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#### PROJECT MEMORANDUM SCE TRANSMISSION PROJECTS, SEGMENTS 1 - 11

**To:** John Boccio, Project Manager, CPUC **From:** Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager

**Date:** October 25, 2010

**Subject:** Weekly Report 142 - October 10 to October 16, 2010

#### INTRODUCTION

This report provides a summary of the construction and compliance activities associated with the following SCE transmission projects:

- Antelope-Pardee 500 kV Transmission Project, Segment 1, including Antelope Substation expansion;
- Antelope Transmission Project, Segments 2, 3A and 3B, including the Windhub and Highwind Substations;
- Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project, Segments 4 through 11, including Whirlwind Substation and the expansion of Vincent Substation.

A summary of the Notices to Proceed with construction and Variance Request activity are also provided (see Tables 1 and 2, respectively, near the end of this report). Finally, a summary of Temporary Extra Workspace and non-compliance activity are provided in Tables 3 and 4, respectively.

CPUC/Aspen Environmental Monitors (EM): Stephanie Jayne, Jenny Slaughter and Allison Roth

# **SEGMENTS 1-3: ANTELOPE-PARDEE AND ANTELOPE TRANSMISSION PROJECT Summary of Activity:**

- 1. Construction of Segments 1, 2, and 3A have been completed. Segment 3B, from Windhub Substation to and including Highwind Substation, has not been constructed.
- 2. Construction activities in the Antelope Substation expansion consisted of groundwork being conducted for the 500 kV switchrack and construction of the MEER building. No materials were stored in the laydown yard during this reporting period. The spoil pile in front of the Antelope construction trailers is being smoothed out and will be covered with gravel. An SCE office trailer for TRTP 4-11 will be installed in this area.
- 3. Construction activities at the Windhub Substation included grading and civil work. ABB mobilized on October 5<sup>th</sup> and are working on circuit breakers.
- 4. Material for Segment 3B and the future Whirlwind Substation is being stored at the Highwind Yard.
- 5. Habitat restoration has not been completed in Segment 1. ECORP and Nature's Image are conducting maintenance activities including weeding in areas previously seeded. Areas still requiring treatment in Segment 1 include Wire Stringing Site 3 and Tower 9.
- 6. Revegetation for Segments 2 and 3A is scheduled for Fall 2010.

#### **Environmental Compliance:**

1. SCE is working to develop a solution for the channel incision that occurred immediately downstream of the rip-rapped stream channel at the Windhub Substation site. Once a plan is developed, it will be submitted to the CPUC. SCE is also pursuing the acquisition of the stream channel property.

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No Non-Compliance Reports or Project Memoranda were issued for Segment 3 construction activities during the subject period. Non-Compliance activities for the project to date are summarized in Table 4.

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

None

#### TECHAPI RENEWABLE TRANSMISSION PROJECT (TRTP) SEGMENTS 4-11

The SCE Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project was evaluated in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and a Certification of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) was granted by the CPUC on December 17, 2009.

#### **SEGMENTS 4, 5, AND 10 - ANTELOPE VALLEY**

#### **Summary of Activity**

- 1. Electrical and 220 kV work continued within the Vincent Substation. In the expansion area, the contractor UEC, drilled and poured concrete foundations for the dead ends.
- 2. Wire stringing for the LADWP outage on Segment 4 at Towers 34 and 35 was completed during this reporting period (see Figure 1). Materials and equipment were hauled off the site.
- 3. Activities at the Racetrack Yard included equipment maintenance, installation of green screen along the yard perimeter fence, and water line excavations. Material delivery and pulling wire into the trailers was conducted at Material Yard 28.
- 4. The following activities occurred on Segment 5: concrete was poured at Tower 61; drilling, setting rebar cages, and concrete pouring occurred at TSPs 2 through 5, near the Vincent Substation (see Figure 2); an H&M crew installed guard poles at Tower 37, and another crew started unclipping wire between Towers 30 and 37
- 5. Work activities conducted at the Rodeo Yard included completion of fence installation and vehicle and equipment staging.

