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**PROJECT MEMORANDUM  
SDG&E'S SUNRISE POWERLINK PROJECT**

**To:** Billie Blanchard, Project Manager, CPUC  
**From:** Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager  
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**Subject:** Weekly Report 100 – August 12 to August 18, 2012

## INTRODUCTION

This report provides a summary of the construction and compliance activities associated with the SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink Project. 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 with construction and Variance Request activity are also provided (see Tables 1 and 2, respectively, near the end of this report). Finally, a summary of Temporary Extra Work-space and non-compliance activity are provided in Tables 3 and 4, respectively.

**CPUC/Aspen Environmental Monitors (EM):** Cassandra Garza, Valerie Yep.

## TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION

### Summary of Activity:

#### 1. Link 1, 500 kV Overhead Transmission Line:

##### Non-Federal Lands:

- Miscellaneous tower work occurred at Tower EP236.
- Cleanup was conducted from EP223-1 to EP225-1, from EP252-1 to EP261-2 (including pull site), and from EP337 to EP339.

##### BLM Lands:

- QA/QC occurred at EP290, EP304-2, and EP341.
- Cleanup was conducted from EP203-3 to EP205-2, EP263A-2, from EP275-1 to EP281 (including guard structures), from EP313 to EP326, from EP331 to EP336, EP340, EP341, and from EP345 to EP349.
- Hydroseeding occurred at EP178.

#### 2. Link 2, 500 kV Overhead Transmission Line:

##### Non-Federal Lands:

- Final grading occurred at EP78-E, EP79-E-B, and EP125-E-A to Thing Valley Construction Yard.
- Fence repairs were conducted at EP32-1-E-A, EP78, GS-NF-24, and GS-NF-25.
- QA/QC took place at EP104-2.
- Cleanup occurred from EP54-1 to EP70 (including access roads) and EP93 (including access road).
- Rumble plates were removed from EP36-1 and EP105-2-E-B.



- Hydromulching was conducted at EP11-3-N, EP12-3-PS-N, and EP54-1.

BLM Lands:

- Final grading occurred at EP53-3-E-B and EP51-1.
- Gate work was conducted at EP101-2-PS-N.
- QA/QC took place at EP42.
- Cleanup occurred from EP35-1 to EP51-1 (including access roads), from EP54-1 to EP70 (including access roads), EP78, and from EP94 to EP101-2 (including access roads).
- Hydromulching was conducted from EP39-1 to EP42, EP50, and EP51-1.

US Forest Service Lands:

- During this reporting period, the PAL levels were as follows: Monday: EV Tuesday: C, Wednesday: EV, Thursday: C, and Friday: B. Work activities ended each day in accordance with the fire plan and the approved EV letter as appropriate.
- Final grade occurred at EP79-E-B and EP125-E-A to Thing Valley Construction Yard.
- Fence work was conducted at EP24-1-E and EP124/EP125 pull site (see Figure 1).
- QA/QC took place at EP36 and EP37-2.
- Anchors were removed from EP6-2.
- Cleanup occurred at EP2-3, EP11-3-N, EP12-3-N, from EP35-1 to EP50 (including access roads), EP37-2, from EP134-1 to EP140-1, and EP141 pull site.
- Rumble plates were removed from EP9-1-N, EP11-3-E, and EP116-1-E.
- Hydromulching was conducted at EP9-1-N, EP11-3-N, EP12-3-PS-N, EP124/EP125 pull sites (see Figure 1), and EP141 pull sites.

3. Link 4, 220 kV Underground Transmission Line (non-federal lands only):

- No work was performed during this reporting period.

4. Link 5:

Non-Federal Lands, 220 kV Overhead Transmission Line:

- Miscellaneous tower work occurred at CP98-1.
- QA/QC was conducted at CP27, CP49-1, and CP109-1.
- Punchlist work took place at CP109-1.
- Cleanup occurred at CP19-1-E-A, CP19-1-E-B, CP25-2, from CP25-2-E-A to CP26-E, CP26, from CP28-1 to CP31-2 (including pull sites), from CP29-1-E-A to CP31-2-N, CP37-2-E, from CP37-2 to CP44-1, CP43-1-E, CP44-1-E, CP48-2, CP56-1-PS-E-A, CP56-1-PS-E-B, CP71, CP72-2, from CP80-2 to CP88-1, from CP85-1 to CP98-1, and CP109-1.
- Rumble plates were removed from CP25-2-A, CP29-1-E-A, and CP64-2-E.

BLM Lands, 220 kV Overhead Transmission Line:

- No work occurred during this reporting period.

MCAS Miramar (Federal) Lands, 220 kV Overhead Transmission Line:

- QA/QC occurred at CP1A.
- Cleanup was conducted from CP3 to CP8-2.

MCAS Miramar (Federal) Lands, 69 kV Reconductoring Line:

- No work occurred during this reporting period.

MCAS Miramar (Federal) Lands, 12 kV Reconductoring Line:

- No work occurred during this reporting period.

