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### PROJECT MEMORANDUM SCE DPV2 TRANSMISSION PROJECT

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This report provides a summary of the construction and compliance activities associated with the SCE DPV2 Transmission Line and Red Bluff Substation Projects. This report is organized as follows:

- Transmission Line Construction
- Substation Construction and Upgrades
- Construction Yards and Other Workspaces

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). Additionally, a summary of Temporary Extra Workspace (TEWS) and non-compliance activities are provided in Tables 3 and 4, respectively. Table 5 provides a summary of transmission line construction progress to date.

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## TRANSMISSION LINE CONSTRUCTION

#### **Summary of Activity**

- 1. Colorado River Substation (CRS) to Red Bluff Substation
  - Maintenance of BMPs occurred at Towers 2562, 2563, 2565, 2567, 2569, 2627-2637, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2650, 2651, 2652, CR1-5E, and Wire Sites 93 and 94.
  - Grading activities occurred at the Pull Site for Tower M127-T2 and at Wire Site 96.
  - Tower foundation drilling activities occurred at Tower 2548.
  - Tower assembly and/or steel deliveries occurred at Towers 2543, 2548, 2553, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2626, 2627, 2629, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, and 2647.
  - Wire stringing activities were conducted at Towers 2534, 2535, 2536, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, and 2542.
- 2. Red Bluff Substation to Devers Substation
  - Installation of BMPs occurred at Towers 2018, 2422, and 2439, and Wire Sites RB-05, RB-06, RB-07, and RB-08.
  - Maintenance of BMPs occurred at Towers 2011, 2116, 2117, 2260, 2340, 2345, 2350, 2414, 2415, 2450, and 2456.
  - Spur road and crane pad grading occurred at Towers 2238, 2260, 2416, and 2452, and at Wire Sites RB-01, RB-02, RB-03, RB-05, RB-06, RB-07, and RB-08 (see Figure 1).

- Vegetation clearing occurred at Tower 2450 and Wire Sites RB-01, RB-02, and RB-03.
- Rock clearing and micropile foundation preparation occurred at Tower 2308.
- Micropile activities occurred at Towers 2307, 2309, 2310X, 2412, 2422, and 2424 (see Figure 2).
- Tower foundation drilling activities occurred at Towers 2237, 2238, 2242, 2244, 2246, 2251, 2412, 2443, 2443, 2443ALT, 2444, 2446, 2450, 2450, 2451, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, and 2511 (see Figure 3).
- Tower foundation concrete pouring activities occurred at Towers 2237, 2238, 2242, 2244, 2327, 2414, 2434, 2439, 2440, 2443, 2443ALT, 2450, and 2510.
- Tower assembly and/or steel deliveries occurred at Towers 2257, 2259, 2264, 2355, 2400, 2401, 2446, 2448, 2449, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2455, 2456, 2457, RB1-2W, RB1-4E, RB2-2W, and RB2-4E (see Figure 4).
- Wire stringing activities occurred at Towers RB1-3W, RB1-4W, RB1-2E, RB1-3E, RB1-4E, RB2-3W, and RB2-3E and associated Wire Sites (see Figure 5).
- Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard exclusionary fence repair occurred at Towers 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2101, 2102, 2115, 2126, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2211, 2240, and 2241.
- 3. Devers Substation to Valley Substation

#### Non-USFS Land

- Installation of BMPs occurred at Towers 1077, 1083, 1106, 1111, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1134, 1135, 1137, 1146, 1153, and 1155.
- Maintenance of BMPs occurred at Towers 1076, 1081, 1082, 1139 and 1140.
- Vegetation clearing occurred at Towers 1077 and 1081.
- Spur road and crane pad grading occurred at Towers 1077, 1080, 1110, 1135, 1137, 1145, 1146, 1153, and 1155.
- Maintenance grading on the right-if-way (ROW) access road occurred between Tower 1134 and Valley Road, and the road to Tower 1145.
- Rock clearing and micropile foundation preparation occurred at Towers 1032 and 1034.
- Tower foundation drilling activities occurred at Towers 1104, 1105, 1110, 1111, 1121, 1122, 1134, 1135, 1138, 1139, 1140, and 1148.
- Tower foundation concrete pouring activities occurred at Towers 1013, 1110, 1111, 1121, 1122, and 1134 (see Figure 6).
- Tower assembly and/or steel deliveries occurred at Tower 1065.
- Trenching for grounding wires occurred at Towers 1027, 1028, and 1030.
- Wire string activities completed and crew demobilized from Towers 1062 and 1063, R2 and R3, and associated pull sites in the Section 20 Reroute.

