

# PROJECT MEMORANDUM SYCAMORE-PEÑASQUITOS 230-KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

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To: Billie Blanchard, CPUC Project Manager

From: Sheila Hoyer, CPUC Monitoring Supervisor

**Subject:** Weekly Report #67 – April 9 to April 14, 2018

# INTRODUCTION

This report provides a summary of the construction and compliance activities associated with the SDG&E Sycamore-Peñasquitos 230-kV Transmission Line Project for the week of April 9 to April 14, 2018.

A summary of the Notices to Proceed, Minor Project Refinement, and Temporary Extra Workspace Requests are provided in Tables 1, 2, and 3, respectively. A summary of Noncompliance, Project Memoranda and Incidents is provided in Table 4. Daily Inspection Reports are provided in Appendix A.

CPUC/Panorama Environmental Monitors (EMs): Korey Klutz

#### STAGING YARDS

**Summary of Activity:** 

# **Stonebridge Staging Yard:**

1. Delivering equipment; inspecting BMPs; and demobilizing equipment.

# **Driving Range Staging Yard:**

1. Delivering equipment and inspecting BMPs.

# **Vulcan Staging Yard:**

1. Maintaining BMPs; delivering materials and equipment; and delivering, sorting, and removing spoil material from night excavations.

# **Crestmar Point Staging Area:**

1. Delivering materials and equipment; and inspecting BMPs.

#### **Underground Transmission Line:**

- 1. Nighttime construction activities: No activity.
- 2. Daytime construction activities occurred west of I-15 in Segment 5 in Sections 20 and 21 (approximately at Stations 311+00 to 401+00): Installing conduit; Installing cable; backfilling; and paving.
- 3. Daytime construction activities occurred east of I-15 in Segment 3 in Sections 7 through 15 (approximately at Stations 528+00 to P05): Installing and splicing cable; mandreling; installing conduit; and encasing.

# I-15 Crossing

1. Construction activities in Segment 5 (approximately at Station 402+50): Mobilizing the tunnel boring equipment in the sending bore pit located at the end of the Kearny Mesa Road cul-de-sac.

# **Overhead Transmission Line:**

- 1. P03: Termination splicing and removing scaffolding.
- 2. P04: No activity.
- 3. P05: No activity.
- 4. P06: No activity.
- 5. CC MM CP to E39: Replacing travelers.
- 6. E48: Overhead work.

# Peñasquitos Substation:

1. Preparing to pull wire; pulling wire to CC MM CP.

#### **Sycamore Substation:**

1. Building racks for new 230-kV and 138-kV lines.

#### **Environmental Compliance:**

- 1. All pavement was kept clean during this reporting period. No winds occurred that were higher than 20 mph. All off-road diesel-powered construction equipment met a minimum of EPA Tier 3 standards or had due diligence documentation provided to CPUC for it.
- 2. The contractor followed the recommendations from the Qualified Acoustician for work occurring in occupied habitat for the coastal California gnatcatcher or least Bell's vireo within or adjacent to the Multiple Habitat Planning Area (MHPA). Specifically, idling (including bucket trucks) was prohibited, the use of vehicle radios or any other kind of amplification was prohibited, loud conversation/yelling was discouraged, and work was limited to one active truck in a given work location. Nesting bird surveys were conducted on April 12, 2018, for proposed trenching activities on Pomerado Road, Segment 3, Section 1, between stations 415 and 421. No nesting birds were observed during the survey. During this reporting period, daily nest monitoring was conducted on a pair of common ravens building a nest near the west side sending bore pit, Segment 4, West of I-15. Nest monitoring will continue until it is determined that the young have fledged. Daily nest monitoring occurred for the three house finch nests that are located on structures E40, E42 and E43 within the western overhead alignment. On April 14, 2018, it

was determined that the nests at E40 and E43 were no longer active; therefore, the structures were taped to prevent future nesting activity. During daily nest monitoring at structure E42, the Qualified Biologist observed sticks on an arm bracket from below the structure. However, due to the height of the arm bracket and the behavior of the house finches, it is difficult to ascertain the status of the nest. Full-time monitoring will continue at structure E42 until it is determined that the young have fledged, it is not an active nest, or construction activities cease at this structure. Monitoring for special-status species was implemented to avoid and minimize impacts to biological resources. No other special-status species were observed during the monitoring period. All project equipment arrived clean and free of mud and/or vegetation.