US Forest Service Land:

- During this reporting period, the PAL levels were as follows: Monday: EV, Tuesday: C, Wednesday: EV, Thursday: C, and Friday: B. Work activities ended each day in accordance with the Fire Plan and the approved EV letter as appropriate.
- QA/QC occurred at CP101-1 and CP105-1.
- Cleanup was conducted at CP99-2 to CP101-1.
- Rumble plates were removed at CP70-3-E-B and CP70-3-E-N.

**Environmental Compliance:**

1. Biological, Cultural, and Native American monitors were present as applicable during all transmission line construction activities.
2. BMPs were installed, refreshed, or maintained on tower sites, access roads, TSAPs, and pads associated with towers on Link 1:

Non-Federal Lands:

- No work occurred during this reporting period.

BLM Lands:

- No work occurred during this reporting period.

3. BMPs were installed or refreshed on access roads, TSAPs, and pads associated with towers on Link 2:

Non-Federal Lands:

- BMP maintenance/installation occurred at EP78-E and EP125-E-A to Thing Valley Construction Yard.

US Forest Service Lands:

- BMP maintenance occurred at EP79-E-C to CY-BARTLETT-E, EP124/EP125 pull site, EP125-E-A to Thing Valley Construction Yard, EP130-1 pull sites, and EP141 pull sites.

BLM Lands:

- BMP maintenance/installation occurred at EP53-3-E-B.

4. BMPs were installed on Link 4:

- No work occurred during this reporting period.

5. BMPs were installed or refreshed on access roads, TSAPs, and pads associated with towers on Link 5:

Non-Federal Lands:

- No work occurred during this reporting period.

BLM Lands:

- No work occurred during this reporting period.

MCAS Miramar (Federal) Lands, 220 kV Overhead Transmission Line

- No work occurred during this reporting period.

MCAS Miramar (Federal) Lands, 69 kV Reconductoring Line:

- No work occurred during this reporting period.

US Forest Service Lands:

- No work occurred during this reporting period.

6. Minor leaks, drips, and releases on USFS lands were submitted to the USFS in a weekly HazMat log.
7. Pre-construction surveys were performed throughout Links 1, 2 and 5 with appropriate monitors.

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

**Agency Representatives during Construction (other than EMs):**

USFS Representatives: Ed Wieringa, Jennifer MacDonald.

**SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADES**

**Summary of Activity:**

1. Suncrest Substation, Link 3 (non-federal lands): No Sunrise related work occurred during this reporting period.
2. Imperial Valley (IV) Substation Upgrade (BLM lands): No Sunrise related work occurred during this reporting period.
3. San Luis Rey Substation (non-federal lands): No Sunrise related work occurred during this reporting period.
4. Encina Substation (non-federal lands): No Sunrise related work occurred during this reporting period.
5. Pomerado Substation: (non-federal lands): No Sunrise related work occurred during this reporting period.
6. Sycamore Substation: No Sunrise related work occurred during this reporting period.

**Environmental Compliance:**

1. All applicable Biological, Cultural, Paleontological, and Native American monitors have been present during ground disturbing activities at all substations.

No CPUC 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:**

NOTE: Additionally, all active yards typically have miscellaneous activities throughout the day such as materials delivery and staging, equipment mobilization/demobilization, water supply and dust control, port-o-potty maintenance, etc.

Non-Federal Lands:

- Alpine Construction Yard – Steel was sorted.
- Alpine Headquarters – No activity occurred during this reporting period.
- AER Yard – Yard has been restored.
- Barrett Canyon Yard – No activity occurred during this reporting period.
- Bartlett-Hauser Yard – No activity occurred during this reporting period.

- Fromm Yard – No activity occurred during this reporting period.
- El Monte Yard – No activity occurred during this reporting period.
- Helix Yard – No activity occurred during this reporting period.
- Jacumba Valley Ranch (JVR) Yard – No activity occurred in during this reporting period.
- Kreuzkamp Yard – No activity occurred during this reporting period.
- Rough Acres Yard – Steel bundling took place in this yard.
- SWAT Yard – No activity occurred during this reporting period.
- S2 Yard – Yard has been restored.
- Sycamore Yard – Fence removal began (see Figure 2).
- Wilson Yard – Restoration of this yard began (see Figure 3).

Federal Lands (BLM):

- Dunaway Yard – Yard has been restored.
- Imperial Valley Yard – Yard has been restored.
- McCain Valley Yard – No activity occurred during this reporting period.
- Plaster City Yard – Yard restoration is largely complete.

Federal Lands (USFS):

- Thing Valley Yard – Straw wattle and gravel bag removal began. Fence was disassembled (see Figure 4). Used as a staging area for hydromulching and water truck filling. The helicopter pad was graded.

**Environmental Compliance:**

1. Biological, Cultural, and Native American monitors have worked with crews at the construction yards to define approved work areas and sites to avoid.

No Non-Compliance Reports or Project Memorandums were issued during the subject period for Construction Yards and other workspace activities. Non-Compliance activities for the project to date are summarized in Table 4.

**Agency Representatives during Construction (other than CPUC EMs)**

None.

**CPUC NOTICES TO PROCEED (NTPs)**

Table 1 summarizes the CPUC Notice to Proceed activity for the SDG&E Sunrise Powerlink Project to date.

