

SBCTA ON-CALL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Project Overview

VCS is the sole on-call environmental firm for San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA), providing environmental services including preparation of CEQA/NEPA documents and peer review of CEQA/NEPA documents including technical studies. VCS provides strategic planning and oversees jurisdictional resource field delineations and reports, as well as preparing biological reports, regulatory permit applications, CRAM assessments, and EIR compliance documents.

LOCATION:	San Bernardino County, California
PROONENT:	SBCTA
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CONTRACT:	\$3.7 million to-date
START DATE:	January 2009
END DATE:	In-progress

In the preparation and review of environmental documents for SBCTA, VCS's focus is to ensure compliance with Caltrans, FHWA, and FTA policies and guidelines to minimize delays in the agency review and approval process and provide strategic advocacy on SBCTA's behalf. In addition, VCS regularly interacts with regulatory agencies on behalf of SBCTA in support of their ongoing projects. To further support project efforts, VCS team members regularly attend Project Development Team (PDT) meetings, and coordinate extensively with project consultants. Project examples include:

I-10 Corridor Project: The 33-mile I-10 Corridor project will analyze the extension of the existing HOV lane as well as an alternative(s) for an additional 2 lanes, which may include Express Lanes. VCS is project managing the environmental portion of this project for SBCTA. Julie Vandermost is the lead for VCS and manages the Parsons environmental team in the preparation of an EIR/EIS. Julie participates in weekly senior management calls as well as in a weekly trends call, attends PDT meetings and represents SBCTA at all environmental subject meetings (i.e. noise, CIA, etc).

I-15/I-215 Devore Interchange: The I-15/I-215 Devore Interchange Improvements Project adds truck bypass lanes and travel lanes to one of the most heavily used goods-movement interchanges in the western United States. The Devore Interchange is one of the key priority projects for SBCTA. VCS provides environmental peer review services to SBCTA and was also asked to project manage the environmental components of the Devore project. Through the planning process, the project has gone from a SBCTA sponsored project to become a Caltrans Design-Build project.

Colton Crossing: VCS assisted Garry Cohoe by leading the environmental team to complete CEQA/NEPA documents including providing strategic direction related to the Delhi Sands Fly and potential cultural issues. In addition, Peter assisted in negotiations between SBCTA, the Union Pacific Railroad, and the

Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railroad. VCS provides construction monitoring support for the Colton Crossing project, a nationally significant project that grade separates the Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail lines in the City of Colton. This area had long been a choke point in the conveyance of national goods from southern California to the rest of the country. VCS conducts periodic field monitoring, conducted migratory bird surveys, oversees cultural monitoring, and provides on-call assistance to the contractor.

SR-210 Gap Closure: VCS oversees the preparation of environmental documents for the 7.2-mile Gap Closure on the SR-210 from Highland Interchange to San Bernardino Avenue. The project adds a third mixed-flow lane traveling both directions. VCS oversees the peer review of all documents and participates in PDT and team meetings.

SR-210 Pepper Avenue Interchange: VCS provides environmental oversight to the SR-210 Pepper Avenue Interchange for SBCTA. Pepper Avenue is currently being constructed by the City of Rialto and SBCTA is preparing PA/ED for the accompanying interchange. VCS participates in weekly team calls and regular PDT meetings. VCS also oversees peer review of ICF environmental documents for the project and provides strategic advice related to the environmental document and technical studies.

I-10 Pepper Avenue Interchange: VCS is preparing the CEQA-NEPA documentation for the I-10 Pepper Avenue Interchange project. The interchange is located in an area known for the Delhi Sands Flower-Loving Fly. VCS is providing strategic advice on project design to minimize impacts and mitigation pursuant to the USFWS Section 7 consultation. VCS is also working closely with the design engineers, Parsons, to minimize impacts to allow the project to qualify for a CE/CE, rather than a IS/EA.

VCS has also provided environmental project management, prepared documents and regulatory permits, and/or conducted peer reviews for numerous additional SBCTA projects in the course of our environmental on-call contract also including, but not limited, to the following projects:

- I-215 HOV Gap Closure
- Newport Avenue Bridge Reconstruction
- Palm Avenue Grade Separation
- Hunt's Lane Grade Separation
- I-215 Washington Interchange
- Measure I Regulatory Inventory
- SBCTA Depot SHPO Approval
- I-10 Cherry and Citrus ECR Compliance
- Lenwood Avenue Grade Separation