#### **Environmental Compliance**:

- 1. On September 24, survey crews staking new tower positions damaged an archaeological feature at a tower site on the Segment 5. The CPUC was not notified of this damage for four days. An initial incident report was submitted to the CPUC and the ANF on October 4 and was followed by a treatment plan for the damage to the site. The treatment plan is currently under review by the Lead Agencies.
- 2. Two separate Level 1 non-compliances were issued by ICF (SCE's Biological Monitors) on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> for foundation holes not being properly covered at the end of the work day in the Vincent Substation expansion site.
- 3. Access road flagging on Segment 5, Towers 30 thru 47 was clearly marked. The ESA flagging and signage for the cultural site at Tower 40 was marked more clearly.
- 4. The CPUC EM noticed that a boom truck was parked outside the disturbance limits at a wire pull site near Tower 35 during the LADWP outage. Vegetation was crushed, but no resources were damaged. The Burns & McDonnell and SCE Environmental Coordinators were issued a verbal warning for this incident.
- 5. The CPUC EM spoke to the Lead Cultural Monitor with Pacific Legacy in regards to the damaged archaeological feature on Segment 5. The contractor, H&M is going to place a protective cover over the feature.

6. One Level 1 non-compliance was issued by ICF (SCE's Biological Monitors) on October 13<sup>th</sup> for microtrash in the Racetrack Yard.

Three SCE non-compliances were issued during the subject period for TRTP construction activities. No CPUC Non-Compliance Reports or Project Memoranda were issued for Segment 4, 5 & 10 construction activities during the subject period. Non-Compliance activities for the project to date are summarized in Table 4.

#### **Agency Representatives during Construction (other than CPUC EMs):**

None

#### SEGMENTS 6 AND 11 - ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST

#### **Summary of Activity**

1. The Final EIS was released by the Angeles National Forest (ANF) on September 14, 2010. The ANF Record of Decision was issued on October 4, 2010, and the Special Use Permit is anticipated for release in early-December. Construction is expected to begin in late-2010 or early-2011.

#### SEGMENTS 7 AND 8 - LOS ANGELES AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES

#### **Summary of Activity**

- 1. During the subject period, work on the Rio Hondo–Amador-Jose-Mesa line and Chino Substation 66 kV relocation was put on-hold while SCE crews worked on projects elsewhere.
- 2. Work on Segment 8 Telecom consisted of underground splice work in the City of Chino.
- 3. Segment 8, Phase 1: DCX crews removed and trimmed trees at Tower M23-T3 in preparation to build a shoo-fly.
- 4. Segment 8, Phase 2: Wilson construction crews continued work on the wreck-out of the Chino–Mira Loma No. 1 structures in the Cities of Chino and Ontario during the subject period. Work included the removal of wire and hardware from Towers M0-T2 to M0-T5 and M6-T6 to M7-T9 (see Figure 3). Additionally, DCX crews began scrapping towers (see Figure 4); materials were cut and then hauled off-site.
- 5. The contractor, Tri-State, began drilling foundations on the interset tower (M54-T3a) on Segment 7 in the City of Duarte (see Figure 5).
- 6. A DCX crew continued preparation work at the Huntington Yard in the City of Duarte. Work included blading vegetation on the yard, spreading straw wattles along the western perimeter, and preparing a containment area for construction equipment.

#### **Environmental Compliance**:

- 1. Various materials for the 66 kV work in Segment 8 are being stored in areas not approved under TRTP (outside of the Rio Hondo and Chino Substations). The CPUC EMs have informed SCE that a Variance would be required for use of both areas.
- 2. An incident report was submitted on October 25 documenting that no resource damage occurred as a result of the wire drop at Tower M57-T2 in Segment 8, Phase I.

No Non-Compliance Reports or Project Memoranda were issued during the subject period for Segment 7 and 8 construction activities. Non-Compliance activities for the project to date are summarized in Table 4.

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

None

## CPUC NOTICES TO PROCEED (NTPS) & ANF PERMITTING

Table 1 summarizes the CPUC Notice to Proceed and ANF permitting activity for the Antelope-Pardee Transmission Project, Segments 1, 2, and 3, to date.

# TABLE 1 CPUC NTPS & ANF PERMITTING

(Updated 10/25/2010)