**TABLE 1**  
**CPUC NTPs**  
(Updated 09/19/2012)

NTP#	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment	Description
#1	01/04/10	04/28/10	25	San Luis Rey Substation Upgrades
#2	02/08/10	04/29/10	23	South Bay Substation Upgrades
#3	02/26/10	05/20/10	Yard	Alpine Yard 18
#4	01/26/10	05/28/10	Yard	Alpine Yard 18A

NTP#	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment	Description
#5	02/05/10	09/28/10	Yard	Rough Acres Yard, Phase 1
#6	05/26/10	09/28/10	24	Encina Substation Upgrades
#7	05/28/10	09/28/10	Telecomm	White Star Communication Facility
#8	06/09/10	10/06/10	Substation	Pomerado Substation Upgrades
#9	06/09/10	10/06/10	Substation	Scripps Switchyard/Substation Upgrades
#10	10/13/10	11/23/10	15	Link 4, Alpine 230 kV Underground Construction
#11	10/19/10	12/15/10	13	Link 3, Suncrest Substation/Wilson Construction Yard
#12	11/30/10	12/23/10	Yard	Rough Acres Yard, Phase 2
#13	11/09/10	01/14/11	2-18, 20-22	Links 1, 2, and 5, overhead construction on non-federal lands
BLM #1	01/19/11	02/03/11	1	Imperial Valley Substation upgrades.
BLM #2	03/28/11	04/04/11	2-12, 16-17	Links 1, 2, and 5 overhead construction on BLM Lands.
Miramar	01/20/11	06/28/11	22	Overhead and substation construction.
USFS	07/29/11	08/09/11	6, 7, 10, 12,14,16	Links 1, 2, and 5 overhead construction on USFS Lands.

## VARIANCE & TEMPORARY EXTRA WORKSPACE REQUESTS

Variance and Temporary Extra Workspace (TEWS) requests submitted to date are presented in Tables 2 and 3, respectively.

**TABLE 2**  
**VARIANCE REQUESTS**  
(Updated 09/19/2012)

Variance Request	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment	Description
#1	11/04/10	11/10/10	Yard	Thomas Yard (El Centro, CA)
#2	12/22/10	03/18/11	Yard	Sycamore Estates Construction Yard. Response to inquiry received 02/23.
#3	01/06/10	01/18/11	All	Modification to tree trimming requirements.
#3 MOD	01/25/11	01/26/11	All	Modification to brush clearing requirements.
#4	01/13/11	03/01/11	Yard	Helicopter Temporary Landing Pad area at the Alpine Regional Field Offices.
#5	02/01/11	02/09/11	Yard	Site improvements at the Wilson Construction yard and along Bell Bluff Trail
#6	02/01/11	03/01/11	Link 5	Variance from Mitigation Measure H-1a (CC) to allow work outside of the dry season.
#7	02/11/11	02/17/11	Link 3	Additional work areas for construction trailers, parking, etc.
#8	03/02/11	03/08/11	Link 2	Alternate access route to Structure EP 27.

Variance Request	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment	Description
#9	03/29/11	04/06/11	All	Perform construction activities outside of hours allowed by local ordinances with local jurisdiction approval.
#10	04/04/11 (revised)	04/14/11	Link 4	Additional construction work space at Viejas Creek Bridge.
#11	04/06/11	04/22/11	Link 1	Additional workspace east of EP215.
#12	04/15/11	04/25/11	Link 1	Additional turnaround along the access road to EP 220-1.
#13	04/13/11	05/06/11	Links 1 & 2	Two fiber optic regeneration sites.
#13 Mod	05/08/12	05/10/12	Links 1 & 2	Alter configuration of regeneration sites to meet fire safety requirements.
#14	04/28/11	05/03/11	Yards	Change visual screening at Project construction yards from slats to fabric.
#15	05/12/11	05/19/11	Link 2	Alternate access to EP 84.
#16	05/16/11	05/21/11	Link 4	Additional parking space for use during underground construction.
#17	05/18/11	05/24/11	Encina Substation	Driveway improvement.
#18	06/27/11	07/14/11	Link 1	Gate installation between mile markers 38.5 and 39.5.
#18 Mod	10/03/11	Under Review	Link 1	Alternative for installation of Gate #4.
#19	06/27/11	06/29/11	Link 1	Installation of training tower at Rough Acres Construction Yard.
#20	06/28/11	08/05/11	Link 5	Additional disturbance for access, pull sites and topsoil stockpile at CP48-2 to CP51-2.
#21	07/07/11	07/15/11	Link 1	Guard structure from EP255 to Imperial Valley Substation.
#22	07/08/11	08/04/11	Link 1	Fromm Construction Yard. Additional information submitted 08/04.
BLM DNA #1	07/19/11	08/05/11	Link 1	Minor modifications to portions of the Project on Bureau of Land Management lands.
#23	08/15/11	10/20/11	Links 1, 2, & 5	Additional landing platforms and TSAPS.
#24	08/25/11	08/29/11	Suncrest Substation	Additional vegetation clearing around construction trailers.
#25	09/01/11	09/09/11	Links 1 & 5	Extended use of approved TEWS areas for parking and staging.
#26	09/15/11	09/20/11	Link 2	Water tank installation at Barrett Canyon Yard.
#27	09/20/11	10/18/11	Link 1	Temporary Staging area near Mountain Springs Grade Road.

