

Attachment L

Communication Protocol

Sunrise Powerlink Transmission Project Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program



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Communication Protocol Summary

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In order to ensure that the CPUC Environmental Monitors (EMs) can get accurate information on ongoing surveys, construction work, and schedules, and that SDG&E management is kept in the loop, the following protocols have been formulated:

- The CPUC EM's primary point of contact will be SDG&E's lead environmental monitor. If he/she is not available, the construction segment environmental monitor will be the point of contact. If issues can't be resolved at the EM/SDG&E environmental monitor level they will be initially elevated to CPUC EM Project Manager/SDG&E Mitigation Monitoring Coordinator discussions.
- SDG&E will keep environmental monitors up to speed on all survey and construction activity, including status of permits.
- The CPUC EM can talk to anyone on the construction site to ask questions about their activity, but the construction personnel may opt to refer him/her to the construction segment manager for an answer. Construction segment managers are the appropriate contacts for information on construction activity schedules or construction practices.
- SDG&E will provide a list of all construction monitoring personnel and segment managers, identified by segment and title, and contact information for each person. Update distributions will be utilized to keep all parties informed of monitor and staff additions/changes.
- CPUC EMs will continue to point out compliance concerns first to SDG&E and SDG&E environmental monitors and give them time to contact resource agencies and resolve compliance before contacting resource agencies directly. However, at any time when the CPUC EMs have an unresolved concern about compliance, the SDG&E environmental monitors and CPUC EMs will call the appropriate resource agency together to discuss the issue.
- The resource agencies will be notified immediately by SDG&E of any issues (e.g., non-compliance events, special status specie sightings, etc.) regarding their respective resources. In addition, the CPUC EM will also receive immediate notification. Subsequent to immediate agency notification, SDG&E will develop a plan to handle the situation and will follow up with the respective agencies to explain their strategy and receive agency approval.
- If "take" is imminent or there is a danger/hazard, the CPUC EM can request work to be stopped in that area immediately (as long as it can be done safely); this request should be made to the construction segment manager or the segment EM. At any time, anyone can order an activity to be halted temporarily if take or a hazard is imminent.
- Weekly conference calls will include a discussion of construction and compliance activities, with CPUC EMs and SDG&E lead environmental monitor participating.