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Summary:

Telemetry for both kit foxes and tortoises continued throughout the week without any issues. Kit fox #73C30 was found at a new den location. Passive den observations occurred at the den during the week and more active den observations occurred outside the buffer zone. Tortoise #6001 continued to be tracked daily and remains in the same location. All the other tortoises were found in the same last known locations as well. Shade structures were installed between the perimeter security fence and tortoise fence for animals.

Aggregate continued work in the retention basin and the southeastern portion of the site, and continued work on the keyways in the switchyard and western basin, all of which was done with biological monitors. Visits to the northern weather station continued to be accompanied by a biologist throughout the week.

All other daily and weekly biological checks were completed without issues.

Monday:

Construction continues with Aggregate in the retention pond and the southeast portion of the site as well as the western basins and switchyard. All kit foxes and tortoise #6001 were accounted for. Visits to the north weather station were accompanied by a biologist daily throughout Friday.

Tuesday:

Aggregate continues work in the same areas. Three of the four kit foxes were tracked and all tortoises were tracked. A secondary motion sensor camera was installed at another kit fox run.

Wednesday:

Aggregate continues work as above and begins adding gravel to the keyways in the switchyard. All four kit foxes and tortoise #6001 were tracked.

Thursday:

Aggregate continues work in the same areas. All four kit foxes and tortoise #6001 were tracked.

Friday:

Telemetry of all translocated , on-site tortoises, and kit foxes were carried out without issues. Bird netting checks were completed. No construction activities requiring a biological monitor occurred.

Saturday:

All daily biological compliance checks and telemetry for tortoise #6001 and all the kit foxes occurred. No construction activities requiring a biological monitor occurred.

Sunday:

All daily biological compliance checks, telemetry for all concerned animals was completed. Observations occurred outside the buffer zone of the kit fox den to monitor activities. Further observations will occur to determine if there should be more concern regarding the behavior of one of the pups at the den. No construction activities requiring a biological monitor occurred.