



Aspen *Environmental Group*

PROJECT MEMORANDUM

SDG&E – MIGUEL-MISSION 230 kV #2 PROJECT

To: Michael Rosauer, CPUC

From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager

Date: August 10, 2004

Subject: Weekly Report #1: August 1, 2004 – August 7, 2004

CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Christopher Meyer

Summary of Activity:

Weather was clear throughout the subject week. The Essex Environmental Inspectors conducted an environmental training session for the SDG&E and construction contractor management staff on Monday, August 2. Notice to Proceed (NTP) #1 for construction and/or upgrading of access roads and the installation of 138/69 kV towers on the Los Coches to Fanita Junction portion of the project was issued by the CPUC on Wednesday, August 4. However, grading operations did not begin during the subject week as the contractor worked on mobilization and surveying.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit on August 4 and reviewed several proposed laydown areas with SDG&E.

The Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) and an Essex biologist were on-site to review the pre-construction status of the right-of-way and the sensitive resource flagging with the CPUC EM. The sensitive avian habitat had been flagged (see Figure 1) and the Essex EI will mark off additional barrel cacti at the request of CDFG and USFWS resource specialists who recently visited the project area.

The project cultural resource specialists have installed exclusion fencing and “Sensitive Resource Area-Keep out” signs around the cultural resource sites on the Los Coches to Fanita Junction section.

Environmental Compliance:

Although no construction activities occurred during the subject week, the CPUC EM confirmed that the required sensitive resource flagging had been placed. The Essex EI will be adding a black and white striped flag to the stakes to differentiate the sensitive resource boundaries from the white right-of-way boundaries.

Notices to Proceed (NTP):

NTP #1 was issued by the CPUC on August 4, 2004. SDG&E has requested an NTP for access road work and installation of 138/69 kV towers between Miguel and Los Coches. Pre-construction compliance review is underway for this portion of the project.

Variance Requests:

On July 23, Variance Request #1 that allows for the long-term use of four staging and storage areas, two of which were already reviewed and approved as TEWS areas, was approved by the CPUC. There are no other submitted variances pending review and approval.

TABLE 1
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS
 (Updated 08/10/04)

Variance Request #	Date Submitted	Description	Status	CPUC Approval Date
1	07/07/04	Use of four storage and staging areas on the Los Coches to Fanita Junction Section for the duration of the project.	Completed	07/23/04

Upcoming Items: SDG&E has requested that the CPUC EM meet with staff on August 11 to review staging and storage areas required for the Miguel to Los Coches portion of the project. The environmental training for the Miguel to Los Coches crews is scheduled for August 20. SDG&E will hold weekly meetings on Tuesday mornings to review issues and upcoming events.

Agency Personnel Contacts: None

Photographs



Figure 1 – Sensitive avian habitat marked by white flagging (black and white flagging will be added to differentiate sensitive resources areas from white right-of-way boundary markings).