

Water/Utilities Report March 2014

Southern California Edison Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project:

SCE has started stringing power lines adjacent to the now-closed landfill. Two new transmission towers and a permanent access road is being constructed. SCE is funding habitat improvement and preservation of land at a different location in compensation for those permanent landscape impacts.

SCE reports that the work areas which include manufactured slopes will be re-contoured and decompacted as needed and where it will not compromise the integrity of the project infrastructure. The area will be seeded and/or planted with appropriate native coastal sage scrub species to restore native vegetation and wildlife habitat. SCE will then conduct regular maintenance of the restored areas. The site will be evaluated on an annual basis until it reaches standards in the CPUC Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan.

SCE Reports new Scam

A new scam is targeting people throughout the U.S. Fake e-mails request personal information or demand MONEY FOR PAST DUE BILLS. More than two thousand customers were contacted and asked for immediate payment and threatened service cut-off. Over 300 have fallen victim to the scam and losses are reported to be over \$225,000.

If you receive any suspicious e-mails, take the following steps:

- Do not click on any links in the e-mail or any attachments.
- Do not reply to the e-mail.
- Delete e-mail immediately.

If you receive one of these notices call SCE at 1-800-655-4555. For more information on how to protect your personal information, visit the Federal Trade Commission website at www.ftc.gov.

Water

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Next month water agencies in the San Gabriel Valley will begin major efforts to encourage their customers to conserve water. Grants to cities within the region will be available to those that reduce water use the most. Water efficient things like low flow nozzles, sprinkler heads, shower heads will be provided free or with rebates on their purchase. There will also be rebates for removing lawns and replacement with materials requiring little or reduced water. The price indicated is a rebate of \$2 for each square foot of living grass.