#### USFS Land

• Rock clearing and micropile foundation preparation occurred at Towers 1037 and 1038.

#### **Environmental Compliance**

- Per the requirements of the Paleontological Monitoring and Treatment Plan, approved paleontological monitors were present during grading and foundation drilling activities where required throughout the subject period.
- The CPUC EMs confirmed that approved desert tortoise Authorized Biologists were available at all applicable sites.
- The CPUC EMs confirmed Authorized Coachella Valley Fringe-toed monitors and handlers were onsite during construction activities at applicable sites.
- The CPUC EMs reported that foundation holes were adequately covered throughout the subject period.
- The CPUC EMs confirmed that wildlife ramps were employed to avoid wildlife entrapment during micropile foundation site preparation and drilling activities at Towers 2307, 2308, 2309, and 2310.
- SCE is currently providing the contractor with a list of sites that require BMP maintenance and a deadline date by which repairs at each site must be made according to conditions of the project SWPPPs. During the subject period, the SCE General Monitors identified a total of eight sites that required maintenance to BMPs and were subsequently added to the list. Additionally, the SCE General Monitors determined that there were four sites where maintenance activities were not conducted prior to the required deadline.
- During the subject period, there were two incidents associated with inadequate secondary containment reported.
- During the subject period there were two reported incidents associated with vehicles traveling at speeds exceeding the project speed limits. Each of these incidents occurred along the CRS access road.
- On September 24, the onsite Biological Monitor upon arrival to the site found a rebar cage outside of the disturbance area. This was believed to have been caused by a member of the public over the weekend. The rebar cage was resting against trees in chaparral habitat. No sensitive biological resources were harmed, but the cage did enter the edge of the jurisdictional waterway Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA). The rebar cage was relocated into the disturbance area. The impact outside of the disturbance area was not believed to have been caused by construction personnel.
- On September 26, a possible cultural resource was discovered between Devers to Valley during crane pad grading. SCE is currently in the process of analyzing the find.
- On September 27, the CPUC EM observed steel materials staged across straw wattle BMPs at Tower 2543 (see Figure 7). The CPUC EM notified the SCE Biological Monitor. The construction crew was reminded to remove the materials and contain materials to within BMP boundaries.
- On September 28, the SCE Biological Monitor reported that a maintenance truck for the portable restroom at Tower 2642 traveled over a straw wattle associated with a topsoil salvage site while backing up. The SCE Biological Monitor immediately notified the driver of the incident and provided a reminder that these areas were to be strictly avoided. To date, SCE has not provided information that details how this incident was further resolved.
- On September 28, the onsite Biological Monitor observed damage to paved McClean Road during mobilization of a drill rig from Tower 1140 to Tower 1139. Wood mats were placed on the roadway, but damage occurred when the rig had to make the turn. SCE has informed the CPUC EMs that repairs to roadways will be made at the end of the project or as requested by the County or local homeowners.

• On September 29, the SCE General Monitor reported a grout spill of approximately eight gallons at Tower 2310X when two grout hoppers (drums used to contain grout) rolled down the hill and one landed in a jurisdictional waterway, outside the disturbance area. A portion of the spill was cleaned up, but the subcontractor was unable to remove the remainder of the spill, as the location is very steep and rocky. On October 1, an initial investigation into the cause of this incident was conducted. Preliminary findings suggested a leg that supports the grout pump collapsed and tipped over resulting in the spill. A final incident report has not been released (see Figure 8).

No Non-Compliance Reports or Project Memoranda were issued during the subject period for Transmission Line activities. Non-Compliance activities for the project to date are summarized in Table 4.

#### Agency Representatives during Construction (Other than CPUC EMs):

• On September 26, Representatives from the BLM conducted a site visit with the CPUC EM to tower sites along the Devers to Valley portion of the alignment.

## SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADES

#### **Summary of Activity**

- 1. Colorado River Substation (CRS) (BLM Lands) Activities that occurred at CRS during the subject time period included foundation and wall panel work associated with the MEER building, installation of conductor cable, maintenance of V-ditches, drilling and concrete pouring for foundations, backfilling conduit trenches, excavating trenches for grounding, transformer pad construction, and perimeter wall finishing. Maintenance repairs along the CRS access road and side slopes are ongoing.
- 2. CRS Telecomm Line (BLM and Private Lands) No construction activities were conducted during the subject period.
- 3. Desert Center Telecomm Site (BLM and Private Lands) No construction activities were conducted during the subject period.
- 4. Chuckwalla Telecomm Site (BLM Lands) No construction activities were conducted during the subject period.
- 5. Series Capacitor (BLM Lands) No construction activities were conducted during the subject period.
- 6. Red Bluff Substation (BLM Lands) Activities that were conducted at the Red Bluff site included well pumping, crushing of native cut, trenching of slopes for grounding, drilling and pouring concrete, installation of forms, perimeter wall panels, and drainage features, transformer pad and WQMP construction, backfilling the drainage basin, and construction of the MEER building basement.
- 7. Devers Substation (Private Lands) Activities that were conducted for the Devers Substation expansion and upgrades included storm drain and drainage related work, concrete manhole installation, header board and grading work for the installation of natural pavement and fence posts placement. Activities in the southern end of the substation included activities associated with the 220 kV switchrack upgrades (see Figure 9).
- 8. Valley Substation (Private Lands) Activities within the Valley Substation activities included construction of existing position 8 switchrack circuit breakers and disconnect switches, and associated construction activities, all within the existing substation and established construction and staging areas (see Figure 10).

#### **Environmental Compliance**

• SCE General, Biological, and Archeological Monitors were onsite, as appropriate, throughout all construction activities associated with CRS, the Red Bluff Substation, Devers Substation, and the Series Capacitor sites.

- There was one incident reported at CRS associated with concrete washout basins filled over capacity during the subject period. The incident was resolved the same day as new washout basins were used to transfer the contents.
- On September 27, the SCE Biological Monitor for transmission line construction along the CRS access road notified the SCE Biological Monitor at CRS that a truck associated with servicing the portable restrooms contained two dogs. The CRS Monitor stopped the driver at the substation entrance and informed him that dogs are not allowed onsite. The driver was escorted offsite by the CRS Monitor. At no time did the dogs leave the vehicle. The driver's contract was subsequently cancelled.

No Non-Compliance Reports or Project Memoranda were issued during the subject period for Substation Construction and Upgrade activities. Non-Compliance activities for the project to date are summarized in Table 4.

#### Agency Representatives during Construction (Other than CPUC EMs):

• On September 26, Representatives from the BLM conducted a site visit with the CPUC EM to the Red Bluff Substation.

### CONSTRUCTION YARDS AND OTHER WORKSPACES

#### **Summary of Activity:**

Non-Federal Lands:

Blythe Yard (Material Yard/Contractor Show-Up Yard) – No construction activities occurred during the subject period. Activities are limited to minor maintenance, implementation of BMPs, material deliveries, temporary storage of construction equipment and materials, and worker vehicle parking.

Desert Center 1 Yard (Material Yard) – No construction activities occurred during the subject period. Activities are limited to minor maintenance, implementation of BMPs, and material deliveries.

Desert Center 2 Yard (Material Yard/Contractor Show-Up Yard) – No construction activities occurred during the subject period. Activities are limited to minor maintenance, implementation of BMPs, material deliveries, temporary storage of construction equipment and materials, and worker vehicle parking.

Chiriaco Summit Yard (Material Yard) – No construction activities were conducted during the subject period. Activities are limited to minor maintenance, implementation of BMPs, and material deliveries.

Indio Yard (Material Yard) – No construction activities occurred during the subject period. Activities are limited to minor maintenance, implementation of BMPs, and material deliveries.

Indio 2 Yard (Material Yard) – No construction activities were conducted during the subject period. Activities are limited to minor maintenance, implementation of BMPs, and material deliveries.

Devers Yard (Material Yard) – No construction activities were conducted during the subject time period. Activities are limited to minor maintenance, implementation of BMPs, and material deliveries.

Devers 2 Yard (Contractor Show-Up Yard) – No construction activities were conducted during the subject period. Activities are limited to minor maintenance, implementation of BMPs, temporary storage of construction equipment and materials, and worker vehicle parking.