(Updated 10/25/2010)					
NTP #/ Permit	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment #	Description	
CPUC NTPs, Segments 1-3					
For CPUC N' 106-107.	For CPUC NTP and Addendum activity on Segments 1-3 prior to 2010, please see Table 1 in Weekly Reports				
#26	12/18/09	01/05/10	1	Expansion of Antelope Substation.	
CPUC Addendum	12/21/09	01/19/10	1	Permanent AR 19 and access road to Const 34A.	
CPUC Addendum	12/21/09	01/19/10	1	Permanent refueling basin at Hydrant Yard.	
#27	12/23/09	01/05/10	3B	Oak Peak Communication Site	
CPUC Addendum	01/25/10	02/01/10	2	Reclassification of two temporary roads to permanent and relocation of transposition poles.	
Revised CPUC Addendum	02/10/10	02/19/10	2	Relocate two previously approved transposition towers from Const 110 to Const 105.	
#28	02/10/10	02/18/10	3B	Highwind Marshalling Yard	
#29	02/10/10	03/02/10	1	Relocation of the Sagebrush Transmission Line at the Antelope Substation expansion area.	
CPUC Addendum	03/17/10	03/26/10	3A	Vertical mulching, capping of a portion of the existing roadway, and making this overland route a permanent access for SCE operations and maintenance to Const 43.	
CPUC Addendum	04/06/10	04/27/10	3B	Elimination of transposition towers in Segment 3B.	
CPUC Addendum	04/16/10	04/22/10	1	Installation of fiber optics surrounding the Antelope Expansion.	
CPUC Addendum	05/25/10	06/04/10	1	Permanent overland travel routes for Operation and Maintenance inspections.	
CPUC Addendum	05/25/10	06/04/10	2	Permanent overland travel routes for Operation and Maintenance inspections.	
CPUC NTPs Segments 4-11					
#1	01/13/10	02/11/10	4, 5, 10	Yard 28	
#2	01/28/10	03/10/10	9	Vincent Substation Expansion	
#3	03/09/10	04/01/10	7,8	Rancho Vista Yard	
CPUC Addendum	04/09/10	04/19/10	9	Changes to Substation components.	
#4	01/27/10	04/26/10	7, 8	Segment 7 and 8 Cell Sites	
#5	01/27/10	04/30/10	7	Segment 7 Telecom	
#6	03/29/10	05/12/10	7,8	Mesa Materials Storage Yard	
#7	05/12/10	05/28/10	8	Segment 8 telecommunications.	

NTP #/	Date	Date	Segment	D
Permit #7 Mod	08/20/10	Issued 08/20/10	# 8	Description  Minor re-routes to Segment 8 Telecom
		06/04/10	8	
#8	04/27/10			Segment 8 Contractor Yards
#9	07/21/10	07/29/10	7	Segment 7 Contractor Yards
#10	04/08/10	08/03/10	7, 8	66 kV re-route and relocation
#11	05/08/10	08/12/10	8	Segment 8 Transmission Line, Chino Hills, Phase I
#12	07/28/10	08/20/10	4, 5, 10	Segment 4, 5, 10 Contractor Yards
#13	07/19/10	08/24/10	8	Segment 8 Transmission Line, Phase 2 and 3
#14	08/25/10	09/03/10	4	Partial Transmission Line work associated with an LADWP outage
#15	08/13/10	09/10/10	5	Segment 5 Transmission Line
#16	08/30/10	09/13/10	4	Segment 4 Transmission Line
#17	08/10/10	09/24/10	7	Segment 7 Transmission Line
#18	10/13/10	10/15/10	7	Potrero Grande Contractor Yard
	06/22/10	Under review	9	Whirlwind Substation
	10/08/10	Under review	10	Segment 10 Telecom.
	•	AN	NF PERMTT	ING – Segment 1, 6 & 11
	11/29/07	12/14/07	1	Radio Repeater – installation of a temporary radio repeater site on Sierra Pelona Ridge to provide communication during construction activities tied to the project. Improvement installation began Jan. 11
	09/27/07	12/14/07	1	Geotechnical testing – 23 geotechnical borings are authorized on National Forest lands to provide additional information that will be used in the design of the transmission towers. Notice to proceed was signed Jan 31 to begin work the week of Feb. 3
		07/14/08	1	Removal of the 66 kV conductor within the ANF, from tower 7-3 (near southern Forest boundary) to 16-3 (near Bouquet Reservoir) Phase I.
		09/23/08	1	Removal of the 66 kV conductor within the ANF, Phase II
		10/23/08	1	Construction of the 500 kV transmission line and wreck-out of the 66 kV towers in the ANF, Section 2.

## VARIANCE & TEMPORARY EXTRA WORKSPACE REQUESTS

Variance Requests and Temporary Extra Workspace (TEWS) Requests submitted to date are summarized in Tables 2 and 3, respectively.