- 3. During this reporting period, archaeological, paleontological, and Native American monitors were on site for ground-disturbing activities in areas with a moderate to high potential for encountering resources. Archaeological, Native American, and paleontological monitoring continued for drilling in areas of high potential for paleontologically sensitive deposits and archaeological resources. During this reporting period, cultural monitors and a paleontological monitor were on standby for drilling activities east of I-15 while a construction crew repaired the drill. No cultural or paleontological resources were observed during the monitoring effort this reporting period.
- 4. No hazardous materials releases were recorded during this reporting period.
- 5. All construction activities occurred in accordance with the approved Construction Fire Prevention Plan. All construction vehicles were equipped with the required fire tools. No fire incidents were reported during this reporting period.
- 6. No nighttime construction activities occurred during this reporting period. Daytime underground construction activities occurred Monday through Saturday, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Daytime construction activities occurred in accordance with the City of San Diego approved Traffic Control Permits and Noise Permits.
- 7. Project personnel parked their personal vehicles within a designated personal vehicle parking area within the project limits within the Stonebridge Staging Yard. Workers parked within the work limits of the Driving Range Staging Yard or parked on the adjacent public street. Traffic Control Permits were obtained from the City of San Diego.
- 8. The QSP conducted required daily inspections during this reporting period. The QSP conducted a pre-rain inspection on April 10, 2018; however, the forecasted rain did not occur. Additionally, the Environmental Inspectors inspected equipment to ensure that drip pans were being placed under equipment by the contractor. All trash receptacles were covered daily, ingress/egress areas were hand-swept, a street sweeper was used in and around work areas, and regular BMP maintenance and installation was conducted throughout the week.
- 9. All construction and compliance personnel on site during this reporting period completed the Project Safety and Environmental Awareness Program (SEAP). To date, approximately 1,813 project personnel have received the required SEAP training, and 1,709 project personnel have received the UXO training.
- 10. There were no Compliance Level incidents during this reporting period.

- 11. No complaints were received during this reporting period.
- 12. Agency Representatives during Construction (other than CPUC EMs): None

# **CPUC NOTICES TO PROCEED (NTPs)**

Table 1 summarizes the CPUC NTP activity for the SDG&E Sycamore-Peñasquitos 230-kV Transmission Line Project to date.

Table 1 CPUC NTPs

NTP #	Date Submitted	Date Issued	Segment #		Description
1	12/05/16	12/29/16	N/A		Mobilize and begin operations at the construction raging yards.
2	01/23/17	02/07/17	Segment B	S	construct the underground portion of the Project from ycamore Substation to Structure P03, and from tructure P05 to Structure CC MM CP.
3	02/03/17	02/27/17	Segment A	1.	Overhead construction from Sycamore Substation to Structure P06
			Segment C	2.	Overhead construction from Structure CC MM CP to the Peñasquitos Substation
				3.	Deepwell AC mitigation installation
				4.	Construction activities at Sycamore Canyon and Peñasquitos Substations

# MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT & TEMPORARY EXTRA WORKSPACE REQUESTS

Tables 2 and 3 summarize the Minor Project Refinements (MPRs) and Temporary Extra Workspace (TEWS) Requests have been submitted to date.

Table 2 Minor Project Refinement (MPR) Requests

MPR Request	Date Submitted	Date Issued	Segment #	Description
#1	12/06/16	1/11/17	Segment A	Underground 230-kV getaway from Sycamore Substation to Structure P03.
#2	01/17/17	01/24/17	Segment B	Realignment of the 230-kV underground transmission line from Miramar Road north on Black Mountain Road and west on Activity Road.
#3	03/06/17	03/08/17	Segment A	Provides temporary power to the SDG&E trailer at the Stonebridge Staging Yard through the existing power box located outside of the existing project boundary.
#4	04/18/17	04/20/17	Segment B	Modifies the approved 2.61-acre Vulcan Mine Yard location approximately 884 feet to the west to an approximately 1.71-acre paved area.
#5	07/10/17	07/11/17	Segment B	Establishes staging yards along southern perimeter of Pomerado Road and temporary work spaces north of P05 and P06
#6	08/03/17	08/04/17	Segment B	Establishes staging yards along southern and northern perimeters of Pomerado Road