Variance Request	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment	Description
#28	10/19/11	Denied	Link 3	Allow work to continue at Suncrest Substation during a Red Flag Warning (RFW) event.
#29	10/21/11	11/01/11	Links 1, 2, & 5	Additional guard structures identified for wire pulling activities.
#29 Mod	01/04/12	01/06/12		Modification to guard structure location.
#30	11/01/11	11/15/11	Links 1, 2, & 5	Temporary parking and turnaround areas.
#30 Mod	02/09/12	02/09/12	Links 5	Modification to perform long lining activities.
#31	11/08/11	Retracted	Links 2 & 5	Request for site specific exemption of Condition 37 of NTP 13.
#32	11/15/11	12/09/11	Links 1, 2, & 5	Additional workspace for wire pulling activities.
#32 Mod	01/04/12	01/06/12		Modification to guard structure location
#33	11/28/11	12/16/11	Links 1, 2, & 5	Additional workspace for structure access and wire pulling activities.
#34	11/29/11	12/02/11	Links 2 & 5	Extension of allowable work window within GE buffer (MM B-7h).
#35	12/22/11	01/04/12	Link 5	Improvements to existing road & drainage, Simpson property.
#36	01/20/12	02/08/12	Links 1, 2, & 5	Variance to allow vegetation clearing between January 15 through February 14.
#37	01/20/12	02/08/12	Links 1, 2, & 5	Temporary placement of concrete blocks outside of approved work areas.
#38	02/10/12	02/22/12	Link 5	Gate installation near CP55.
#39	02/10/12	Retracted	Link 5	Additional work space at CP23 pull site.
#40	03/20/12	03/21/12	Link 5	Additional work space near GS-NF-7, San Vicente Reservoir.
#41	04/17/12	04/27/12	Link 2	Cinnamon Drive Road improvements near EP36-1.
#42	05/09/12	Retracted	Link 2	Temporary concrete anchor block placement.
#43	09/05/12	Under Review	Yards	Post-construction landowner requests.

**TABLE 3**  
**TEMPORARY EXTRA WORKSPACE (TEWS) REQUESTS**  
(Updated 09/19/2012)

TEWS Request	Date Requested	Date Approved	Segment	Description
TEWS #1	11/01/10	11/01/10	White Star	Asphalt paved area for vehicle parking and staging
TEWS #2	03/17/11	03/18/11	Link 4	Parking on Puetz Valley and Alpine Blvd
TEWS #3	03/17/11	03/18/11	Link 4	Parking on Harbison Canyon and Alpine Blvd
TEWS #4	03/22/11	03/23/11	Link 5	Storage on One Father Junipero Sierra Trail

TEWS Request	Date Requested	Date Approved	Segment	Description
TEWS #5	03/24/11	03/24/11	Link 4	Parking at 3900 Willows Road West
TEWS #6	03/24/11	03/24/11	Link 4	Parking at 5840 Willows Road East
TEWS #7	04/06/11	04/07/11	Link 2	Northern access road to EP 79
TEWS #8	04/14/11	04/14/11	Link 2	Northeast spur of access road to EP 84
TEWS #9	05/17/11	05/24/11	Link 1	Use of SWPL tower sites for parking (EP331-341)
TEWS #10	05/24/11	05/24/11	Link 5	Parking and pullsite adjacent to Alliant University
TEWS #11	06/16/11	06/16/11	Link 1	Use of alternative access to EP 240, per the request of the landowner at JVR
TEWS #12	06/20/11	06/20/11	Link 1	Use of SWPL tower sites for parking (EP295-299)
TEWS #13	06/30/11	07/01/11	Link 1	Use of SWPL tower site for parking (EP324)
TEWS #14	07/01/11	07/01/11	Link 1	Use of SWPL tower sites for parking (EP300, EP302, EP306, EP307, EP312)
TEWS #15	07/06/11	07/06/11	Link 1	Use of SWPL tower sites for parking (EP294, EP303, EP304, EP305)
TEWS #16	06/30/11	07/07/11	Link 1	Additional parking along Mountain Springs Grade Road
TEWS #17	07/11/11	07/12/11	Link 5	Parking near CP20
TEWS #18	07/11/11	07/12/11	Link 5	Parking near CP24
TEWS #19	07/11/11	07/12/11	Link 5	Parking near CP29
TEWS #20	07/18/11	07/19/11	Link 1	Parking near EP314
TEWS #21	07/22/11	07/25/11	Link 1	Parking near EP315
TEWS #22	07/26/11	07/26/11	Link 1	Parking near EP291-293
TEWS #23	08/05/11	08/05/11	Link 1	Parking near EP290
TEWS #24	08/09/11	08/10/11	Link 2	Parking near EP90/EP91
TEWS #25	09/07/11	09/07/11	Link 5	Temporary use of access road near El Monte Road (12 kV)
TEWS #26	09/13/11	09/13/11	Link 2	Temporary use of access road near Barrett Substation
TEWS #27	09/29/11	09/30/11	Link 1	Parking near EP248.
TEWS #28	09/28/11	10/03/11	Link 1	Parking and Staging area adjacent to EP301.
TEWS #29	09/13/11	09/13/11	Link 2	Placement of Water Tank at Barrett Substation.
TEWS #30	10/06/11	10/06/11	Link 1	Parking and Staging at Chevron Gas Station on Carrizo Gorge Road.
TEWS #31	11/09/11	11/10/11	Link 1	Parking at EP252A-1 and EP254-3-E.
TEWS #32	11/09/11	11/15/11	Link 5	Temporary material and equipment staging area off of Willows Road.
TEWS #33	02/09/12	02/09/12	Link 5	Additional parking area between CP75 to CP88.
TEWS #34	03/06/12	03/06/12	Link 5	Additional parking area along Hwy 67.
TEWS #35	03/26/12	03/27/12	Link 1	Additional parking area between EP227/EP228.

