

MEMORANDUM

To: Commissioners Cramer, Clark, Kalk

From: Patrick Fahn

Date: September 17, 2009

Subject: 1st Post-Construction Inspection of Basin Electric Power Coop Inc.'s
Antelope Valley Station water pipeline, Case No. PU-04-109

On September 16, 2009 I performed a post-construction inspection of the Antelope Valley Station water line constructed and owned by Basin Electric. I was accompanied by Cris Miller, Sr. Environmental Project Administrator and Jack Holt, Property and Right of Way Specialist.

There are a few locations that require further monitoring. These locations were discussed in Basin Electric's September 29, 2008 letter and grassland assessment to the Commission (docket #122 and #123):

- Segment A, located in T145N R88W Section 3 and T146N R88W Section 34 at approximately Station 225+00 to Station 233+00, needs future monitoring for the presence of noxious weeds, absinth wormwood and leafy spurge, and must be timely sprayed for these weeds to allow successful development into a native grassland in a couple of years.
- Segment B, located in T145N R88W Sections 1 and 3 at approximately Station 277+00 north to Station 238+00, is a saline area that was reseeded in 2009 with a seed mix that included more salt tolerant species. Future monitoring is necessary to determine revegetation success.
- Segment C, located in T145N R88W Section 2 at approximately Station 280+00 to Station 298+00, is a saline area that was reseeded in 2009 with a seed mix that included more salt tolerant species. Future monitoring is necessary to determine revegetation success.

I have requested that Basin Electric provide an update to its 2008 grassland assessment, to be filed with its annual tree and shrub survival report due October 1.



Absinth wormwood



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Leafy spurge