MPR Request	Date Submitted	Date Issued	Segment #	Description
#7	08/25/17	08/28/17	Segments B, C	Establishes a staging yard at the southwest corner of the intersection of Pomerado Road and Avenue of Nations (previously approved in TEWS #1), and extends the temporary work space surrounding Structure E40
#8	09/12/17	Denied	South of Segment C	Adds temporary work areas around 16 poles and 14 guard structures south of Carroll Canyon Road and east of Interstate 805. The refinement area extends approximately 2 miles south of CC MM CP
#9	10/06/17	10/11/17	Segment B	Adds a paved, developed area off Crestmar Point for use as a staging area for vehicles and construction equipment.
#10	11/29/17	11/29/17	Segment B	Authorizes a newly identified underground route option for the crossing of Interstate-15, using a tunnel bore machine to install the 230-kV line
#11	11/22/17	11/29/17	Segment A	Adds approximately 0.13 acre of temporary work space to accommodate the installation of the 138-kV and 230-kV trench packages north of Sycamore Canyon Substation
#12	1/30/18	1/30/18	Segment B	Authorizes approximately 0.96 acre of additional temporary workspace located along Kearny Mesa Road and west of Interstate 15 for staging vehicles, equipment, and materials necessary for installing the 230-kV line under Interstate-15
#13	2/01/18	2/05/18	Segment B	Authorizes the installation of five guy wire anchors within an existing dirt access road between structures P05 and P06 to stabilize and support structure P05 during trenching and retaining wall construction activities
#14	3/29/18	3/30/18	Segment B	Authorizes an approximately 0.44 acre of additional temporary workspace located just northwest of structure CC MM CP

Table 3 Temporary Extra Workspace (TEWS) Requests

TEWS Request	Date Submitted	Date Issued	Segment #	Description
#1	06/29/17	07/05/17	В	Additional staging area located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Pomerado Road and Avenue of Nations
#2	07/19/17	07/19/17	В	Addition to approved temporary work area on Pomerado Road
#3	09/02/17	09/04/17	С	New location for temporary guard structure 06 in a paved parking lot at the intersection of Lusk Boulevard and Wateridge Circle
#4	12/13/17	12/14/17	С	Temporary Work Space for a helicopter landing zone located within an asphalt-covered parking lot at 6925 Lusk Boulevard

TEWS	Date	Date	Segment	Description
Request	Submitted	Issued	#	
#5	12/27/17	12/29/17	А	Temporary Work Space to mobilize and stage a large crane that will be used to lift and install a vault located at station 676+00 on Stonebridge Parkway

# NON-COMPLIANCES, PROJECT MEMORANDA & INCIDENTS

No incidents occurred during this reporting period.

Table 4 Non-Compliances, Project Memoranda, and Other Incidents

Туре	Date	Location	Description
Level 1	04/12/2017	Segment B	Potable water was used in a street sweeper
Memoranda	04/19/2017	Segment B	Traffic incident at Driving Range Staging Yard
Level 1	04/24/2017	Segment B	Presence of trash along the project alignment
Level 1	05/01/2017	Segment B	Working outside of City-approved hours
Memoranda	05/03/2017	Segment B	Traffic incident at Snapple/7-Up Plant
Memoranda	05/18/2017	Segment B	Traffic incident at Station 169+89
Memoranda	05/23/2017	Segment B	Unauthorized non-stormwater discharge
Level 1	06/08/2017	Segment B	Non-adherence to approved Fire Plan
Level 2	06/15/2017	Segment B	Non-adherence to approved Fire Plan
Memoranda	07/06/2017	Segment B	Traffic incident at Carroll Canyon Road
Level 1	07/20/2017	Segment B	Non-adherence to approved Fire Plan
Memoranda	07/20/2017	Segment B	Traffic incident at Miralani Drive
Memoranda	08/03/2017	Segment B	Traffic incident at Pomerado Road
Memoranda	08/10/2017	Segment B	Unauthorized non-stormwater discharge
Level 1	08/16/2017	Segment B	Staging equipment outside of approved limits
Level 3	08/28/2017	Segment B	Non-adherence to approved Fire Plan Non-adherence to SEAP training requirement Working outside of approved limits
Level 1	08/29/2017	Segment C	Driving equipment on non-approved access road
Memoranda	09/07/2017	Segment B	Unauthorized non-stormwater discharge
Memoranda	09/14/2017	Segment B	Spot fire on Pomerado Road caused by grinding activity spark
Level 1	01/14/2018	Segment C	Construction materials going outside of approved work limits
Memoranda	03/02/2018	Segment B	Traffic incident at Miramar Road

