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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 11, 2011  
**Subject:** Weekly Report 03, August 1 to August 7, 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 August 3 and 4.

## **DPV 2 CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIAL YARDS**

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

### **Summary of Activity:**

1. Throughout the week, DC1 was used primarily for equipment storage and parking. Minor activities at this yard included repairs to a broken hinge on the entrance gate and privacy screens, removal of Best Management Practices (BMP) straw wattles, and leveling of  $\frac{3}{4}$ " gravel in areas from which wattles had been removed. When water trucks were not available, gravel was leveled using hand shovels to prevent fugitive dust (see Figure 1).
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 (see Figure 2).
3. Subsequent to the Pre-Construction Biological Survey Report submitted by Garcia and Associates (GANDA) on July 27, field verifications were conducted at the Blythe and Menifee Construction Yards by the CPUC EM on August 3 and 4. Additionally, a TEWS request submitted on July 29 for offsite water use at the Menifee Construction Yard was reviewed and field inspected.

### **Environmental Compliance:**

1. The SCE Environmental Compliance Monitor (ECM) noted visible material being tracked out onto roadway without sweepers at DC2 on August 2 (Level 1) (see Figure 3). SCE Representative was informed and sweepers were onsite within one hour.
2. On August 3, the SCE ECM identified a 613C scraper that was improperly parked overnight at DC2 (see Figure 4). The machine was only partially parked above plastic sheeting while the rear of the machine (where the fuel tank is located) was not parked above plastic sheeting. The ECM informed the contractor and geofabric was then placed underneath. However, the geofabric is a porous material that would be ineffective in the event of a leak. This event is not in compliance with the approved SWPPP for DC2, which states, "Place all equipment or vehicles, which are to be fueled, maintained and stored in a designated area fitted with appropriate BMPs."



3. Dust suppression was applied during all grading, gravel placement, and fence installation activities throughout the week.
4. BMPs, including straw wattles, secondary containment, and plastic sheeting (with the exception of the issue identified in #2, above), were considered sufficient.
5. On August 1, a truck arrived to mobilize the vegetation receptacle that was identified as a previous issue at DC2 (see Weekly Report #2, Environmental Compliance #7).

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 08/11/11)

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.
	08/05/11	Under Review	T/L	Installation of exclusionary fencing, Devers to Blythe. Bio and cultural pending.

## 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 08/11/11)

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	05/26/11	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	07/28/11	CRS Devers and Valley Substations, Series Capacitor Site	Modification of APM A-7 regarding carpooling for construction at substations.
VR #6	07/07/11	08/01/11	Menifee, Beaumont, Perris 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 08/11/11)

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	08/04/11	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:** Activities at DC1 included storage of equipment, removal of straw wattles, and localized leveling of gravel.



**Figure 2:** Exclusionary and project boundary fencing has been installed at DC2.





**Figure 3:** Trackout observed at DC2 (note gravel in foreground).



**Figure 4:** Equipment improperly parked at DC2 with only partial coverage of plastic sheeting underneath.