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Summary:

Daily telemetry for kit foxes continued throughout the week with some movement of the foxes. All tortoises were tracked once and found in the same general location while tortoises #6001, #6005, and #6006 were tracked at least twice to ensure that they were in the same general locations and in good health.

Pre-construction surveys in areas that will have vegetation removed in the near future continued throughout the week. A few inactive dens were found and collapsed and a suspect active den was observed for three days and collapsed. Two other possibly active dens have been recently found and are currently under observation. All collapsed dens were sprayed with a natural deterrent to prevent future use.

Additional tortoise fence installation along the security fence of the storage area was completed this week. This fence will act as a deterrent to prevent kit fox access to the southern part of the site and will have additional ultrasonic emitters installed that can only be heard by animals near certain access areas of the fence and will not affect animals further away.

Aggregate continued work in the southern retention basins removing dirt with more equipment and compacting and grubbing the southeastern portion of the site. Additional gravel work in the switchyard and the western keyways also occurred. 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 throughout the week.

Monday:

All foxes and tortoises were tracked. The perimeter and interior tortoise fences were checked. Aggregate continued working in the southeast bringing soil from one of the southeast basin as gravel was added in the switchyard and work in the western keyways continued.

Tuesday:

All foxes were tracked. Pre-construction surveys were completed in the western part of the site and moved east. Aggregate continued working in the same areas through Thursday, as they were previously, with the addition of a new basin further east. First Solar staff was escorted to the northern weather station daily through Friday.

Wednesday:

All foxes were tracked today. Tortoise #6001 was also tracked and found in the same last known location. Pre-construction surveys were halted momentarily so to assist in the installation of tortoise fencing along the MSA.

Thursday:

All foxes were tracked as well as tortoise #6001. Installation of the tortoise fence for kit fox deterrence was completed. Pre-construction surveys were continued to the east of the site.

Friday:

All kit foxes and tortoises #6005, #6006, and #6001 were all tracked without issue. Bird netting was also checked as pre-construction surveys continued.

Saturday:

All kit foxes were tracked today and all areas with collapsed inactive dens were sprayed with a natural deterrent. Pre-construction surveys continued and moved into new areas northeast. Daily compliance checks were completed without issue. No construction activities requiring a biological monitor occurred.

Sunday:

All kit foxes were tracked again. Pre-construction surveys continued and will be heading east of the site. Daily compliance checks were completed without issue. No construction activities requiring a biological monitor occurred.