TEWS Request	Date Requested	Date Approved	Segment	Description
TEWS #36	04/26/12	04/26/12	Link 2	Additional workspace adjacent to Access Road EP11-3-N.
TEWS #37	05/25/12	05/25/12	Link 2	Additional workspace near EP32.
TEWS #38	05/25/12	05/29/12	Link 2	Additional workspace adjacent to EP119.
TEWS #39	06/27/12	06/27/12	Link 5	Additional parking and staging at El Monte Park.

## NON-COMPLIANCES & INCIDENTS

CPUC and USFS Stop Work Orders, Project Memorandum (PM) and Non-Compliance Reports (NCR), and U.S. Army Corps Non-Compliances (NC) that have been issued to date are presented in Table 4.

**TABLE 4**  
**NON-COMPLIANCES (NC) AND PROJECT MEMORANDA (PM)**  
(Updated 09/19/2012)

Type	Date	Location	Description
PM #1	12/07/10	Thomas Yard	Failure to report unanticipated biological resources within 48 hours.
PM #2	02/11/11	EP 242, Link 1	Unauthorized ground disturbance at EP 242
NC #1	03/08/11	Suncrest Substation	Army Corp of Engineers issued Non-Compliance for not complying with Special Conditions 19, 21 and 23 of DA Permit SPL-2007-00704-SAS.
PM #3	03/15/11	CP 67-3, Link 5	Staking crews operating and delivered by helicopters within GE Buffer area.
PM #4	04/06/11	Swat Yard	Unauthorized Nest Removal from a water truck at SWAT Construction yard.
PM #5	05/16/11	EP 340, Link 1	Operation of water trucks outside of approved disturbance areas at EP 340.
PM #6	09/16/11	EP271, Link 1	Construction activities commenced at EP271 prior to the arrival of biological monitor.
Stop Work Order	09/27/11	Helicopter Operations	A pattern of helicopter incidents posed a serious concern for the safety of the general public.
PM #7	09/28/11	AER CY	Construction crew entered AER CY prior to Peninsular Bighorn Sheep monitor clearing the site.
NCR #1	09/28/11	Link 1	CPUC issued NCR for breaching a marked Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA), construction activity without proper monitor present, and failing to communicate the event in a timely fashion.
FS NCR #1	10/27/11	Links 2 & 5	FS SUP Exhibit 4 and Traffic Control Plan violations.
NCR #2	10/27/11	Link 1	Peninsular Bighorn Sheep Construction Monitoring Plan violations.
FS NCR #2	11/03/11	Links 2 & 5	Fire Plan and Traffic Control Plan violations.

Type	Date	Location	Description
FS NCR #3	11/30/11	Links 2 & 5	Tower assembly, erection and wire stringing work is suspended for towers not associated with GE buffers on the Cleveland National Forest until resolution of all noncompliance colorization issues are agreed upon by the Forest Service
NCR #3	12/29/11	Link 1	Peninsular Bighorn Sheep Construction Monitoring Plan violations.
NCR #4	01/04/12	Link 1	Peninsular Bighorn Sheep Construction Monitoring Plan violations.
FS Stop Work Order	01/07/12	Links 2 & 5	Third non-compliance for violating the Forest Service Fire Plan.
FS NCR #4	02/01/12	Link 2	Failure to make timely notification following rope/wire drop between CP100 to CP99.
FS NCR #5	02/06/12	Links 2 & 5	Helicopter incursions into Golden Eagle Habitat Buffers.
NCR #5	02/08/12	Link 1	Construction outside of approved work spaces, intrusion into ESA, and violation of Desert Pavement Plan.
NCR#6	04/13/12	Links 1, 2, & 5	Repeated load carrying without appropriate netting.

Other compliance incidents identified by SDG&E monitoring staff and/or crews are presented in Table 5.

