

**DESERT SUNLIGHT SOLAR PROJECT
WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT
BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES
DESERT CENTER, CALIFORNIA**

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Summary:

All tortoises have been behaving appropriately for the time of day and year. Activity has decreased with the cooler temperatures, and the amount of times tracked per week will also decrease as appropriate. Tortoise #6006 appears to have begun settling into a burrow while tortoise #6005 is still a little active.

The kit foxes were tracked daily and all have been frequenting their regular den locations with the exception of kit fox #73C30, which was found at a new den location. The on-site foxes continue to reside in the den just north of the MSA. Observations were done at the den site and bait stations were placed near the den location leading to the off-site artificial den locations.

Monthly raven surveys were completed during the weekend. Inner perimeter weed surveys were also completed with no new weeds observed. Burrowing owl surveys began along the buffer zone of the gen-tie line.

Aggregate continued to work just east of the southern portion of the western collections road. Syntech began surveying along the gen-tie line. Beta continued working at the substation and began work for the collections system.

Daily checks and fence inspections were completed without issue. During the fence inspections, off-site travel creating dust not related to the project was observed and off road tracks along the southern perimeter of the project not related to the project were observed. The pond with the netting partially removed has not attracted any additional ravens.

Monday:

Translocated and resident tortoises were tracked. Kit foxes were tracked to their typical den locations throughout the week. Aggregate continued clearing vegetation southeast of the newly created western collections road through Thursday. Translocated and resident tortoises were tracked. Syntech began staking activities along the gen-tie line through Thursday

Tuesday:

Control tortoises were tracked. Distances between baiting stations were increased. Off-site dust was observed north of the site.

Wednesday:

Translocated tortoises were tracked. Surveys for burrowing owl began on the gen-tie line and continued through the weekend.

Thursday:

Resident tortoises were tracked. Kit fox #73C30 was found at a new den location.

Friday:

Translocated and control tortoises were tracked. Inner perimeter weed surveys were completed.

Saturday:

Monthly raven surveys were completed. Kit foxes were tracked. The perimeter fence was inspected. Daily compliance checks were completed – an American avocet was found entangled in the pond netting. No construction activities took place on site that required biological monitors.

Sunday:

Kit foxes were tracked. The perimeter fence was inspected. Daily compliance checks were completed without issues. No construction activities took place on site that required biological monitors.