### TABLE 2 VARIANCE REQUESTS (Updated 10/25/2010)

(Updated 10/25/2010)							
Variance Request	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment #	Description			
Variance Requests, Segments 1-3							
For Variance	For Variance Request activity on Segments 1-3 prior to 2010, please see Table 2 in Weekly Reports 106-107.						
VR #66	01/11/10	01/19/10	1	Modify the requirements of Mitigation Measure B-1a (Provide Restoration/Compensation for Impacts to Native Vegetation Communities) to fulfill a request from the property owner.			
VR #67	01/15/10	01/19/10	3A	Modify requirements of Mitigation Measure B-27b and APMs BIO-2 and BIO-7 to preserve cut Joshua trees onsite instead of off-site disposal to the extent possible for habitat creation purposes.			
VR #68	04/09/10	04/12/10	1	Release restoration requirements on road to wreck-out tower 20-4 in Section 3.			
VR #69	05/04/10	05/07/10	1	Contractor Yards surrounding Antelope Substation.			
VR #69 MOD	07/29/10	08/02/10	1	Additional space for storage at Antelope Substation for material being delivered for Antelope, Vincent and Whirlwind substations.			
VR #70	06/02/10	06/04/10	1	Additional disturbance areas adjacent to the pole erections for the 220 kV Sagebrush relocation work around the Antelope Substation.			
VR #71	06/22/10	06/23/10	1	Change in construction work hours for work on the Sagebrush 220 kV transmission line.			
VR #71 MOD #1	06/24/10	06/25/10	1	Expansion of construction hours for Sagebrush 220 kV T/L and foundation installation work at Antelope Substation.			
VR #71 MOD #2	07/08/10	07/09/10	1	Further expansion of construction hours for Antelope Substation construction.			
Variance Requests, Segments 4-11							
VR #1	03/25/10	03/26/10	9-Vincent	Expand grading area of Vincent substation by 15-feet for temporary turn around areas for equipment.			
VR #2	05/25/10	05/27/10	7	Relocation of helicopter landing zone for Segment 7 telecommunications work.			
VR #3	06/08/10	06/10/10	7	Clarification of Segment 7 Telecom construction operating hours and to work the weekend dates of June 12, 13, 19, and 20, within the City of Irwindale			
VR #4	08/11/10	08/13/10	9-Vincent	Utilize a fire hydrant along an unpaved spur road and also place two 10,000-gallon elevated water storage tanks adjacent to the hydrant.			
VR #5	08/20/10	08/20/10	7	Night work for Segment 7 Telecom			
VR #6	08/26/10	08/26/10	8	Work on weekends for Segment 8 Telecom.			
VR #7	09/10/10	09/16/10	8	New wire setup and pull sites for Segment 8 Phase 1			

Variance Request	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment #	Description
VR#8	09/16/10	09/16/10	8	Clarification of construction hours for Segment 8 Phase 1
VR #9	09/14/10	09/20/10	Yard 28 & Rancho Vista Yard	Hotwork (welding and cutting) at Yard 28 and Rancho Vista Yard.
verbal	10/08/10	10/08/10	8, Phases 2 & 3	Wire sites for construction on Sunday, October 10.
VR #10	10/08/10	10/13/10	8	Additional Phase 2 & 3 wire sites.
VR #11	10/01/10	10/15/10	8	Relief from focused biological survey requirements because of restricted property access, Phase I.
VR #12	10/06/10	10/15/10	8	Additional Phase I wire sites.

TABLE 3
TEMPORARY EXTRA WORKSPACE (TEWS) REQUESTS
(Updated 10/25/2010)

TEWS Request	Date Requested	Date Approved	Segment #	Description
			TEWS, Seg	ments 1-3
For TEWS ac	ctivity on Segm	ents 1-3 prior t	to 2010, please	see Table 3 in Weekly Reports 106-107.
			TEWS, Segi	ments 4-11
#1	09/30/10	09/30/10	7	Re-phasing work at a tower not previously identified on Rio Hondo-Amador-Jose-Mesa 66 kV
#2	10/8/10	10/8/10	4	Park a boom truck on LADWP access road during the outage
#3	1 0/12/10	10/12/10	8	Use a wire setup site not previously identified on Chino–Mira Loma No. 1
#4	10/21/10	10/21/10	7	Use a site not previously identified for staging of equipment and materials at Tower M54-T3a.

## NON-COMPLIANCES & INCIDENTS

A summary of Project Memorandum, Non-Compliance Reports, and other incidents to date is provided in Table 4.

