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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 18, 2011
Subject: Weekly Report 04, August 8 to August 14, 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 9 and 10.

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. No construction activities were conducted at DC1 or DC2 throughout the subject period. Any and all activities were limited to concluding work at those yards, such as minor fence repairs and clean-up.
2. Construction activities were initiated at the Blythe Construction Yard on Monday, August 8. These included mobilization to the yard, transport of materials, and installation of BMPs (e.g. straw wattles, shaker plates). Work at that location continued throughout the subject period and included continuation of BMP installation, removal of existing staking and silt fencing, grading, gravel placement, and fence post installation (see Figures 1 through 3).
3. A pre-construction survey report was submitted on August 12 for the Menifee, Beaumont, and Devers Construction Yards. A site visit was conducted by the CPUC EM at the Menifee Construction Yard on August 10 (see Figure 4). Although the survey results were submitted after this site visit, field verification was not required. This is due to the level of previous disturbance and existing fencing at that location and the CPUC EM's initial field verification conducted on August 3 and 4. To date, field verifications have not been performed at the Beaumont and Devers Construction Yards.

Environmental Compliance:

1. BMPs at the Blythe Construction Yard were inspected by the CPUC EM on August 9 and were considered sufficiently installed.
2. Dust suppression activities at the Blythe Construction Yard were observed by the SCE Environmental Compliance Monitor (ECM) throughout the subject period. The CPUC EM also observed water trucks continuously in use during the August 9 and 10 site visits (see Figure 5).
3. Plastic sheeting was installed at the Blythe Construction Yard for overnight storage of equipment and vehicles (see Figure 6).



4. Orange pylons had been installed at two locations within the Project boundary to provide avoidance area for previously identified special-status plant (Harwood's milk-vetch) sites (see Figure 7). ESA signs at these locations were suggested by the SCE ECM and are to be implemented next week.
5. Speed limit signs and rain gauges have been installed at the ingress/egress points for the Blythe Construction Yard.
6. A cement washout station was constructed at the Blythe Construction Yard to handle materials associated with fence post installation (see Figure 8).
7. A covered waste receptacle was delivered to the Blythe Construction Yard on August 8 and remained covered throughout the subject period.

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 08/18/11)

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 Menifee Construction Yards.
	08/05/11	Under Review	T/L	Installation of exclusionary fencing, Devers to Blythe. Biological resource information 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 08/18/11)

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)

Variance Request	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment #	Description
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.
VR #7	08/11/11	Under Review	Perris, Beaumont, Menifee, Blythe Yards	Request to utilize offsite water hydrants at Perris, Beaumont, Menifee, and Blythe Construction Yards.

TABLE 3
TEMPORARY EXTRA WORKSPACE (TEWS) REQUESTS
(Updated 08/18/11)

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: BMPs (straw wattles) were installed around the perimeter of the Blythe Construction Yard.



Figure 2: Gravel placement activities at the Blythe Construction Yard.



Figure 3: Fence post installation at the Blythe Construction Yard.



Figure 4: View west from the entrance gate of the Meniffee Construction Yard prior to construction activities.



Figure 5: Dust suppression being provided via water truck during grading activities at Blythe Construction Yard.



Figure 6: Plastic sheeting underneath overnight parking/storage area at Blythe Construction Yard.



Figure 7: Orange pylons placed at known Harwood's milk-vetch locations at Blythe Construction Yard. Note pin flags that had been installed the previous week.



Figure 8: Concrete wash out station being utilized at Blythe Construction Yard.