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

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

Date: October 3, 2010

**Subject:** Weekly Report 1 – September 16 to September 25, 2010

#### 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 Workspace and non-compliance activity are provided in Tables 3 and 4, respectively.

CPUC/Aspen Environmental Monitors (EM): Cassandra Garza

#### TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION

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

1. No Notice to Proceeds for transmission line construction has been issued to date.

#### **Environmental Compliance:**

No 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):**

None.

#### SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADES

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

- 1. Construction at the South Bay Substation commenced on September 17, 2010. Trenching on the capacitor pad site has taken place. (Figure 1).
- 2. Construction activities commenced at the San Luis Rey Substation on September 16, 2010. Material delivery has been the only noted activity within the Substation. No ground disturbing activities have taken place to date (Figure 2).

#### **Environmental Compliance:**

- 1. Biological Monitors have been present during all construction activities at both Substations.
- 2. Resulting dirt piles from South Bay Substation trenching activities have been maintained with water sprays for dust control.

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- 3. Crews have sloped all trenches and installed wooden ramps within the capacitor pad site at the South Bay Substation so that animals may escape if they were to enter this area.
- 4. A pair of Peregrine Falcons has been noted within 1000 feet of the South Bay Substation construction. Activities have not impacted the birds' activity within the area.
- 5. Paleontological Monitors at the South Bay Substation have been present during construction and have found no fossils.

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:**

- 1. Preparation of Alpine Construction Yard commenced on September 16, 2010. Electrical service was installed for lighting and security cameras.
- 2. Construction of the Alpine Regional Field Offices (Alpine RFO) commenced on September 16, 2010. Construction trailers were brought on site and trenching for utility access is ongoing.

#### **Environmental Compliance:**

- 1. Biological Monitors have been present during all construction activities at the yards (see Figure 3).
- 2. Environmental Sensitive Area (ESA) flagging and Best Management Practices (BMP) installation in accordance with the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs) for both yards was completed ahead of construction activities (Figure 4).
- 3. Continuous environmental compliance was noted throughout the reporting period. An example of dust compliance can be seen in Figure 5 below.
- 4. A San Diego Coast Horned Lizard was noted in the Alpine Construction Yard near the electrical installation crew on September 23 and 24. The lizard left work area on its own and was monitored to ensure that the crews did not encroach on its habitat. The San Diego Coast Horned lizard is a California Species of Special Concern.

No Non-Compliance Reports or Project Memoranda 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 10/03/2010)

	Date	Date		
NTP#	Requested	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
#5	02/05/10	09/28/10	Yard	Rough Acres Phase 1 Yard
#6	05/26/10	09/28/10	24	Encina Substation Upgrades
#7	05/28/10	09/28/10	Telecomm	White Star Communication Facility

## VARIANCE & TEMPORARY EXTRA WORKSPACE REQUESTS

No Variance Requests or Temporary Extra Workspaces (TEWS) Requests have been submitted to date.

## TABLE 2 VARIANCE REQUESTS

(Updated 10/03/2010)

Variance	Date	Date	Segment	
Request	Requested	Issued	#	Description
None to				
Date				

# TABLE 3 TEMPORARY EXTRA WORKSPACE (TEWS) REQUESTS

(Updated 10/03/2010)

TEWS	Date	Date	Segment	
Request	Requested	Approved	#	Description
None to				
Date				

## **NON-COMPLIANCES & INCIDENTS**

No Project Memorandum, Non-Compliance Reports, and other incidents have occurred to date.

# TABLE 4 NON-COMPLIANCES, PROJECT MEMORANDA, AND OTHER INCIDENTS

(Updated 10/03/2010)

Type	Date	Location	Description
None to			
Date			

# PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1: South Bay Substation trenching activities.



Figure 2: San Luis Rey Substation before upgrades.



Figure 3: Construction for utility installation at the Alpine Field Office Yard.



Figure 4: Installed BMPs at the Alpine Laydown Yard.



Figure 5: Water truck performing dust control activities at the Alpine Laydown Yard.