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

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Summary:

By all accounts, the safe and self-propelled departure of the fifth Desert tortoise known to inhabit the project (however briefly) was the highlight of the week. Other effort were the ongoing monitoring of the former Desert tortoise residents of the Phase 1B now residing on the Sunlight Translocation Site. Kit-fox management was also ongoing, and included Burrowing owl protocols when a Kit-fox den was found to also contain an owl. More cacti were salvaged and transplanted.

Monday 17 Oct:

The wandering tortoise discovered in the Phase 2 Area continues to head Southeast. Meanwhile, the four former residents of The Project are settling in.

Tuesday 18 Oct:

The wandering tortoise moving across the Eastern part of The Project walked off the project boundary this afternoon.

Wednesday 19 Oct:

Clearance of the Phase 1B area continues. The Desert tortoise fencing continues.
The second pass of the phase 1B was completed, and the third begun immediately.

Thursday 20 Oct:

Additional observations of Kit-fox and burrowing owls were made. Ironwood hosted a project-wide barbeque.

Friday 21 Oct:

More of the Phase 1B clearance was completed and a fourth pass was begun upon discovery of some additional Desert tortoise sign.

Saturday 22 Oct:

The fourth and last pass of the Phase 1B was more than 75% completed by the end of the day, and the Soil Tech fencing crews installed more fence.

Sunday 23 Oct:

The phase 1B area was cleared this morning, without finding any more additional tortoise sign. It and the Phase 2A were made available to construction immediately.