**TABLE 5**  
**PROJECT INCIDENTS**  
(Updated 09/19/2012)

Type	Date	Location	Description
Incident	11/01/10	White Star	Delivery of a rebar cage outside of the approved disturbance area.
Incident	02/17/11	EP 244, Link 1	Nest incorrectly marked at entrance to EP 244.
Incident	02/18/11	Alpine HQ	Emergency weather landing and storage of 3 helicopters at Alpine HQ.
Incident	03/12/11	EP 252, Link 1	Bulldozer was delivered at site prior to CPUC clearance being given.
Incident	03/15/11	EP 214, Link 1	Dewatering approximately 1 gal of groundwater from an excavation hole without having submitted a dewatering plan to the CPUC.
Incident	04/06/11	JVR 12 kV, Link 1	Confusion on approved work areas due to varying maps having been distributed to workers and monitors.
Incident	04/07/11	JVR 12 kV, Link 1	A site was worked on prior to CPUC EM construction release having been received for the area, no resources were damaged.

Type	Date	Location	Description
Incident	05/05/11	Link 4	Three small fires were reported on Link 4 Underground. Fire tools were used by the on-site fire patrol to immediately respond per the Sunrise Fire Plan. Notification to Alpine Fire was made.
Incident	05/17/11	Link 1	BMP crew drove off the road between EP345 and EP346 and park within the ESA boundary.
Incident	06/07/11	Link 1	During the aerial delivery of a structure body to EP339, approximately 200 ft outside of Plaster City Yard, the piece fell from the Aircrane. No injuries have been reported.
Incident	06/10/11	Link 1	During the aerial delivery of a structure layback to EP 339, at the EP 339 construction site, 3 of the 4 hooks released and caused an emergency placement of the steel at the site. While in the process of placing on the ground, the 4 <sup>th</sup> hook released and the tower fell to the ground. No injuries have been reported.
Incident	07/07/11	Link 1	A project water tanker was stuck on the side of Evan Hughes Highway and released approximately 1,000 gallons of potable water into Coyote Wash, after pulling over to evaluate a bridge crossing. All necessary notifications were made.
Incident	07/07/11	Link 5	Construction vehicles, including project fire truck, were noted to be outside of approved disturbance areas at CP40 and CP41. Link leads were notified and immediate corrective action was taken.
Incident	07/11/11	Link 1	A skid fell off the KMax Helicopter while en route to a tower site. The skid was within the Project ROW and no injuries were reported. The item was retrieved on foot.
Incident	07/28/11	Link 1	Unapproved disturbance of approximately 50'x100' occurred during the grading operations of the AER yard. No resources were impacted.
Incident	08/04/11	Link 1	An air compressor was dropped approximately 500 ft north of EP327, from a KMax helicopter while in transit to a micropile site. Approximately 50-60 gallons of diesel was spilled in an area of approximately 75' in diameter. Site has been cleared and appropriate agencies have been contacted.
Incident	08/05/11	Link 3	Small fire resulted from excavation activities along BBTT. Burned an area approximately 50'x50' prior to it being extinguished. Notifications were made immediately.
Incident	08/13/11	Link 2	Accident along Lyons Valley Rd, where a project truck went off the embankment by 300'. No injuries reported. Assessment team was sent to the site and notifications were made.

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Incident	08/15/11	Link 2	Sparks caused by loose chain from a project vehicle interacting with the roadway started a 2-acre fire. The fire was extinguished and proper notifications were made.
Incident	08/18/11	Link 2	An unsteady load caused a forklift to fall to its side at EP 91. A small spill of hydraulic fluid took place, all disturbance was contained within the established work area, and no injuries were reported.
Incident	08/22/11	Link 1	Crew member threw a rock and knocked down a rock cairn located within an ESA. Appropriate agencies were notified.
Incident	09/08/11	Link 2	CPUC EM noted a water truck entering EP91 after not having stopped at designated wash station. Corrective action was taken.
Incident	09/12/11	Link 5	Crew performed minor clearing prior to the arrival of biological monitor.
Incident	09/13/11	Link 5	Crew performed minor clearing prior to the arrival of biological monitor.
Incident	09/15/11	Link 5	Micropile platform at CP67-3 rolled 50' downhill after unstable placement. A helicopter removed from site to limit damage. Minor vegetation damage that was surveyed by onsite biologist.
Incident	09/19/11	Link 2	Small fire near EP42 started due to excavator hitting a rock during grading operations. This was immediately put out by onsite personnel using their required fire supplies.
Incident	09/19/11	Link 2	2 Micropile pipes were dropped during helicopter operations near CP107 and rolled down hill to injure a worker trying to stop them. Minor vegetation damage that was surveyed by onsite biologist.
Incident	09/20/11	Link 1	Trackout from EP252 was noted to Link Lead and was immediately remedied.
Incident	09/20/11	Link 1	Project vehicles were noted to parking outside of the approved project disturbance. Link Lead was notified and vehicles were immediately relocated.
Incident	09/21/11	Link 1	Dozer operator drove approximately 260 ft off of ROW near EP322. Area was surveyed by Cultural and Biological monitor.
Incident	09/21/11	Link 3	Approximately 800 gallons of potable water was released from Northern Sediment basin. Appropriate agencies were notified.
Incident	09/22/11	Link 3	Plywood load from helicopter dropped within substation boundaries. No injuries were reported.
Incident	09/23/11	Link 1	Improperly covered foundations holes were noted to the Link Lead. Follow up was performed with crews.