Beaumont Yard (Material Yard) - No construction activities were conducted during the subject time period. Activities are limited to minor maintenance, implementation of BMPs, and material deliveries.

Beaumont 2 Yard (Contractor Show-Up Yard) – No construction activities were conducted during the subject period. Activities are limited to minor maintenance, implementation of BMPs, temporary storage of construction equipment and materials, and worker vehicle parking.

Menifee Yard (Contractor Show-Up Yard) – No construction activities were conducted during the subject period. Activities are limited to minor maintenance, implementation of BMPs, temporary storage of construction equipment and materials, and worker vehicle parking.

Perris Yard (Contractor Show-Up Yard) – No construction activities were conducted during the subject period. This yard is not currently being utilized.

#### **Environmental Compliance:**

- SCE Biological Monitors conducted biological sweeps at all construction yards throughout the subject time period.
- During the subject period there were two reported incidents associated with improper disposal of trash (including food scraps) at the Desert Center 2 (PAR) and Chiriaco Summit Yards.

No Non-Compliance Reports or Project Memoranda were issued during the subject period for Construction yard activities. Non-Compliance activities for the project to date are summarized in Table 4.

#### Agency Representatives during Construction (Other than CPUC EMs):

None.

## **CPUC/BLM NOTICES TO PROCEED (NTPS)**

Table 1 summarizes the CPUC/BLM Notices to Proceed (NTPs) for the DPV2 and Red Bluff Projects, to date.

NTP #/	Date	Date		
Permit	Requested	Issued	Segment	Description
			C	PUC 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.
NTP #2	08/05/11	09/09/11	T/L	Installation of exclusionary fencing, Devers to Blythe. No cultural resources affected. Bio pending.
NTP #3	08/26/11	09/19/11	Yards	Construction of Beaumont Construction Yard #2.
NTP #4	09/09/11	09/20/11	Yards	Construction of Indio Construction Yard.
NTP #5	09/16/11	10/11/11	Red Bluff Distribution Line	Upgrades to a segment of the existing SCE 12 kV circuit overhead distribution line to supply light and power to the Red Bluff Substation, non-BLM lands.
NTP #6	09/16/11	10/17/11	Substation	Authorization to proceed with improvements to the new Colorado River Substation on private lands, including extension of the existing 33 kV distribution line, instal- lation of a new telecommunication line, and access road improvements.
NTP #7	09/09/11	12/01/11	T/L – DPV1	Construction activities associated with a minor relocation of the Devers-Valley No. 1 Line (DV1).
NTP #8	10/08/11	12/02/11	T/L – CRS to Red Bluff	Construction of the DPV2 transmission line between Red Bluff and Colorado River Substations and replacement of existing DPV1 overhead ground wire; non-BLM lands.

#### TABLE 1 NTPS (Updated 10/17/12)

NTP #/ Permit	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment	Description
NTP #9	10/08/11	12/02/11	T/L – Devers to Red Bluff	Construction of the DPV2 transmission line between the existing Devers Substation and the new Red Bluff Substation; non-BLM lands.
NTP #10	10/08/11	12/02/11	T/L – Devers to Valley	Construction of the DPV2 transmission line between existing Devers and Valley Substations; not including San Bernardino National Forest lands.
NTP #11	11/08/11	12/10/11	Yards	Construction of Devers 2 and Indio 2 Construction Yards.
NTP #12	01/20/12	02/03/12	Yards	Construction of Desert Center 3 Construction Yard.
NTP #13	04/12/12	05/09/11	Substation	Devers Substation upgrades
NTP #14	06/13/12	06/20/12	Substation	Valley Substation upgrades
_	06/19/12	Retracted	T/L- Devers to Valley	H10- Helicopter Landing Zone
	07/16/12	Under Review	Substation	Colorado River Substation to Blythe South East Telecommunication Route
			B	SLM NTPs
BLM NTP #1	08/26/11	09/19/11	DPV2 Substation, T/L	Authorization to proceed with construction of the DPV2 Transmission Line, Colorado River Substation, and associated project components on BLM lands.
BLM NTP #2	08/26/11	09/19/11	Substation	Construction of Red Bluff Substation and associated project components, BLM lands.

