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Summary:

At the beginning of the week, a Kit-fox sheltering near construction activity was safely trapped and released unharmed off The Project. On Friday, at the end of the week, a different Kit-fox was found to have drowned in the reservoir. The bird netting installed around the water reservoir was found to be chewed-through, most likely by foxes; a steel mesh fence was installed the next day as preventative measures. Otherwise crews from the Soil Tech and Crown Fence subcontractors made progress around the Block 8 or "Nose" portion of The Project this week. They may finish next week.

Monday 9 Jan:

Crown Fence's security fencing around the Block 8 "Nose" resumed, without issue. Soil Tech resumed work around the Block 8 also on the tortoise fence. A Kit-fox was found sheltering in a disused section of water pipe. He was trapped and relocated off the project.

Tuesday 10 Jan:

The salvage of cactus and ocotillo specimens resumed today. Tortoise and security fencing around the Block 8 is ongoing.

Wednesday 11 Jan:

The translocated tortoises were checked and sleeping safe and sound, as were their control group counterparts.

Thursday 12 Jan:

Biologists make observations of the resident Kit-foxes and walk the tortoise-proof fence. Otherwise, fencing around the Block 8 continues.

Friday 13 Jan:

A young male Kit-fox is lost to drowning in the reservoir; construction of a wire mesh fence around the reservoir beings the next morning.

Saturday 14 Jan:

Only the reservoir fencing is underway today on the project, all other activities are suspended for the weekend.

Sunday 15 Jan:

The reservoir fence is completed, the biologists make observations, and apply fox deterrent to its perimeter.