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Incident	09/26/11	Link 1	Straw wattles en route via helicopter dropped into open area. No injuries were reported.
Incident	10/12/11	Link 1	A drill rig pulled to the side of the access road near EP185/EP186 and inadvertently crushed vegetation.
Incident	10/12/11	Link 4	Approximately 50 gallons of diesel fuel was released immediately off of Puetz Valley Road Site was cleaned and stained soils removed. Appropriate agencies were contacted.
Incident	10/19/11	Link 1	A door fell off a helicopter near Plaster City Yard close to EP332. No injuries were reported.
Incident	11/03/11	Link 1	Injury occurred when a tower leg fell onsite. Events surrounding the incident are still undergoing investigation. Disturbance occurred outside of approved areas. Biological/cultural monitors reviewed and found no resources to be damaged.
Incident	11/05/11	Link 5	Sediment off ROW at CP55/56 access road.
Incident	11/09/11	Link 2	Landing of project helicopter on unapproved disturbance areas.
Incident	11/15/11	Link 5	Off ROW incident along access road to CP65/66 pull site.
Incident	11/16/11	Link 1	Off ROW incident along access road to EP 226/227 pull site.
Incident	11/16/11	Link 3	Trash noted to be blown around during Air Crane activities at the Wilson Yard.
Incident	11/22/11	Link 5	Track out noted on El Monte Rd from access in/out of CP64/65 pull site. Street sweeper was dispatched.
Incident	12/03/11	Link 1	PBHS habitat violation with low elevation flights in restricted areas.
Incident	12/04/11	Link 1	PBHS habitat violation with low elevation flights in restricted areas.
Incident	12/22/11	Link 1	PBHS habitat violation with entry into Fromm Yard prior to clearance from PBHS biologists.
Incident	12/27/11	Link 1	Two PBHS habitat violation with low elevation flights in restricted areas.
Incident	01/09/12	Link 2	Road crew operating without an Arroyo Toad Monitor present at EP50, Arroyo Toad suitable habitat. Crew was retrained of the importance of a monitor being present during operations.
Incident	01/10/12	Link 2	Foundation crew damaged an oak tree during mobilization effort at EP49. Crew was retrained.
Incident	01/12/12	Link 1	Parking along McCain Valley Rd not in designated disturbance areas. Link Leads corrected immediately.
Incident	01/12/12	Link 5	A dozer failure led to disturbance outside of approved ROW by 15 feet near CP59. All personnel were safe and restoration efforts are in process.

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Incident	01/13/12	Link 2	An unanticipated release of a compressor mid-flight approximately 400ft North of Kruetzkamp CY. No injuries or damage to property occurred. Investigation to helicopter hook system is ongoing.
Incident	01/17/12	Link 2	Crew entered access road to EP73/74, Arroyo Toad suitable habitat, prior to the 2 hr waiting period following dawn and biological monitor clearance. Crew was spoken to and better signage is to be installed.
Incident	01/18/12	Link 1	Concrete blocks were placed outside of approved disturbance area at EP224/5 prior to the approval of Variance #37. To limit disturbance, blocks have been left, but cannot be used until approval of the variance.
Incident	01/18/12	Link 1	Assembly crew arrived at EP177 prior to an approved bird survey having been conducted and submitted. Crews were ushered out by onsite avian biologist performing said survey.
Incident	01/18/12	Link 1	Foundation crew entered PBHS habitat at EP256 outside of approved work window. They were escorted out by monitors at a nearby site upon noticing. GF for crew was released by the project and a standdown with GF and foreman was performed on 01/23/12.
Incident	01/19/12	Link 2	Bird strike occurred during helicopter operations near EP33. Monitors on board believed the bird to be a swallow, but no remains were found to confirm.
Incident	01/20/12	Link 5	Wire dropped between CP96 and CP100 during wire operations. No resources were found to be damaged, hurt or killed.
Incident	01/20/12	Link 5	Gate left open for access road to pull site between CP64/65 and released livestock that was present. Monitors were brought onsite to herd them back into the pen and ensure security of the gate.
Incident	01/24/12	Link 5	Helicopter breached the GE buffer at Bell Bluff region approximately 621 feet. No resources impacted.
Incident	01/25/12	Link 5	Helicopter was noted by CPUC EM to have landed outside of approved project workspace. Correction was made immediately and discussion was had with pilot about landing in only approved areas.
Incident	01/26/12	Link 5	Helicopter breached the GE buffer at the Bell Bluff region approximately 521 feet. No resources impacted.
Incident	01/27/12	Link 2	Helicopter breached the GE buffer at the Thing Valley region approximately 161 feet. No resources impacted.
Incident	01/31/12	Link 1	Fuel tanker was refueling a smaller fuel truck for use by project helicopters in unapproved workspace near JVR. Link Lead made immediate correction and spoke to crew.