## VARIANCE & TEMPORARY EXTRA WORKSPACE REQUESTS

Table 2 presents Variance Requests submitted to CPUC, BLM and/or USFS for review and approval. Table 3 presents CPUC Temporary Extra Workspace (TEWS) and BLM Level 1 requests that are submitted to the CPUC EMs for review and approval. Variance Requests and CPUC TEWS/BLM Level 1 requests submitted to date are summarized in Tables 2 and 3, respectively.

#### TABLE 2 VARIANCE REQUESTS (Updated 10/17/12)

Variance Request	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment	Description
		Pr	ivate Lands (CPU	IC Jurisdiction)
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.

Variance	Date	Date		
Request	Requested	Issued	Segment	Description
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	08/22/11	Perris, Beaumont, Menifee, Blythe Yards	Request to utilize offsite water hydrants at Perris, Beaumont, Menifee, and Blythe Construction Yards.
VR #8	08/26/11	08/27/11	Beaumont Yard	Request to install seeded jute netting along the property frontage at Beaumont Construction Yard.
VR #9	08/24/11	09/01/11	DC 2 Yard	Request for installation of temporary power poles outside of Desert Center 2 Construction Yard.
VR #10	08/26/11	09/01/11	Devers & Summit Yards	Utilize offsite water locations needed for dust suppression at Devers and Summit Construction Yards.
_	09/21/11	Retracted	Perris Yard	Request for additional workspace involving vegetation clearing, installation of BMPs, and temporary driveway installation at Perris Construction Yard.
VR #11	09/26/11	09/28/11	T/L	Two water sources for exclusionary fencing work.
VR #12	10/13/11	10/18/11	T/L	Request for parking/temporary staging of vehicles along existing access road within the Coachella Valley Preserve during exclusionary fencing activities.
VR #13	10/26/11	11/10/11	Devers Yard	Request for temporary power supply to provide power to construction trailer at the Devers #1 Construction Yard.
VR #14	11/10/11	11/28/11	Substation	Request for increased well pumping to support civil work, including access road improvements, at Colorado River Substation.
VR #15	12/13/11	12/14/11	Summit Yard	Request for temporary power outside yard boundaries required to power office trailers.
VR #15 Mod	04/25/12	05/02/12	Summit Yard	Request for temporary power modification.
VR #16	12/22/11	01/04/12	Project-wide	Request to approve alternate/extended work hours project-wide.

Variance Request	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment	Description
VR #17	01/04/12	01/09/12	Project-wide	Request to utilize existing approved construction yard and/or exclusionary fencing water sources for transmission line construction needs.
VR #18	10/25/12 10/26/12	Denied 01/13/12	Substation	Request to formalize changes to the Red Bluff MMCRP Mitigation Measure BIO-4 and Applicant Measure BIO-5.
VR #19	01/06/12	01/18/12	T/L	Request to allow the usage of helicopter landing zone H9-DV as a replacement for H8-DV.
VR #20	01/13/12	01/19/12	T/L	Request for the use of offsite water hydrants located in the Cabazon area for dust suppression.
VR#21	01/20/12	02/02/12	T/L	Request for the use of offsite water hydrants located in the Lake Tamarisk area for dust suppression
VR #21 Mod	03/16/12	03/21/12	T/L	Modification to VR #21. Request installation of two driveways and an underground water line adjacent to the approved stand tank locations at the Lake Tamarisk Resort water source.
VR #21 Mod	09/24/12	10/03/12	T/L	Request for a modification to Variance #21 for the expansion of the egress at the Lake Tamarisk water source.
VR #22	01/25/12	02/02/12	T/L	Request to install 10,000-gallon standing water tanks at three locations.
VR #23	01/27/12	02/21/12	T/L	Request to modify NTP #10 and MM AQ-1g for additional t-line helicopter construction.
VR #24	02/08/12	02/21/12	T/L	Request for approval to purchase MWD water credits in lieu of Colorado River water credits due to the unavailability of water allotments within the Colorado River Basin.
VR #25	02/10/12	02/28/12	T/L	Request for use of existing DPV1 access roads and spur/stub roads for parking and staging of vehicles and equipment.
VR #26	03/09/12	03/16/12	Substation	Request for the use of offsite water source located on a private date farm.
VR #27	03/09/12	03/20/12	Substation	Request for the use of offsite water source located off Corn Springs Road.
VR #28	03/22/12	03/30/12	T/L	DPV2 Gas Line Road.
VR #29	03/22/12	04/04/12	T/L	DVP1 minor relocation of outage pull sites.
VR #30	03/23/12	04/10/12	Substation	CRS pull sites.
VR #31	04/24/12	05/05/12	T/L	Helicopter landing zone H2 disturbance area revision
VR #32	03/16/12	05/08/12	T/L	HLS H7-DV boundary modification.
VR #33	04/26/12	05/17/12	T/L	Additional water hydrant locations
VR #35	05/11/12	05/15/12	Substation	Request to eliminate construction screening of the Devers Substation Expansion area.
VR #36	05/17/12	05/29/12	T/L	Three additional water stand tanks from Devers to Red Bluff

