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

# PROGRESS OF WEEK 8 3 – 9 OCTOBER 2011 PUBLIC INFORMATION



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#### **Summary:**

#### Monday 3 Oct:

The plants were transplanted today. The biologists made pre-clearance surveys of the Phase 2 area, advancing more than half to the Easternmost perimeter of The Project. Few signs of wildlife were seen.

#### **Tuesday 4 Oct:**

Biologists continued surveys in the Phase 2 area. Additional surveys were made in search of any sign of Burrowing owls.

#### **Wednesday 5 Oct:**

The biologists continued pre-clearance surveys of the Phase 2, and by the end of the day had nearly completed the entire southern half. No additional Burrowing owls were encountered.

#### Thursday 6 Oct:

All the health assessment samples tested negative to Desert tortoise disease antibodies! The Soil Tech tortoise fencing crews continued working toward the east completely enclosing the top of the Phase 1A by the end of the day. Two more Desert tortoises were encountered on the Chuckwalla Translocation Site and were given full health workups. The vegetation salvage crew transplanted many more cacti today, and two very large Ocotillo specimens.

# Friday 7 Oct:

Surveys continued on the Sunlight and Chuckwalla Translocation Sites.

# **Saturday 8 Oct:**

Cacti were transplanted to the nursery area between the Move On site and Keiser Road.

# **Sunday 9 Oct:**

No activities, no construction on the project site.