



Southern California Edison

Devers Palos Verde 2 (DPV2) Transmission Line

Project Profile

Background

SCE constructed a 153 mile, 500 Kv transmission line in Riverside County to interconnect solar projects developed outside Blythe and Desert Center, CA. The transmission line brings renewable energy into western Riverside County and is the first linear undertaking of this size constructed since the original DPV line was installed in the early 1980's.

DEI Scope of Work

DEI was hired as a subcontractor to CH2Mhill, working under the purview of SCE's Corporate Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) group, to acquire local and regional permits necessary to facilitate construction of the transmission line and ancillary facilities.

DEI Team Activities

- Developed and implemented an overarching permit acquisition strategy
- Worked and coordinated with local and federal agencies related to the permitting/licensing process including, but not limited to: Federal Aviation Administration; California Department of Aeronautics; South Coast Air Quality Management District; Riverside County; and the cities of Banning, Beaumont, Blythe, Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs, Indio, Menifee, and Palm Springs
- Prepared plans and applications, and secured permits within expedited timelines and also acquired unplanned permits in response to changing field needs
- Served as a clearinghouse for agency inquiries, concerns and responses
- Provided environmental coordination services to EH&S on request

Results

- DEI acquired all requisite permits to support construction
- Developed expedited encroachment permit processes with multiple agencies to support line stringing activities
- Secured a grading exemption from the County of Riverside, saving the project substantial permit review times and application fees
- Secured concurrence from the FAA and California Department of Aeronautics regarding the classification of helicopter landing zones as temporary

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