

SCE VALLEY SOUTH SUBTRANSMISSION PROJECT

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Subject: Monitoring Report #33: July 26 to August 8, 2020

Introduction

This report provides a summary of the construction and compliance activities associated with Southern California Edison’s (SCE) Valley South Subtransmission Project (VSSP). Project components include:

- Installation and upgrades of the 115 kV subtransmission line
- Modification of some existing 12 kV and 33 kV distribution facilities
- Telecommunication equipment installation and upgrades
- Installation of new components at the Valley Substation

CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): CPUC EM, Rosina Goodman, was onsite August 3, 2020.

CPUC Notices to Proceed (NTPs)

Table 1 summarizes the NTPs issued for VSSP construction. No additional NTPs are required.

Table 1 - NTPs

NTP #	Date Requested	Date Issued	Description
NTP #1	12/11/18	01/04/19	Use of 2 Material Yards and Vegetation Management at six locations along the right-of-way.
NTP #2	02/26/19	03/25/19	Construction of Project components not subject to final engineering due to use of required insulated conductor in high fire hazard areas, Segments 1 and 2.
NTP #3	05/16/19	06/07/19	Poles subject to final engineering due to required use of insulated conductor in high fire hazard areas.

Construction & Compliance

To date, all pre-compliance materials associated with NTPs #1, #2, and #3 that have been submitted have been approved. Construction activities associated with NTP #1 began on February 4, 2019. Construction activities associated with NTP #2 began on May 6, 2019. Construction activities associated with NTP #3 began on June 18, 2019. All construction related work associated with NTPs #1, #2, and #3 has been completed, with the exception of completion of the southern underground, substation related tie-ins, and existing wood pole removal.

A summary of construction and compliance activities for the subject reporting period is provided below.

Summary of Construction Activity

1. Wilson Construction is not currently using the Valley Substation Contractor Yard for the VSSP but still occupies the space for use on another SCE project.
2. No Wilson construction activities occurred on Segments 1 or 2 during the monitoring period.
3. SCE self-perform construction activities included completing loops and installing cable straps at Construction Area UNK250 (see Photo 1).

Environmental Compliance

1. Biological monitoring occurred during construction activities during the monitoring period.
2. There was one SCE self-reported and one CPUC-issued incident during the monitoring period. On July 29, the CPUC EM noted that the SCE Weekly Reports for the reporting period June 12 through July 25, 2020 were missing biological monitoring reports for days construction activities were scheduled on the SCE Plan of the Day. The SCE Environmental Manger was notified of the observation and replied on July 30 that Wilson was conducting clearance sweeps for the underground work areas (UNK207 through UNK222) at the beginning and end of each week. The VSSP Nesting Bird Management Plan (NBMP), Section 3 states: "On each subsequent day of construction during the nesting season, the Biological Monitor will first perform daily sweeps at each work site to look for resources, including nesting birds." On July 31, the CPUC EM issued a Level 1 Incident Report for not conducting daily sweeps during the nesting season. SCE also issued a Level 1 Incident in FRED. Wilson responded that they would ensure that daily sweeps are performed in accordance with the NBMP during the nesting season for any remaining work on VSSP.
3. As of the end of the monitoring period, there are no active nests associated with project activities. There were no nest buffer reduction submissions during the monitoring period. No nests were removed during the subject reporting period.
4. There were no special-status species observed at locations associated with construction activities during the subject monitoring period.
5. No new Stephen's kangaroo rat burrows were documented during the monitoring period on Segment 1.
6. There were no SCE self-reported SWPPP maintenance items associated with construction activities reported throughout the monitoring period.
7. There were no reportable (> 1 gallon) or non-reportable (<1 gallon) spills associated with construction activities during the monitoring period.

Temporary Extra Workspaces (TEWS) and Minor Project Changes (MPCs)

No MPC or TEWS requests were approved during the subject monitoring period. Table 2 summarizes the TEWS and MPCs for the Valley South Subtransmission Project to date.

Table 2 – TEWS & MPCs
(Updated 08/13/20)

MPC/TEWS No.	Description	Status
MPCs		
1	Leon Road Realignment	Issued by CPUC 01/11/19
2	Laydown area for wood pole storage south of Valley Substation Yard.	Issued by CPUC 07/10/19
3	Additional work areas and access roads on Segment 1 and Segment 2	Issued by CPUC 08/30/19
4	Additional work area adjacent to pole 4402074E on Segment 2.	Issued by CPUC 10/29/19
5	Additional work areas and access roads on Segment 1	Issued by CPUC 12/12/19
6	Additional overland travel access on Segment 1	Issued by CPUC 01/16/20
7	Change overhead distribution work to underground and associated workspace on Segment 1 between Construction Areas UNK44 and UNK45	Issued by CPUC 03/13/20
8	Additional work area to be used for the installation of an anchor on existing pole #4393118E	Issued by CPUC 03/26/20
TEWS		
1	Use of existing access road at Construction Area UNK241 through UNK243	Issued by Aspen 09/12/19

CPUC Compliance Incidents, Project Memoranda (PMs) and Non-Compliance Reports (NCRs)

One Incident Report and no PMs or NCRs were issued by the CPUC EM during the subject reporting period. Table 3 summarizes the CPUC Incidents, PMs, and NCRs issued to date.

Table 3 - CPUC Incidents, Project Memoranda, and Non-Compliance Reports
(Updated 08/13/20)

Incident/PM/NCR	Regulatory Requirement	Date Issued	Segment	Description
Level 1 Incident	NTP requirement	08-20-19	Segment 1	Wood poles staged at Construction Areas not released for construction.
Level 1 Incident	SWPPP/BIO-2/AES-1	09-25-19	Segment 1	Construction equipment without secondary containment, staging area without screening, pipes without capping, and an open trench with gaps in covering.

Incident/ PM/NCR	Regulatory Requirement	Date Issued	Segment	Description
Level 1 incident	NTP/MMCRP	02-19-20	Segment 1	Distribution riser trenching outside of approved project disturbance limits between Construction Areas UNK44 and UNK45.
Level 1 incident	NTP/MMCRP	03-05-20	All	Weekly and daily reporting not adhering to the criterion stated in the MMCRP.
Level 1 incident	NBMP	04-22-20	Segment 1	Nest buffer reduction for a red-tailed hawk nest not managed in accordance with the Nesting Bird Management Plan (NBMP).
Level 1 incident	NBMP	07-31-20	Segment 1	No daily sweeps by a biological monitor for construction activities during the nesting season according to the NBMP.

PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1 – Completing loops and installing cable straps at Construction Area UNK250 (August 3, 2020).