

	<p>California Public Utilities Commission <i>Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program</i></p>
	<p>Ten West Link Transmission Line Project</p> <p>Compliance Status Report: 01</p> <p>November 30, 2022</p>

SUMMARY

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is responsible for overseeing implementation of the mitigation measures (MMs) set forth in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Ten West Link Transmission Line Project. The CPUC has established a third-party monitoring program and adopted a Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program (MMCRP) to ensure that measures approved in the FEIS/Appendix 1C to mitigate or avoid impacts are implemented in the field. This MMCRP status report is intended to provide a description of construction activities on the Ten West Link Transmission Line Project (project), a summary of site inspections conducted by the CPUC’s third-party monitors, the compliance status of MMs required by the MMCRP, and anticipated construction activities. Photos of site observations are included in Attachment A of this report. Summaries of the Notices to Proceed (NTPs) and Minor Project Refinements (MPRs) are provided in Attachments B and C, respectively.

This compliance status report covers construction activities from November 1 to November 30, 2022.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE AND PROGRESS

DCR Transmission LLC (DCRT) began construction activities associated with NTP-1 in January 2022. These were limited to two days of geotechnical investigations in January (1/10/2022–1/11/2022) and one day in June (6/6/2022).

In November 2022, DCRT began full construction activities as authorized by NTP-2. During this reporting period, activities included civil work, foundation work, contractor yard preparation and set up, equipment and material deliveries, equipment staging, rebar cage assembly, right-of-way staking, and resource surveys.

All project activities are scheduled to be completed by the end of 2024.

MITIGATION MONITORING, COMPLIANCE, AND REPORTING

Site Inspections/Mitigation Monitoring

A CPUC third-party environmental compliance monitor conducted daily site visits in areas under active construction to verify implementation of the MMs stipulated in the project’s MMCRP. Observations were documented using site inspection forms, and the applicable applicant proposed measures (APMs) and MMs were reviewed in the field.

Implementation Actions

During this reporting period, the CPUC environmental compliance monitor observed environmental monitors on site, implementing measures intended to avoid resources. During site inspections, crews were observed utilizing weed wash cleaning stations prior to entering the right-of-way in accordance with APM-BIO-12 (see Photo 1, Attachment A). The environmental compliance monitor also observed roadways being sprayed with water to prevent fugitive dust in accordance with best management practice (BMP) BIO-34 (see Photo 2, Attachment A).

Mitigation Measure Tracking

MMs applicable to the construction activities were verified in the field and documented in the CPUC monitor reports. A complete list of MMs and APMs is included in the Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report, in the Decision as adopted by the CPUC on November 4, 2021 (Decision 21-11-003), and the MMCRP.

Compliance Status

Two non-compliance reports were issued during the reporting period and are detailed in Table 1. No resource damage resulted from either infraction, and DCRT has employed additional measures including retraining to resolve these incidents and prevent future infractions.

Table 1. Non-compliance Reports

NCR	Infraction	Issuing Agency	Applicable MM/Document	Date Reported	Date Resolved
001	Vehicle travel outside LOD at Structure 422 (Refer to BLM NCR No. 2)	BLM/CIC	Appendix B-2, APM-BIO-02; POD, Section 3.1.10.2, Access Roads in California Sand Dune Habitat; Appendix B-2, APM-BIO-17: Limit Off-road	11/16/22	11/16/22

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002	Structure 398 clearing vegetation within Mojave fringe-toad lizard habitat without presence of a biological monitor	CPUC/Dudek	POD, Appendix B-2, Mitigation Measures; and Appendix F-5, Mojave Fringe-Toed Lizard Avoidance and Clearance Plan	11/17/22	11/18/22

Notes: NCR = non-compliance report; MM = mitigation measure; LOD = Limits of Disturbance; BLM = Bureau of Land Management; CIC = Compliance Inspection Contractor; POD = Plan of Development; APM = applicant proposed measure; CPUC = California Public Utilities Commission.

ATTACHMENT A Photos



Photo 1: Crews using weed wash station in accordance with MM-BIO-12.



Photo 2: Crews are continually spraying roads to prevent fugitive dust in accordance with BMP-BIO-34.

ATTACHMENT A (Continued)



Photo 3: Materials delivery utilizing approved access road.



Photo 4: Wash station.

ATTACHMENT A (Continued)



Photo 5: Crews assembling rebar cages in contractor yard.

ATTACHMENT B Notices to Proceed

NTP No.	Date Issued	Description	Conditions Included (Y/N)
CPUC-001	12/02/2021	Geotechnical investigations	Y
CPUC-002	06/01/2022	All construction activities	Y

ATTACHMENT C

Minor Project Refinement Request

MPRR No.	Subject	Submittal Date	CPUC Approval Date	Status
MPRR 001	POD changes, etc. – refinements to the POD since February 2021	05/23/22	06/01/22	Complete
MPRR 002	Blythe Laydown Yard – add drawing for newly identified laydown yard location, which has been selected by the Construction Contractor	08/03/22	08/16/22	Complete
MPRR 003	The water needs for the project need to be refined, as it is anticipated that the volume analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be exceeded during construction	08/16/22	N/A	Pending resubmission from DCRT after comments received from CPUC 8/23/22
MPRR 004	Incorporation of all outstanding mapping changes in the California project area; includes Water Withdrawal Location from Palo Verde Irrigation District canal along 22nd Avenue/Buck Boulevard	10/07/22	10/24/22	Complete