# 2018-04-10 AM Inspection Report



SDG&E Sycamore-Peñasquitos 230-kV Transmission Line Project: Daily Inspection Report

 Inspection Date
 2018-04-10

 Start Time
 10:00:00

 End Time
 15:12:00

 Monitor Name
 Korey Klutz

Organization Panorama Environmental, Inc. (Panorama)

Summary of Construction

Activities

Work continues from west to east within the ROW. Overhead work at CC MM CP north to Penasquitos Substation. Active bird nest at E40, E42 and E43 (near E Ocean Air Drive). Bird monitors present at poles where finch nesting behavior observed. No impact documented by monitors. Vault work for cable install and fiber install continues from Trade Street east to Stonebridge Parkway. P05 access road work and P03

clean up. Scaffolding at P03 will come down tomorrow and will then go up at P05.

Summary of Compliance

Activities

 $\textbf{LEI and } \\ \underline{\text{monitors onsite actively ensuring compliance.}} \\ \textbf{Traffic control measures were implemented as}$ 

approved.

Were any issues encountered? No

#### **Photo Log**

Photo



Caption Nest monitor at Pole E40.

Photo Attributes Capture Date/Time: Tue Apr 10 2018 14:14:44 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Coordinates: 32.912890, -117.216940

View Direction: West



Caption Safety and traffic control measures implemented for overhead work.

Photo Attributes Capture Date/Time: Tue Apr 10 2018 13:42:37 GMT-0700 (PDT) Coordinates: 32.901915, -117.210254 View Direction: South

Photo



Caption Vault leveling in access road to P05. Note fire equipment on site.

Capture Date/Time: Tue Apr 10 2018 12:30:37 GMT-0700 (PDT) Coordinates: 32.922188, -117.043456 View Direction: North Photo Attributes



Traffic control on Stonebridge Parkway. Caption

Photo Attributes Capture Date/Time: Tue Apr 10 2018 11:30:14 GMT-0700 (PDT) Coordinates: 32.921706, -117.047084 View Direction: East

Photo



Caption West I-15 bore pit staging area.

Capture Date/Time: Tue Apr 10 2018 11:14:22 GMT-0700 (PDT) Coordinates: 32.894570, -117.117522 View Direction: North Photo Attributes



Caption Henkel crane with drip pan.

Photo Attributes Capture Date/Time: Tue Apr 10 2018 10:46:34 GMT-0700 (PDT) Coordinates: 32.890358, -117.204119

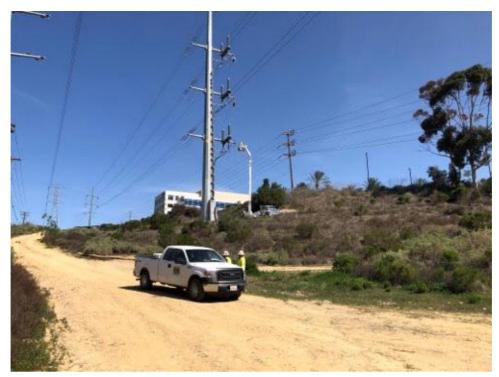
View Direction: North

Photo



Access gate for staging area north of CC MM CP. Note rumble plates not present at gate entrance. Plates are aligned for adjacent fenced storage area. Caption

Capture Date/Time: Tue Apr 10 2018 10:44:52 GMT-0700 (PDT) Coordinates: 32.890494, -117.204343 View Direction: West Photo Attributes



Caption Wire pull prep work with lift at CC MM CP.

