

October 16, 2012

Mr. Jensen Uchida Energy Division California Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: San Joaquin Cross Valley Loop Project – 2012 Quarter 3 Progress Report

Dear Mr. Jensen Uchida,

SCE is submitting this memorandum to document progress made on the San Joaquin Cross Valley Loop Project as of September 30, 2012.

Construction Progress

Construction of **Work Package 1b**, which included clearing in the north south right of way (ROW), began in July 2012 and was completed on September 27, 2012. There was one "level 2" environmental incident associated with this work that occurred on July 20, 2012. The CPUC was alerted of this incident via email on July 23, 2012 and the event was also recorded in FRED. The incident involved a delivery truck driver driving through a puddle (SFS 25) that had the potential to support listed brachiopods. USFWS representative Justin Sloan was also alerted of this event, and no violations were issued given the nature of the incident. Following the event, dry season sampling was conducted on this feature and absence of listed brachiopods was established, thereby confirming that no impacts resulted from the incident. A report summarizing the dry season sampling results on this feature as well as a number of other features in the north-south ROW is still pending but will be submitted to the CPUC upon completion.

Construction of **Work Package 2a**, which includes installation of tower and tubular steel pole foundations in the north-south ROW, began in early September 2012. Installation of these footings is approximately 40 percent complete with an estimated completion date of late November. No environmental incidents have been observed on this component of the project.

Construction of **Work Package 2b**, which includes installation of the new lines and removal of the existing lines in the north-south ROW, is scheduled to begin in mid-October. All crews will be WEAP trained and environmental monitoring and reporting will continue during this work package.

SCE will continue to maintain daily reports in FRED for all active work packages. These reports are available to the CPUC for review at the following website: https://www.sceprojects.com/

Other Environmental Updates

- SCE held a meeting to inform aerial applicators of the new construction on Tuesday, August 28, 2012. Documentation of this meeting was submitted to the CPUC for review on September 29, 2012. The CPUC confirmed that this documentation met the needs of the mitigation measure in an email sent by Matt Fagundes on October 12, 2012.
- SCE has completed dry season sampling on a number of the puddles and other water features in the north-south corridor that had the potential to support listed brachiopods. All findings have come back negative. SCE will submit a report on this sampling to the CPUC once finalized.

If you have any questions or concerns about the current status of the project please feel free to contact me at nichole.yeto@sce.com or 626-222-8063.

Sincerely,

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