

**DESERT SUNLIGHT SOLAR PROJECT
WEEKLY PROGRESS REPORT
BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES
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Summary:

All tortoises have continued to behave normally for the time of year and the tracking schedule will be decreasing further due to the lower activity.

The on-site foxes still remain at the den just north of the MSA. Security cameras showed an unidentified fox in the MSA. A one-way exit was constructed, baited from the outside, and set with motion cameras, which yielded photos of an unidentified kit fox inside and later outside of the MSA. Bait was placed out inside of the MSA, bait was not taken and no further tracks were seen inside the MSA. It would appear the kit fox has gotten out of the MSA. All other kit foxes were tracked daily and remain at their typical den locations.

Aggregate continued removing vegetation in block 12 and bladed a new road from the southwest corner of the MSA to the west through the top portion of block 4 into the eastern portion of block 9. Syntech continued survey work along the gen-tie line throughout the week. Work in the substation and the collections system also continued.

Fence inspections were decreased to once a week due to less activity in the tortoises and completed without issue. The pond with the netting partially removed is still observed multiple times per day as the proper tools and equipment is acquired to safely remove the netting and all supporting wire. Wheel wash was fixed and working properly, however, there is excess water flowing and pooling on-site.

Monday:

A few translocated tortoises were tracked. All kit foxes were tracked and remained in their typical den locations throughout the week. Aggregate continued working in block 12. Syntech completed staking pole locations along the gen-tie. Beta continued underground conduit work in the substation and pier foundations for the collections system throughout the week.

Tuesday:

All tortoises and kit foxes were tracked to their normal den locations. Syntech continued staking pad locations along the gen-tie line. Aggregate continued grading block 12 and installing vaults in block 4. 30-day preconstruction burrowing owl surveys performed in blocks 6, 14 & 15.

Wednesday:

Cameras did not pick up kit fox in MSA and no new sign of kit fox in MSA. All foxes were tracked to their normal den locations. Aggregate still grubbing in block 12 and graded a road from southwest corner of MSA through the northern portion of block 4, southern portion of block 5 and into the east of block 9.

Thursday:

All kit foxes tracked to their normal den locations. Cameras in the MSA did not yield any new photos of foxes, kit fox in MSA may have gotten out. Aggregate continued grading in block 12 and installing vaults in block 4. 30-day preconstruction burrowing owl survey performed in blocks 12 & 18. Vegetation removal occurred outside of buffer area around the on-site kit fox den in block 6.

Friday:

Kit foxes were tracked to normal den locations. Bait was put out in MSA and not taken, believe fox has gotten out of MSA. Beta was pouring foundations for the collections system while some work continued at the substation. 30 day burrowing owl preconstruction surveys performed in western portions of blocks 5,6,7,&8. Vegetation removal occurred outside of buffer area around the on-site kit fox den in block 6. North wheel wash is having too much run off and water is pooling up.

Saturday:

Kit fox tracking and daily checks were completed without issue. No construction activities requiring a biological monitor occurred. Phase 3 burrowing owl survey was performed on the gen-tie line and in block 7, north of kit fox den, no owls observed.

Sunday:

Kit fox tracking and daily checks were completed without issue. No construction activities requiring a biological monitor occurred.