



Aspen *Environmental Group*

PROJECT MEMORANDUM SCE – VIEJO SYSTEM PROJECT

To: Jensen Uchida, CPUC
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Date: February 17, 2006
Subject: Weekly Report #76, February 5-11, 2006.
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jenny Slaughter

No site visit was scheduled during the subject week; however, the CPUC EM contacted SCE personnel to get clean up and restoration updates.

SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION

Construction of the substation is complete.

Summary of Activity:

1. Minor clean-up and maintenance activities in the substation are ongoing.
2. The pipe for the water line for the planned hydrant near the substation site has been removed and the main driveway into the substation site has been backfilled with slurry. The trench will be re-excavated at a later time once the issues surrounding the water line have been resolved.

Environmental Compliance:

1. All operations observed by the CPUC EM were in compliance with mitigation measures adopted in the MND and other permitting requirements. The large spoils pile behind the Viejo Substation is in the process of removal. The clean up of other items in the staging area is underway.
2. Straw wattles have been placed at the end of the driveway to prevent sediment from entering the public right-of-way and keep it away from storm drains during trenching for the water line. These Best Management Practices (BMPs) have been maintained through the duration of the project. SCE continues to minimize material tracked onto the public right-of-way and any dirt or mud on public roads is removed.

220 KV TRANSMISSION LINE SEGMENT

Summary of Activity:

No work on the 220 kV portion of the transmission corridor took place during the subject week.

Environmental Compliance:

1. The disturbance to the steep road leading from the main access road for the substation to the lattice towers caused by the communication trench has recently been rocked and compacted to address erosion concerns by SCE crews. The area adjacent to the project is dominated by native species and is part of a habitat conservation area.

66 kV TRANSMISSION LINE SEGMENT

Summary of Activity:

NTP #3, for the 66 kV work within the City of Lake Forest, was issued on February 1, 2005 and NTP #4 was issued on April 19, 2005 for the remaining 66 kV H-structures. Construction is spread between the Viejo Substation, through within Mission Viejo, to the Chiquita Substation (NTP #4). The structures are numbered 1 through 13, with Structure 13 immediately adjacent to the Viejo Substation and Structure 1 adjacent to the Chiquita Substation. Activities during the week included:

1. According to SCE, more dismantled steel poles have been removed from the right-of-way.
2. SCE has created a punch list of items for final project restoration. Items remaining include minor grading, sidewalk repair, dismantled pole removal, and installing v-ditches.

Environmental Compliance:

1. As reported, all work on the 66 kV right-of-way during the subject week was in compliance with the mitigation measures adopted in the MND and other permitting requirements.
2. The slope below the pads above the Viejo Substation have been covered with jute netting in preparation for restoration and native vegetation has emerged through the netting. The non-native species should be removed before they produce seed.

NOTICES TO PROCEED (NTP):

NTP #1 was approved for substation construction by the CPUC on July 15, 2004, and NTP #2 was approved for the 220 kV upgrade on September 29, 2004. NTP #3 for 66 kV within the City of Lake Forest was issued by CPUC on February 1, 2005. NTP #4 for the remaining 66 kV H-structures (Mission Viejo and City of Lake Forest) was issued by CPUC on April 19, 2005. No additional NTPs are anticipated.

VARIANCE REQUESTS:

No variance requests were submitted for review during the subject week.

UPCOMING ITEMS: None.

AGENCY PERSONNEL CONTACTS: None.