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**PROJECT MEMORANDUM
SCE DPV 2 TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

To: Billie Blanchard, Project Manager, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: August 5, 2011
Subject: Weekly Report 02, July 25 to July 31, 2011

INTRODUCTION

This report provides a summary of the construction and compliance activities associated with the SCE DPV2 Transmission Project:

A summary of the Notices to Proceed (NTPs) 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 Requests (TEWS) is provided in Table 3.

CPUC/Aspen Environmental Monitors (EM): Jamie Miner was on site July 27 and 27.

DPV 2 CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIAL YARDS

NTP #1 was issued for construction and set-up of construction yards, including Desert Center 1 (DC1) and Desert Center 2 (DC2) Construction Yards.

Summary of Activity:

1. All initial construction activities, including grading, placement of gravel, installation of fencing, and implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs), were concluded at the DC1 Construction Yard by July 26 (see Figure 1). Further activities, such as power generation, are pending the preparation of a Temporary Extra Workspace (TEWS) or variance request by SCE depending on the duration of the activity.
2. Construction activities continued at DC2 and included grading, placement of geofabric and gravel, installation of exclusionary and project boundary fencing, and implementation of BMPs (Figures 2&3).

Environmental Compliance:

1. The SCE Environmental Inspector identified two vehicles parked overnight at DC1 that were not over plastic sheeting on July 26. He informed the contractor that all equipment/vehicles that are left overnight shall be properly parked.
2. The SCE Environmental Inspector identified an unsecured/uncontained plastic garbage bag with debris at DC1.
3. The SCE Environmental Inspector detailed two non-compliance issues (Level 1) related to excessive fugitive dust during clearing of trees and soil removal activities at DC2 on July 25 (see Figure 4&5). During clearing of trees, the contractor implemented more appropriate dust control measures after being informed of the issue. Soil removal activities were halted as no water truck was available at the time and only continued once a water truck was available.
4. The SCE Environmental Inspector identified one non-compliance issue (Level 1) related to excessive track-out of material throughout the day on July 26 along the east driveway at DC2. The track-out was observed prior to the installation of shaker plates. Shaker plates were installed later that day and no track-out issues were identified afterwards.



5. Per APM A-5, speed limit signs (15 mph) have been installed at entry points for each of the DC1 and DC2 Construction Yards.
6. Several trees were flagged with blue ribbon at DC2 yard and orange construction fencing has been installed so that these trees are being avoided during all construction activities.
7. The CPUC EM observed construction crews disposing of general waste in a large rollaway trash container previously dedicated to vegetative waste. Per condition BO-40, all food and other trash that could attract desert tortoise predators shall be disposed of in an established trash collection system with self-closing, sealable containers with latched lids. The CPUC EM informed contractor of issue and container was covered with fabric. The CPUC EM also reminded contractor of the requirement for appropriate trash containers.
8. The CPUC EM observed an unidentified bat flying over the project site on July 28. No roosting activity was detected.
9. A qualified cultural resource specialist was onsite during all grading activities at DC2.

No CPUC Non-Compliance Reports (NCRs) or Project Memoranda (PM) were issued for construction activities during the subject period.

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES DURING CONSTRUCTION (OTHER THAN CPUC EMS):

None

CPUC NOTICES TO PROCEED (NTPS)

Table 1 summarizes the CPUC Notice to Proceed for the DPV2 Project, to date. No additional Notice to Proceed Requests have been submitted to date.

TABLE 1
CPUC NTPs
(Updated 08/05/11)

NTP #/ Permit	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment #	Description
CPUC NTPs				
NTP #1	04/28/11	06/23/11	Yards	Authorization to proceed with the development of the Devers, Desert Center 1, Desert Center 2, Summit, Blythe, Perris, Beaumont, and Meniffee Construction Yards.

VARIANCE & TEMPORARY EXTRA WORKSPACE REQUESTS

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

TABLE 2
VARIANCE REQUESTS
(Updated 08/05/11)

Variance Request	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment #	Description
VR #1	05/06/11	05/24/11	Devers-Valley	Construction of traditional lattice towers instead of "Tetra" towers at two locations (Structures #1139 and #1140)
VR #2	04/21/11	05/25/11	All	Revisions to Mitigation Measure B-7d pertaining to seasonal restrictions for Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard and flat-tailed horned lizard to support consistency with conditions provided in the Biological Opinion.
VR #3	07/12/11	07/18/11	DC 1 & DC 2 Yards	Utilize offsite well location and installation of 12,000 gallon water tank for filling trucks.
VR #4	07/06/11	07/21/11	Menifee Yard	Expansion of Menifee Construction Yard, which would include approximately 5 acres of additional disturbance within the western portion of the parcel, for material storage and other activities.
VR #5	04/22/11	07/27/11	Substations	Modification of APM A-7 regarding carpooling for construction at substations.
VR #6	07/07/11	08/01/11	West of Devers, Yards	Request to remove Mitigation Measures B-13a and B-13b, and to modify B-1a, B-1a (revised), and B-7e pertaining to Western Riverside County MSHCP compliance.

TABLE 3
TEMPORARY EXTRA WORKSPACE (TEWS) REQUESTS
(Updated 08/05/11)

TEWS Request	Date Requested	Date Approved	Segment #	Description
#1	07/20/11	07/27/11	Blythe Yard	Use of offsite hydrant and installation of water tank at location adjacent to Blythe Construction Yard
#2	07/28/11	08/05/11	Menifee Yard	Use of offsite hydrant, located along the frontage of the Menifee Construction Yard, and a flexible hose to supply water to a 4,000 gallon water truck.

Project Photographs



Figure 1: Construction activities completed at DC1 Yard. View north from yard entrance.



Figure 2: Ongoing construction activities occurring at DC2 Yard. View west along southern boundary of yard.



Figure 3: Ongoing grading activities occurring at DC2 Yard. View southwest from northeast corner of yard.



Figure 4: Excessive dust during tree removal activities at DC2.



Figure 5: Excessive dust during soil removal activities as DC2.