TABLE 4
NON-COMPLIANCES, PROJECT MEMORANDA, AND OTHER INCIDENTS
(Undated 10/25/2010)

(Updated 10/25/2010)						
Туре	Date	Location	Description			
Non-Compliances, Project Memoranda & Other Incidents, Segments 1-3						
	For Non-Compliances, Project Memoranda & Other Incidents activity on Segments 1-3 prior to 2010, please see Table 4 in Weekly Reports 106-107.					
Project Memorandum	04/27/10	3A	Delivery of equipment to Tower 43 within an ESA without monitors present.			
Incident	05/10/10	2	Relocation of artifacts from archaeological site near Tower 21 during Segment 2 construction.			
Incident	05/12/10	Antelope Substation	Fugitive dust leaving grading area.			
	Non-Complian	ces, Project Me	emoranda, & Other Incidents, Segments 4-11			
Incident/Level 1 SCE NCR	03/24/10	Vincent Substation	Construction encroachment into California Thrasher nest buffer.			
Incident	04/20/10	Rancho Vista Yard	Equipment mobilized to site before resource fencing was verified by CPUC EM.			
Incident/Level 1 SCE NCR	05/12/10	Vincent Substation	Resource buffer encroachment, construction within nesting bird buffers along Rockyford road.			
Incident/Level 1 SCE NCR	05/13/10	Vincent Substation	Resource buffer for common raven encroachment within substation.			
Incident	05/28/10	Windhub Substation	1 gallon fuel spill outside of Windhub substation.			
Incident	06/02/10	Antelope Substation	Active nest disappeared from inside the engine compartment of a water truck at the expansion area over the holiday weekend.			
Incident	06/03/10	Antelope Substation	Construction activities taking place without biological clearance surveys taking place. Resource buffer staking were in place.			
Incident	06/04/10	Antelope Substation	Resource buffer encroachment in the expansion area. Vehicle entered a nest buffer area, nest was not found.			
Incident/Level 2 SCE NCR	06/13/10	Segment 7 Telecom	Helicopter unloaded personnel and equipment in an unauthorized area.			
Incident/Level 2 SCE NCR	06/17/10	Vincent Substation	Cement truck stopped within nesting bird buffer along Rockford road.			
Incident/Level 2 SCE NCR	6/22/2010	Yard 28 Materials Yard	Vehicle drove through bird buffer exclusion zone.			
Project Memorandum	06/23/10	Segment 8 West CY	Vegetation clearing without preconstruction biological or clearance surveys within TRTP right-of-way.			
Incident/Level 1 SCE NCR	06/24/10	Yard 28 Materials Yard	Verizon employee parked within a bird buffer exclusion zone.			

Туре	Date	Location	Description
Incident/Level 1 SCE NCR	7/6/10	Yard 28 Materials Yard	All Day Electric employee drove through a bird buffer exclusion zone.
Incident/Level 1 SCE NCR	8/3/10	Segment 7 Telecom	Crews began work without a monitor present.
Incident/Level 1 SCE NCR	09/9/10	Mesa Material Storage Yard	Water truck spraying water into jurisdictional drainage.
Incident/Level 1 SCE NCR	9/21/10	Mesa Material Storage Yard	SCE contractor on-site before biological sweep was completed.
Incident	9/21/10	Segment 8, Phase I	Wire drop at Tower M57-T2. Incident report has been requested by the CPUC.
Incident/Level 1 SCE NCR	9/24/10	Segment 5	Resource damage to a cultural site by survey crews.
Incident/Level 1 SCE NCR	10/1/10	Racetrack Yard	ICF, International (Biological Monitoring) issued an NCR for parking of vehicles outside the Yard boundaries.
Incident/Level 1 SCE NCR	10/09/10	Segment 4	Vehicle parked on a berm outside of work areas north of Tower 35.
Incident/Level 1 SCE NCR	10/09/10	Segment 4	Another vehicle parked on a berm outside of work areas north of Tower 35.
Incident/Level 1 SCE NCR	10/11/10	Vincent Substation Expansion	Foundation holes not covered at the end of the day.
Incident/Level 1 SCE NCR	10/12/10	Vincent Substation Expansion	Foundation holes not covered at the end of the day.
Incident/Level 1 SCE NCR	10/13/10	Racetrack Yard	Microtrash in the yard.
Incident	10/19/10	66 kV	Storage of materials outside of approved areas, Variance request pending.

## PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS



**Figure 1:** Segment 4, wire stringing at Towers 34 & 35 for the LADWP crossing.



**Figure 2:** Covered foundation hole at TSP 5 and plywood to protect the adjacent drainage, Segment 5.



**Figure 3:** A Wilson crew works to remove tower M0-T3 in the City of Chino, Segment 8 Phase 2.



**Figure 4:** A DCX crew scraps a tower in a nursery in the City of Ontario, Segment 8, Phase 2.



**Figure 5:** In the City of Duarte, Tri-State crews work to drill a foundation at interset tower M54-T3a on Segment 7.