request for a temporary work space for the Red Bluff Desert Center Telecom.
Level 1 #11	02/20/13	02/22/13	Substation	Request for a temporary work area at the Series Capacitor Site.
Level #1 #12	02/28/13	03/04/13	Substation	Request for two additional temporary work areas at the Series Capacitor Site for an underground conduit.
Level #1 #13	03/07/13	03/08/13	T/L	Request to use Gasline Road to Tower 2249 to avoid an active nest.
<b>BLM Level 2A</b>				
Level 2A #1	09/20/12	09/24/12	T/L	Request for pull site revisions from Devers to Red Bluff.
Level 2A #2	10/04/12	10/05/12	T/L	Request for an access road to RB14 pull site near Red Bluff.
Level 2A #3	10/04/12	10/25/12	T/L	Request for additional disturbance area for pull sites and an access road near Red Bluff RB2-5E. Revised on 10/11/12 and 10/22/12.

TEWS Request	Date Requested	Date Approved	Segment	Description
Level 2A #4	10/05/12	10/10/12	T/L	Request to relocate two guard structures near Red Bluff.
Level 2A #5	10/10/12	10/10/12	T/L	Request for additional disturbance area at Tower RB1-2W in order to build the tower prior to the scheduled outage.
Level 2A #6	10/19/12	10/25/12	T/L	Request for temporary disturbance area shifts at wire sites, splice sites, pull sites, guard structures and access roads from CRS to RB.
Level 2A #7	10/19/12	10/25/12	T/L	Request for temporary disturbance area shifts at splice site 53 (near Tower 2535) and access road to Wire Site 69/Pull Site 70/54 (near tower 2540).
Level 2A #8	10/30/12	Awaiting revised request from SCE	T/L	Request additional disturbance area at Guard Sites GS05 and GS05A.
Level 2A #9	11/14/12	11/16/12	T/L	Request to shift Fiber Optic Site 63.
Level 2A #10	11/09/12	11/16/12	T/L	Request for the shift of Wire Site No 73/Pull Site No 74/Splice Site No 58, Wire Site No 81/Pull Site No 82/Splice Site No 65, and Wire Site No 83/Pull Site No 84/Splice Site.
Level 2A #11	11/14/12	11/16/12	T/L	Request for the shift Splice Site 55, Access Rd to Splice Site No. 55, Guard Structures 126 and 127, and Pull Sites 71 and 72.
Level 2A #12	11/19/12	11/28/12	T/L	Request to widen Guard Structures CRD-GS132, CRD-GS133, CRD-GS137, CRD-GS138, and CRD-GS138A (Pull Site 78, Wire Site 77).
Level 2A #13	11/28/12	12/05/12	T/L	Request to revise pull sites from Devers to Red Bluff (Pull Site Revision III-A).
Level 2A #14	12/05/12	12/11/12	T/L	Request to expand Splice Site 40
Level 2A #15	01/07/13	01/10/13	T/L	Request to shift guard structures from Red Bluff to Devers (Minor Modification).
Level 2A #16	01/31/13	02/13/13	T/L	Request to shift Devers to Valley Pulls 103 for Towers 1014-1016.

## NON-COMPLIANCES & INCIDENTS

Table 4 provides a summary of reported non-compliance incidents.

**TABLE 4**  
**CPUC NON-COMPLIANCE REPORTS & PROJECT MEMORANDA**  
 (Updated 3/26/13)

Type	Date Issued	Location	Description
<b>CPUC Project Memoranda (PM)</b>			
PM #1	10/28/11	CRS Dist. Line	Construction vehicles leaving marked disturbance limits at two locations along CRS distribution line.
PM #2	01/18/12	Tower 2649/ CR1-2W	DPV2 Construction contractor vehicle driving outside of the approved tower and access road disturbance area limits.
PM #3	03/08/12	Tower 1059 & 1060	Failure to comply with MM B-5 which requires that 300-foot buffers are established around active bird nests. Working within unapproved active nest buffers.
PM #4	04/04/12	Tower 2515, 2520, & 2526	Impacts to desert pavement at Towers 2520 and 2526 by not implementing one of the approved methods stated in the revised Desert Pavement Plan. Impacts to desert tortoise habitat when a road was built near Tower 2515 that was not approved.
PM #5	04/18/12	Along the main access road near Red Bluff	Excessive fugitive dust observed on multiple locations along the main access road near Red Bluff Substation. Violation of MM AQ-1a.
PM #6	05/08/12	Along the T/L access roads	Construction vehicles observed driving off the approved access road limits at various locations along the T/L.
PM #7	06/01/12	Near Tower 2317	Two stand tanks were installed in an area that was not approved for the Project along the access road near Tower 2317.
PM #8	06/01/12	Along the access road near Tower 2310	Road base was installed along a portion of the access road to protect the utility crossing south of Tower 2310. This work was completed prior to the pre-construction verification and release of this road from the CPUC.
PM #9	06/19/12	Tower 2126	Inadequate covering of foundation excavations at Tower 2126. Violation of BO-13.
PM #10	09/21/12	Tower 1037	Work occurred at Tower 1037 without the Fire Patrol Representative on site, a requirement on the Fire Plan.
PM #11	12/05/12	Tower 1070	Excessive Fugitive Dust during Helicopter Picks at Tower 1070. Violation of MM AQ-1a and the Fugitive Dust Emission Control Plan.
PM #12	03/19/13	Towers 1001 and 1077	Construction work occurring prior to a biological monitor present at Towers 1001 and 1077.
PM #13	03/21/12	Various Locations along the T/L	Helicopter construction operations occurring within ESA nest buffers.
<b>CPUC Non-Compliance Reports (NCR)</b>			
NCR #1	01/13/12	Project-wide	Unapproved removal of stick nests from DPV1 Transmission Line towers.

