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**PROJECT MEMORANDUM**  
**SCE DPV 2 TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

**To:** Billie Blanchard, Project Manager, CPUC  
**From:** Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager  
**Date:** July 26, 2011  
**Subject:** Weekly Report 01, July 18 to July 22, 2011

## **INTRODUCTION**

This report provides a summary of the construction and compliance activities associated with the SCE DPV2 Transmission Project. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approved the concurrent configuration of the DPV2 Project in separate decisions on January 25, 2007 and November 20, 2009. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) issued the Record of Decision for the project on July 13, 2011.

A summary of the Notices to Proceed (NTPs) 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 Requests (TEWS) is provided in Table 3.

**CPUC/Aspen Environmental Monitors (EM):** Jamie Miner, Jenny Slaughter

## **DPV 2 CONSTRUCTION AND MATERIAL YARDS**

NTP #1 was issued for construction and set-up of project-wide construction yards, including the Desert Center 1 (DC1) and Desert Center 2 (DC2) Construction Yards.

### **Summary of Activity:**

1. Final clearance surveys were conducted at the DC1 & 2 Construction Yards by GANDA on July 8, 2011 and field verifications were completed by the CPUC EM on July 18, 2011.
2. Mobilization activities at DC1 and DC2 Construction Yards and the offsite water location (north of DC1 and DC2) were initiated on July 19, 2011. These included the installation of a 12,000 gallon water tank at the offsite water location (see Figure 1), implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) at each of the construction yards, initial clearing and grading activities at each of the construction yards, development of ingress/egress driveways at DC2, and installation of privacy screen along existing chain link fence at DC1 (see Figure 2).
3. Orange construction fencing has been installed around two desert ironwood trees at the DC1 Construction Yard to limit construction activities around a verdin nest (non-breeding) within a desert ironwood tree and an adjacent tree that has been observed supporting verdin fledglings. Pursuant to a buffer reduction issued by California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) on July 18, 2011, the current buffer is 25 feet at each of these locations.

### **Environmental Compliance:**

1. Weed-free certified straw wattles were installed around the perimeter of each construction yard (see Figures 3 and 4). Plastic sheeting, anchored with sandbags, was installed at DC1 for overnight equipment parking (see Figure 5). Extra sandbags have been staged onsite at DC1. All BMPs were inspected and considered satisfactory.
2. As noted above, orange construction fencing has been installed around two desert ironwood trees at the DC1 Construction Yard in accordance with nesting buffer reductions issued by CDFG (see Figure 6).



3. Water required to comply with dust abatement mitigation is currently being drawn from an existing well located at the Lake Tamarisk Desert Resort community, north of the DC1 and DC2 Construction Yards. Dust abatement was conducted at the yards (see Figure 7)
4. Potential cultural resources (can scatters) were discovered during grading activities on July 19, 2011. Upon discovery, work was immediately halted and pin flags were installed around the area (see Figure 8). Cecil Gore (Lead Monitor-CH2MHILL) informed the CPUC EM and immediately called Patty Nevins (SCE) to report the discovery. Work crews were instructed to avoid the flagged area until further notice. To resolve the issue, SCE arranged for the presence of a full-time qualified cultural resources specialist to be onsite at all times during grading activities. This monitor was onsite the next day (July 20, 2011) and concluded that the discovered artifacts were of no historic value.

No CPUC Non-Compliance Reports (NCRs) or Project Memoranda (PM) were issued for construction activities during the subject period.

**AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES DURING CONSTRUCTION (OTHER THAN CPUC EMS):**

None

**CPUC NOTICES TO PROCEED (NTPS)**

Table 1 summarizes the CPUC issued Notices to Proceed for the DPV2 Project, to date.

**TABLE 1**  
**CPUC NTPs**  
(Updated 07/26/11)

NTP #/ Permit	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment #	Description
CPUC NTPs				
NTP #1	4/28/2011	6/23/2011	Yards	Authorization to proceed with the development of the Devers, Desert Center 1, Desert Center 2, Summit, Blythe, Perris, Beaumont, and Menifee Construction Yards.

## 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 07/26/11)

Variance Request	Date Requested	Date Issued	Segment #	Description
VR #1	5/6/2011	5/24/2011	Devers-Valley	Construction of traditional lattice towers instead of "Tetra" towers at two locations (Structures #1139 and #1140)
VR #2	4/21/2011	5/25/2011	All	Revisions to Mitigation Measure B-7d pertaining to seasonal restrictions for Coachella Valley fringe-toed lizard and flat-tailed horned lizard to support consistency with conditions provided in the Biological Opinion.
VR #3	7/12/2011	7/18/2011	DC 1 & DC 2 Yards	Utilize offsite well location and installation of 12,000 gallon water tank for filling trucks.
VR #4	7/6/2011	7/21/2011	Menifee Yard	Expansion of Menifee Construction Yard, which would include approximately 5 acres of additional disturbance within the western portion of the parcel, for material storage and other activities.
—	4/22/2011	Under Review	Substations	Modification of APM A-7 regarding carpooling for construction at substations.
—	7/7/2011	Under Review	West of Devers, Yards	Request to remove Mitigation Measures B-13a and B-13b, and to modify B-1a, B-1a (revised), and B-7e pertaining to Western Riverside County MSHCP compliance.

**TABLE 3**  
**TEMPORARY EXTRA WORKSPACE (TEWS) REQUESTS**  
(Updated 07/26/11)

TEWS Request	Date Requested	Date Approved	Segment #	Description
#1	7/20/2011	Under review	Yards	Use of offsite hydrant and installation of water tank at location adjacent to Blythe Construction Yard

## Project Photographs



**Figure 1:** Baker tank installed at water resource location north of DC1 and DC2.



**Figure 2:** Privacy screening installed along east fence line at DC1.



**Figure 3:** Straw wattles installed along existing eastern chain link fence line at DC1.



**Figure 4:** Installation of straw wattles being conducted at DC2.



**Figure 5:** Plastic sheeting with sandbag anchors installed for heavy equipment overnight parking at DC1.



**Figure 6:** Orange construction fencing identifying nest buffer limits in southeast corner of DC1.



**Figure 7:** Gravel placement and dust abatement activities occurring at DC1.



**Figure 8:** Potential cultural resource (can scatter) was identified during grading. Note pin flagging to delineate avoidance area until consultation with project archaeologist. Archaeologist later determined no cultural/historical significance.