Photo Attributes Capture Date/Time: Tue Apr 10 2018 10:38:23 GMT-0700 (PDT) Coordinates: 32.889383, -117.203078

View Direction: North

Photo



Caption Wire pull equipment beneath Carroll Canyon Road bridge.

Capture Date/Time: Tue Apr 10 2018 10:37:26 GMT-0700 (PDT) Coordinates: 32.889427, -117.203030 View Direction: East Photo Attributes



Overhead work at CC MM CP. Caption

Photo Attributes Capture Date/Time: Tue Apr 10 2018 10:32:49 GMT-0700 (PDT)

Coordinates: 32.889671, -117.202645

View Direction: Northwest

#### **Daily Checklist**

Q1 - General Avoidance and Minimization: (a) Were the limits of work areas and access roads clearly marked? (b) Were construction activities limited to CPUC-approved work areas?

Met Requirements

Met Requirements

Q1 Notes

All work conducted within approved work areas.

Q2 - Air Quality/GHG: (a) Were dust avoidance and minimization requirements implemented and monitored adequately? (b) Was dust generation below required thresholds? (c) Were equipment and vehicles maintained and operated in a manner to limit emissions? (d) Was organic waste collected and separated from non-organic waste for appropriate composting or recycling, as appropriate?

Met Requirements

Q3 - Special-Status Plants: Were impact avoidance and minimization requirements for special-status plants implemented adequately (e.g., avoiding sensitive areas)?

Q4 - Wildlife (Non-Avian): Were impact avoidance and minimization Met Requirements requirements for wildlife implemented adequately (e.g., avoiding sensitive areas, covering excavations, and inspecting

equipment/trenches)?

Q5 - Nesting and Burrowing Birds: (a) Were active nests and occupied burrows identified and monitored during applicable seasons, as required? (b) Were impact avoidance and minimization requirements for any active nests or occupied burrows implemented adequately?

Met Requirements

Q5 Notes

Nest monitors were on site at E40, E42 and E43 Met Requirements

Q6 - Water Features and Aquatic Habitat: Were water features avoided?

Q7 - Stormwater, Erosion, and Sediment Control: (a) Were erosion and sediment control BMPs in place and functioning properly? (b) Were inactive or completed work areas stabilized and/or restored adequately?

Met Requirements

Q8 - Invasive Weed Control: Were procedures to prevent the spread of invasive weeds implemented adequately?

Met Requirements

Q9 - Hazardous Materials and Waste Management: (a) Were hazardous materials stored and labeled properly? (b) Was hazardous material waste disposed of appropriately? (c) Were any spills or leaks addressed adequately? (d) Was solid waste collected and disposed of adequately?

Met Requirements

Q10 - Fire Management: (a) Were fire prevention procedures in place? (b) Was firefighting equipment available on site?

Met Requirements

Q11 - Cultural, Paleontological, and Tribal Resources: (a) Were cultural, paleontological, and tribal resources monitoring and impact

Met Requirements

human remains were inadvertently discovered, were response procedures and protocols implemented as required? Q12 - Construction Noise: (a) Were noise minimization measures in Met Requirements place, as required? (b) If noise complaints were received, were they documented and addressed, as required? Q13 - Maintain Access: (a) Was access to driveways (e.g., Met Requirements businesses, schools, residences) maintained as required? (b) Was access to recreational areas maintained and appropriate signage installed? (c) Was pedestrian and bicycle access maintained, or were detours clearly defined? Q14 - Traffic Control (a) Were flaggers present at all times? (b) Met Requirements Were barriers, cones, and signs in place? (c) Were detours clearly

Q15 - Helicopter Use (a) Were helicopter use restrictions implemented adequately? (b) Were helicopter take-off and landing sites within prescribed limits?

avoidance occurring as required? (b) If potential resources or

Q16 - Worker Training and Communication: Have all workers on site received the required environmental trainings for the project?

Q17 - MMCRP Implementation: (a) Were project activities consistent with the approved project as defined in the EIR and subsequent CPUC authorizations? (b) Were MMCRP procedures implemented adequately?

N/A

Met Requirements

Met Requirements