Variance	Date	Date		
Request	Requested	Issued	Segment	Description
VR #37	06/20/12	06/30/12	T/L	Request a disturbance area shift for Tower 1013 due to engineering changes.
VR #38	08/09/12 Revised	08/21/12	T/L	Request for additional water source locations in the Thousand Palms area.
VR #39	08/14/12	09/05/12	T/L	Request for additional access road use near Towers 2103, 2112, and 2260.
VR #40	08/22/12	09/11/12	T/L	Request for the use of an existing spur road to Tower 2242.
VR #41	09/10/12	09/12/12	T/L	Request for the use of additional access routes to Towers 1118-1122 and HLZ H9. These roads were previously approved through the TEWS process.
	04/12/12	Retracted	T/L	Preconstruction survey extension request from 14 days to 30 days. Petition for Modification required.
_	08/09/12 revised	Retracted	T/L	APM A-6 - Eliminate tarping on bottom dump trucks. Petition for Modification required.
VR #42	08/14/12	09/21/12	T/L	Request for a road to be used as a helicopter picking site near Tower 1031.
_	08/14/12	Retracted	T/L	Request that Helicopter Landing Zones (HLZs) on Devers to Valley be exempt from construction screening MM V-1a.
VR #43	09/18/12 (revised)	09/21/12	T/L	Request revisions to pull sites from Devers to Red Bluff.
VR #44	09/24/12	09/28/12	T/L	Request a stub road revision at Tower 1147.
VR #45	09/25/12	10/04/12	T/L	Request for the use of additional access roads on the Devers to Valley section.
VR #46	09/20/12	10/10/12	T/L	Helicopter Picking Locations for Sites 1112 and 1108.
VR #47	10/09/12 (revised)	To CPUC	T/L	Relocation of guard structures and an addition of an access road in the Devers to Red Bluff section.
	10/02/12	Under Review	T/L	Request for an additional water source in the Devers to Valley section.
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BLM #1	10/18/11	10/27/11	Substation	Request to install a temporary guard structure along the entrance of the existing transmission line access road for Colorado River Substation.
BLM #2	10/19/11	10/27/11	Substation	Request to approve 24-hour drilling operations at the CRS site.
BLM #3	01/24/12	02/28/12	Red Bluff	Rock Crushing
BLM #4	03/16/12	03/30/12	Substation	Red Bluff Loop-in pull site modifications.
BLM #5	03/22/12	05/18/12	T/L	DPV2 Gas Line Road.
BLM #6	03/23/12	04/10/12	Substation	CRS pull sites.
BLM #7	03/28/12	04/11/12	Substation	Request for HLZ (helicopter landing zone) at Red Bluff Loop-in Tower site RB1-2W.