Type	Date Issued	Location	Description
NCR #2	05/18/12	Tower 2333	Failure to protect wildlife during construction which resulted in the death of a kit fox.
NCR #3	06/04/12	Near Tower 2310	Road base was installed at two locations along the access road to protect the utility crossings near Tower 2310. This work was completed prior to the pre-construction verification and release of this road from the CPUC.
NCR #4	07/02/12	Near 2303X	Road base installed along a portion on a road not approved for the Project.
NCR #5	07/02/12	Near 2204 and 2205	Project equipment drove outside the approved road width along the access road near Towers 2204 and 2205. These towers are located within the Coachella Valley Preserve.
NCR #6	07/06/12	Near Tower 1083	Project equipment drove outside the existing road width along the access road near Tower 1083.
NCR #7	07/12/12	Tower 2437	Inadequate covering of a foundation excavation at Tower 2437. Violation of BO-13.
NCR #8	07/23/12	Near Tower 2604	Project equipment drove outside the approved road limits along Chuckwalla road west of Tower 2604.
NCR #9	08/28/12	Tower 2644	Construction work conducted outside the approved project limits.
NCR #10	09/10/12	Towers 1153 and 1155	Construction work conducted at Towers 1153 and 1155 prior to the CPUC site verification and release to SCE.
NCR #11	10/18/12	Tower 1036	Excavations at Tower 1036 were left uncovered and no proper means for wildlife to escape entrapment had been installed. Violation of BO-13.
NCR #12	11/02/12	Tower RB2-4E	Work occurred at an unapproved location near RB2-4E.
NCR #13	01/29/13	Access road to Tower 1130	Violation of the conditions of BLM Variance Approval #6, which stated no road improvement to the existing road could be made. Road improvements were conducted on 01/19/13.
NCR #14	03/19/13	Tower 1078	Construction work occurring within an ESA buffer near Tower 1078, which is a violation to Mitigation Measure B-5a.
NCR #15	03/21/13	Guard Structure Sites near Towers 1001 and 1003	Construction work occurring outside the approved work area limits at the Guard Structure Sites near Tower 1001 and 1003.

## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Table 5 provides a summary of transmission line construction progress.

**TABLE 5**  
**CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS STATUS**  
(As of 03/19/13)

	Agency	Number of Towers	Towers Released for Construction	Tower Foundations Completed	Towers Erected	Primary Wire Installed (per tower)	OHGW/OPGW Installed (per tower)
CRS-Devers	Non Federal (CPUC)	208	208	208	208	193	167
	Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	197	197	197	197	187	187
	US Forest Service (SBNF)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Sub Total	405	405	405	405	380	354
	% Complete	N/A	100%	100%	100%	94%	87%
Devers-Valley	Non Federal (CPUC)	138	138	132	82	8	8
	Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	11	11	11	7	0	0
	US Forest Service (SBNF)	12	12	10	5	0	0
	Sub Total	161	161	153	94	8	8
	% Complete	N/A	100%	95%	58%	5%	5%
Total Project	Non Federal (CPUC)	346	346	340	290	201	175
	Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	208	208	208	204	187	187
	US Forest Service (SBNF)	12	12	10	5	0	0
	Total	566	566	558	499	388	362
	% Complete	N/A	100%	99%	88%	69%	64%

## PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1. Pole installation at Guard Structures 67 and 68.



Figure 2. Fiber Optic wire pull between Towers 2214 and 2216.



Figure 3. Site stabilization activities at Tower 2101.



Figure 4. Micropile drilling activities at Tower 1112.



Figure 5. Tower assembly at Tower 1077.



Figure 6. Construction vehicle parked in drainage between Towers 2227 and 2228.



Figure 7. Circuit breaker work within the Devers Substation as part of the substation upgrades.