

## **TL-6914 Loveland - Los Coches Substations**

Alpine to Lakeside, California

Wood poles were to be replaced with steel monopoles on a 12-mile long transmission tie-line in the remote Eastern Foothills. This required a structural foundation system to be constructed using a helicopter for access.



### **The project**

TL-6914 is a 12-mile long transmission tie-line in the Eastern Foothills of San Diego. The project scope was to replace 140 wood poles for an existing 69kV transmission line with new steel monopoles. Keller contracted directly with the owner to design, manufacture, and install a structural foundation system to support 45 of these new steel poles in remote and non-accessible sites.

## The challenge

The terrain in these foothills is underlain by predominately granitic rock and metamorphic rock. The project was located on a large expanse of densely vegetated and fire-prone areas with various owners including a National Forest, US Fish and Wildlife public lands, an Indian Reservation, as well as private owners.

## The solution

Keller designed and built special table drilling platforms for the limited access equipment to drill from. The table platforms and drill rig had to be built so that they could be broken into individual components weighing less than 3500 pounds each. Each piece had to be air-lifted by helicopter to the remote hillside sites and reassembled for subsequent drilling operations. The installation progress was heavily influenced by the efficiency of the airlifting operations. The Keller crew worked 6 days a week, 10 hour days without any injuries or schedule delays.

## Project facts

### Owner(s)

San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E)

### Keller business unit(s)

Keller

### Main contractor(s)

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### Engineer(s)

Trinity Geotechnical Engineering

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Deep foundations

### Markets

Power

### Techniques

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