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**PROJECT MEMORANDUM**  
**DOWN'S SUBSTATION EXPANSION PROJECT**

**To:** Eric Chiang, Project Manager, CPUC  
**From:** Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager  
**Date:** August 3, 2015  
**Subject:** Monitoring Report #33 – July 20 to July 26, 2015

This report provides a summary of the construction and compliance activities associated with the Southern California Edison (SCE) Downs Substation Expansion Project.

A summary of the Notices to Proceed (NTPs) for construction and Minor Project Change (MPC) activities are provided in Tables 1 and 2, respectively (below).

**CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM):** David DuBois was on site July 23, 2015.

**Work Schedule:** Work continued Monday through Friday during the subject period. No work occurred Saturday or Sunday.

## **CPUC NTPs**

### **#1 Downs Substation Expansion Site**

NTP #1 was issued on October 22, 2014 for the site preparation, grading, and construction of the Downs Substation expansion, adjacent to the existing Downs Substation on the corner of South Downs Street and West Ridgecrest Boulevard in Ridgecrest. NTP #1 included conditions that had to be satisfied prior to the start of construction.

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

1. Gravel and materials continue to be stored onsite. The substation expansion pad is approximately 95% complete.
2. No expansion site construction related activities occurred during the subject period.

#### **Environmental Compliance:**

1. Desert tortoise fencing continued to function along the property boundary fencing. No desert tortoises have been observed at the substation site since the start of construction.

### **#2 Linear Portion**

NTP #2 was issued on February 20, 2015 for the linear portion of the Project which includes 115 kV and fiber optic installations, and substation upgrades. NTP #2 included conditions that had to be satisfied prior to the start of construction.

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

1. Trenching work continued at McGen Substation during the subject period (see Figure 1).
2. Overhead work occurred between McGen Substation and Searles Substation during the subject week (see Figure 2).
3. Linear work is approximately 60% complete.

### Environmental Compliance:

1. On July 2nd, Biologists observed a desert tortoise near a known burrow location along the telecom route. Apart from inactive/historic den locations, this is the only sensitive biological resource affecting work areas as of the subject period.
2. Biological monitoring was conducted during the subject period. No sensitive biological resources were observed.
3. Trash containers were observed to be securely covered during the subject period.
4. No dust issues were observed.
5. Staking is in place around sensitive resource areas (see Figure 3).
6. Secondary containment was used under parked equipment.

### Notices to Proceed

Table 1 summarizes the Notices to Proceed (NTP) for the Downs Substation Expansion Project.

**Table 1**  
**Notices to Proceed (NTPs)**  
(Updated 08/03/15)

<b>NTP</b>	<b>Date Requested</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Phase</b>	<b>Description</b>
NTP #1	09/04/14	10/22/14	Downs Substation Expansion	Site preparation/grading, installation of substation components in the expanded Down's Substation footprint.
NTP #2	01/27/15	02/20/15	Remainder of the Project	115 kV and fiber optic installations, and substation upgrades.

### Minor Project Changes

Table 2 summarizes the Minor Project Changes for the Downs Substation Expansion Project.

**Table 2**  
**Minor Project Changes (MPCs)**  
(Updated 08/03/15)

<b>MPC</b>	<b>Date Requested</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>Phase</b>	<b>Description</b>
MPC #1	12/05/14	12/15/14	Downs Substation Expansion	Requests the use of an existing dirt roadway that connects the southwest corner of the work area to Church Avenue.
MPC #2	05/20/15	05/26/15	Downs Substation Expansion	Installation of privacy slats on all chain link fencing encompassing the perimeter of the Downs Substation, including the expansion area.

## PROJECT PHOTOGRAPH



Figure 1 – Trenching and underground work continued at McGen Substation during the subject period. View east, 7/16/2015 above, 7/23/15 below.



Figure 2 – Line crews installed telecom cables between McGen Substation and Searles Substation during the subject period. View southeast, 7/23/2015.



Figure 3 – Resource areas were clearly marked in the field. View northeast, 7/23/2015.