Variance Request	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment	Description
BLM #8	04/06/12	05/16/12	Substation	Additional water sources @ Red Cloud Road, Red Bluff Substation.
DNA #1	10/27/11	12/07/11	Series Capacitor	Request for a slight expansion of the Series Capacitor site due to engineering conflicts.
DNA #2	12/21/11	02/01/12	Red Bluff	Request to install secondary well at Red Bluff Substation site.
DNA #3	12/22/11	05/24/12	Series Capacitor	Request to relocate a portion of the Imperial Irrigation District distribution line located at the Series Capacitor site.
DNA #4	02/01/12	05/24/12	T/L	Request for the addition of proposed helicopter construction and maintenance platforms to the description included in the Project Refinements 1 and 2 documents.
DNA #5	03/05/12	05/22/12	Red Bluff Loop-ins	Request to revise road locations.
DNA #6	04/04/12	04/17/12	Substation	Red Bluff Substation access road realignment.
DNA #7	04/12/12	05/22/12	Series Capacitor	Certain activities to be constructed within the footprint of the Series Capacitor bank.
DNA #8	05/02/12	07/31/12	T/L	Additional access route between Towers 2528X and 2527.
DNA #9	05/19/12	06/15/12	CRS	Request for a permanent turning radius along the CRS access road.
DNA #9	06/04/12	06/15/12	CRS	300-foot driveway along the CRS access road.
DNA #11	07/02/12	07/31/12	T/L	A Level 2 Variance request for a disturbance area shift at Tower 1013 due to engineering changes. This tower is located on BLM land.
	07/24/12	Retracted	T/L	APM A-6 - Eliminate tarping on bottom dump trucks.
BLM #9	04/04/12	09/21/12	T/L	Request for a HLZ and temporary disturbance area shifts near CRS.
	06/18/12	Under Review	Substation	Request to build a telecom site near Desert Center for Red Bluff Substation.
	07/30/12	Under Review	Substation	DNA for Colorado River Substation Telecommunication Distribution Line.
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USFS-1	03/15/12	03/20/12	T/L	SBNF engineering modifications (revised disturbance areas).

# TABLE 3 TEMPORARY EXTRA WORKSPACE (TEWS) REQUESTS (Updated 10/17/12)

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TEWS	Date	Date	Common 1	
Request	Requested	Approved	Segment	Description
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#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.
#3	08/16/11	08/16/11	Menifee Yard	Revised use of offsite hydrant, located along the frontage of the Menifee Construction Yard, approximately 200 yards north of previously approved location.
_	09/06/11	Retracted	Devers Yard	Revised use of offsite hydrant, including installation of above ground pipeline and water towers.
#4	09/29/11	09/29/11	T/L	Use of parking areas along primary access road within 400-ft total distance exclusionary fencing locations with exception of sites within the Coachella Valley Preserve.
#5	07/13/12	07/17/12	T/L	Request to use two existing access roads near Tower 1118 and 1119.
#6	07/31/12	08/03/12	T/L	Request to use an existing access road to Tower 1122
#7	08/01/12	08/03/12	T/L	Request to use an existing access road to H9
			BLN Leve	
Level 1 #1	06/06/12	06/11/12	Red Bluff Loop In	RB1-4E disturbance area shift.
Level 1 #2	07/12/12	08/06/12	T/L	Request for two stand tank locations. Received revised request from SCE on 08/06/12.
Level 1 #3	09/.13/12	Partial Approval on 09/17/12, Complete Approval on 09/24/12	T/L	Remove visual screening at Helicopter Landing Zones H1E H4 and H5. *Approved the removal of screening at H4 on 09/17/12. Approval of the removal of screening at H1E and H5 on 09/24/12.
Level 1 #4	09/14/12	09/17/12	T/L	Request to shift the tower disturbance area at Tower 2644.
Level 1 #5	09/14/12	09/19/12	T/L	Request to use an existing road (Ford Dry Lake Road) as access.
Level 1 #6	09/25/12	09/26/12	T/L	Request the use of an additional access route to Tower 1130.
Level 1 #7	10/09/12	10/11/12	T/L	Request to use an access road (Chuckwalla Valley road) near Tower 2574.

TEWS Request	Date Requested	Date Approved	Segment	Description				
	BLM Level 2A							
Level 2A #1	09/20/12	09/24/12	T/L	Request for pull site revisions from Devers to Red Bluff.				
Level 2A #2	10/04/12	10/05/12	T/L	Request for an access road to RB14 pull site near Red Bluff.				
Level 2A #3	10/04/12	Under Review	T/L	Request for additional disturbance area for pull sites and an access road near Red Bluff RB2-5E.				
Level 2A #4	10/05/12	10/10/12	T/L	Request to relocate two guard structures near Red Bluff.				
Level 2A #5	10/10/12	10/10/12	T/L	Request for additional disturbance area at Tower RB1-2W in order to build the tower prior to the scheduled outage.				

## NON-COMPLIANCES & INCIDENTS

Table 4 provides a summary of reported non-compliance incidents.