Type	Date	Location	Description
Incident	02/01/12	Link 2	Helicopter breached the GE buffer at the Thing Valley region by an unknown amount. No resources impacted.
Incident	02/13/12	Link 2	Several contractor vehicles were parked outside of the ROW on brush adjacent to Cameron TT near EP109. Link Lead was contacted and item was corrected.
Incident	02/24/12	Link 2	Helicopter dragged a long line through vegetation outside of workspace at EP109. Minor vegetation impacts.
Incident	02/25/12	Link 5	Helicopter experienced a hard landing at the Sycamore CY and damage was incurred. No injuries or impacts were noted. Investigation is ongoing.
Incident	02/27/12	Link 3	Trash was noted to Link Lead at the Wilson CY.
Incident	02/28/12	Link 1	Project activities were noted to be occurring in PBHS areas without concurrence from Wildlife Agencies provided to CPUC monitors. Follow up discussion occurred with WA.
Incident	02/29/12	Link 1	Debris was noted to the Link Lead as being blown around JVR CY during Air Crane operations.
Incident	03/02/12	Link 2	Kmax helicopter dropped cribbing near EP5. No reports of injuries or impacts.
Incident	03/08/12	Link 1	Trash in several areas along the ROW, particularly the mylar taping utilized for bird deterrents, has been noted in various locations. Issue is currently being addressed.
Incident	03/12/12	Link 2	Vehicle was noted to be parked outside approved workspace and within the drip line of an oak tree.
Incident	03/14/12	Link 1	A helicopter noted to be operating prior to 7am at the Rough Acres Construction Yard.
Incident	03/20/12	Link 1	Crew vehicles were noted to be parked outside of approved workspaces along Old Hwy 80. Vehicles were immediately moved upon notification.
Incident	03/20/12	Link 1	Marker balls were being staged inside a noted ESA at the Jacumba Valley Ranch Yard. They were immediately moved outside of the ESA and no impacts were noted.
Incident	03/21/12	Link 1	Work equipment was placed outside of approved workspace via helicopter at EP225. Corrective action was immediately taken upon notification.
Incident	03/22/12	Link 1	Vehicle was noted to be parked outside of approved workspace near EP205-1 and project personnel was observed to be smoking in a non-designated area.
Incident	03/27/12	Link 2	Vehicle was noted to be parked within a bird buffer near EP90.
Incident	03/27/12	Link 2	Two helicopters noted to be operating prior to 7am at the SWAT Construction Yard.
Incident	03/28/12	Link 2	Breaches within the Arroyo Toad exclusionary fencing between EP65 and EP69 were noted to the Link Lead.

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Incident	03/29/12	Link 1	Trash at EP190 and dust on McCain Valley Road was noted to the Link Lead.
Incident	03/31/12	Link 1	Bulldozer was noted to have parked outside of approved workspace along the access road to EP236. The equipment was moved upon notification to the crew.
Incident	04/02/12	Link 1	Parking occurred in unapproved project areas near S-2 Yard. Immediate corrective action was taken upon notification to Link Lead.
Incident	04/04/12	Link 1	Crew truck was noted to have parked outside of approved workspace along the access road to EP236. Monitors have placed additional signage along the road.
Incident	04/09/12	Link 1	Crews were noted to not being utilizing a designated path (which avoids an ESA) from TSAP to EP137-1. A warning was given and crews were addressed.
Incident	04/10/12	Link 1	Trash was observed at EP187 pull site.
Incident	04/17/12	Link 4	Cement truck was noted to be driving down Alpine Blvd with chutes open. Link Lead was contacted and contractor was informed of the activities.
Incident	04/20/12	Link 1	Bulldozer went off ROW during grading operations near EP255. No sensitive biological or cultural resources were damaged.
Incident	04/24/12	Link 1	Dust was noted to be seen at McCain Valley Construction Yard due to Air Crane operations. Coordination was to improve in future operations.
Incident	04/25/12	Link 2	Holes were noted in the Arroyo Toad fence along the access road to EP76. Crews were sent out to repair prior to rain event.
Incident	05/08/12	Link 2	Speeding was noted to Link Lead to/from Bartlett Hauser CY.
Incident	05/16/12	Link 2	Dust was noted at Kruetzkamp CY to the Link Lead during air crane operations.
Incident	05/22/12	Link 2	Speeding was noted to Link Lead to/from Bartlett Hauser CY.
Incident	05/24/12	Link 2	During the removal of flower pots and guard poles at the EP27-1 guard structure site, a small amount of vegetation was damaged. No sensitive resources or nests were noted to be damaged after assessment by biological and avian monitors.

## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Transmission line and substation construction have been completed, and the Sunrise Powerlink Project was energized between June 15 and 17. The project is currently in the right-of-way cleanup and restoration phase. Table 6 provides a summary of construction progress through the end of the subject reporting period.

**TABLE 6  
CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS**

Agency	TSAP	Roads	Pull Sites	Tower Sites
Non-Federal	16 of 63	15 of 61	0 of 34	40 of 169
Bureau of Land Management	34 of 63	76 of 107	2 of 26	118 of 179
US Forest Service	1 of 49	2 of 19	0 of 11	2 of 76
Miramar	0 of 0	4 of 10	0 of 4	4 of 14

## PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS



**Figure 1:** Hydromulching and fence installation at EP124/125 pull site. (Link 2)



**Figure 2:** Fence removal at Sycamore Yard. (Link 5)



**Figure 3:** Restoration grading at Wilson Yard. ([Link 3](#))



**Figure 4:** Fence removal at Thing Valley Yard. ([Link 2](#))