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Summary:

There has been no kit fox activity on-site since the foxes were hazed to their new off-site den location. They have been tracked daily and have remained at that same location.

The suspect burrowing owl burrows were checked daily. The two more inactive burrows in blocks northwest of the site were both excavated after consecutive checks confirming their inactivity. The suspect burrow east of the site that has been more active of late has displayed more sign earlier in the week but tapered as the week progressed. Two additional suspect burrows with a live individual were found just west of that eastern burrow when 30 day pre-construction surveys were re-done. These burrows will continue to be checked for inactivity. Pre-construction surveys began in block 4 which will be continued into block 3 the next week.

Tortoises #6005 and #6006 appear to be well and have been tracked to their last known locations.

With the kit fox buffer removed, the vegetation removal in the northwest of the site is near completion. Site preparation and contouring for the second reservoir continued for Aggregate. Beta began work at the substation again and erected some poles for the collections system.

Monday:

The previously on-site kit foxes were tracked to their off-site den location. No construction activities occurred.

Tuesday:

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Wednesday:

All subcontractors returned on-site to regular activities. Aggregate continued site preparation, vault excavation, and countouring for the second pond. First Solar began vegetation removal in the kit fox buffer and proceeded to remove more vegetation northwest of the site.

Thursday:

Poles for the collection system were erected. Aggregate continued site preparation, vault excavation, and contouring in the second pond.

Friday:

Most of the vegetation in the northern part of the site was removed. Beta continued staging for poles along western side of the site. MSA bird netting was checked. Tortoises #6005 and #6006 were tracked. Pre-construction surveys continued and another two suspect burrowing owl burrows were found on the east side of the project.

Saturday:

The previously on-site kit foxes were tracked and remain at their off-site den. The suspect burrowing owl burrows were checked. No construction activities requiring a biological monitor occurred.

Sunday:

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