TABLE 4
CPUC NON-COMPLIANCE REPORTS & PROJECT MEMORANDA
(Updated 10/17/12)

Туре	Date Issued	Location	Description						
	CPUC Project Memoranda (PM)								
PM #1	10/28/11	CRS Dist. Line	Construction vehicles leaving marked disturbance limits at two locations along CRS distribution line.						
PM #2	01/18/12	Tower 2649/ CR1-2W	DPV2 Construction contractor vehicle driving outside of the approved tower and access road disturbance area limits.						
PM #3	03/08/12	Tower 1059 & 1060	Failure to comply with MM B-5 which requires that 300-foot buffers are established around active bird nests. Working within unapproved active nest buffers.						
PM #4	04/04/12	Tower 2515, 2520, & 2526	Impacts to desert pavement at Towers 2520 and 2526 by not implementing one of the approved methods stated in the revised Desert Pavement Plan. Impacts to desert tortoise habitat when a road was built near Tower 2515 that was not approved.						
PM #5	04/18/12	Along the main access road near Red Bluff	Excessive fugitive dust observed on multiple locations along the main access road near Red Bluff Substation. Violation of MM AQ-1a.						
PM #6	05/08/12	Along the T/L access roads	Construction vehicles observed driving off the approved access road limits at various locations along the T/L.						
PM # 7	06/01/12	Near Tower 2317	Two stand tanks were installed in an area that was not approved for the Project along the access road near Tower 2317.						

Туре	Date Issued	Location	Description				
PM #8	06/01/12	Along the access road near Tower 2310	Road base was installed along a portion of the access road to protect the utility crossing south of Tower 2310. This work was completed prior to the pre-construction verification and release of this road from the CPUC.				
PM #9	06/19/12	Tower 2126	Inadequate covering of foundation excavations at Tower 2126. Violation of BO-13.				
PM #10	09/21/12	Tower 1037	Work occurred at Tower 1037 without the Fire Patrol Representative on site, a requirement on the Fire Plan.				
CPUC Non-Compliance Reports (NCR)							
NCR #1	01/13/12	Project-wide	Unapproved removal of stick nests from DPV1 Transmission Line towers.				
NCR #2	05/18/12	Tower 2333	Failure to protect wildlife during construction which resulted in the death of a kit fox.				
NCR #3	06/04/12	Near Tower 2310	Road base was installed at two locations along the access road to protect the utility crossings near Tower 2310. This work was completed prior to the pre-construction verification and release of this road from the CPUC.				
NCR #4	07/02/12	Near 2303X	Road base installed along a portion on a road not approved for the Project.				
NCR #5	07/02/12	Near 2204 and 2205	Project equipment drove outside the approved road width along the access road near Towers 2204 and 2205. These towers are located within the Coachella Valley Preserve.				
NCR #6	07/06/12	Near Tower 1083	Project equipment drove outside the existing road width along the access road near Tower 1083.				
NCR #7	07/12/12	Tower 2437	Inadequate covering of a foundation excavation at Tower 2437. Violation of BO-13.				
NCR #8	07/23/12	Near Tower 2604	Project equipment drove outside the approved road limits along Chuckwalla road west of Tower 2604.				
NCR #9	08/28/12	Tower 2644	Construction work conducted outside the approved project limits.				
NCR #10	09/10/12	Towers 1153 and 1155	Construction work conducted at Towers 1153 and 1155 prior to the CPUC site verification and release to SCE.				

## **CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS**

Table 5 provides a summary of transmission line construction progress.

TABLE 5         CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS STATUS         (As of 10/09/12)								
Agency	Total	Released for Construction	Foundations Completed	Towers Erected	Wire Installed			
Non Federal (CPUC)	350	298	248	103	0			
Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	204	205	180	76	0			
US Forest Service (SBNF)	12	12	0	0	0			
Total	566	515	428	179	0			

# **PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS**



Figure 1. Grading activities at Tower 2416.



Figure 2. Micropile foundation drilling activities at Tower 2309.



Figure 3. Foundation drilling activities at Tower 2242.



Figure 4. Assembly crews onsite at Towers RB1-2W and RB2-2W.



Figure 5. Stringing of Red Bluff loop-in towers with equipment staged at Wire Site RB-11.



Figure 6. Tower foundation concrete pouring activities at Tower 1111.



Figure 7. Steel material staged across straw wattle BMPs at Tower 2543.



Figure 8. Grout spill at Tower 2310X. Photo courtesy of FRED.



Figure 9. Installation of road base prior to natural pavement at the Devers Substation.



Figure 10. Installation of conductors and insulators at the Valley Substation. Photo courtesy of FRED.