Avoiding Compliance Violations: ArcGIS Online, Python, Collector, and 90 Users

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Agenda

- 1. Project Overview
- 2. Challenges
 - Complex Construction project
 - Workforce with diverse roles
 - Regulatory constraints
- 3. System of Systems Approach
- 4. Summary

Project Overview





BACKGROUND

Purpose

- The West of Devers Transmission Line Upgrade Project is needed to facilitate the full deliverability of new electric generation resources being developed in eastern Riverside County.
- As renewable energy generating facilities come on-line in eastern Riverside County, the WOD
 Project will allow the transfer of this electricity into the Los Angeles area. Currently, development
 of renewable energy generating facilities is limited due to transmission capacity.
- The Project will facilitate progress towards meeting California's Renewable Portfolio Standard goals requiring utilities to produce 33% of their electricity sales from renewable energy sources by 2020.



Background

Scope

- Tear down and rebuild ~184 circuit miles of existing 220 kV T/L facilities (~ 48 corridor miles)
- Upgrade substation equipment at 5 substations to accommodate increased power transfer on 220 kV lines.
- Removal and relocation of 2 miles of two existing 66 kV subtransmission lines.
- Removal and relocation of 4 miles of existing 12 kV distribution lines.
- Installation of telecommunication lines and equipment for the protection, monitoring, and control of transmission lines and substation equipment.

Map of Project Area



Project Overview

Southern California Edison – West of Devers

- Tracking of nests is maintained in the Environmental Compliance Database
- 90+ active users with varying levels of access
- ArcGIS Online and ArcGIS Server Architecture
 - Collector and Survey123
 - Python & FME
- Real-time data field-to-office data updates
- Integration with project regulatory environmental database





- Many moving parts
 - Over 1000 construction sites
 - Active sites require steady stream of info
 - Construction activities change daily
 - Permit Compliance

Diverse user base

- Client
- Construction Contractor
- Sub-contractors Biologists, Botanists, etc.
- Regulatory Agencies



- Previous workflow required a manual site access determination
 - Extensive email and text message communication
 - Softcopy PDF maps each night, KMZ files emailed, etc.
 - Manual QA of KMZ files
 - Field users would print out updated maps (once available)
 - Many different statuses to track
 - Time consuming and labor intensive both in the field and the office











- Work Site Status
 - Multiple conditions must be met for entry to be allowed onto site to avoid compliance issues

Supersite Status

DO NOT ENTER	Active	Construction may proceed
	Active -1 Day or Less to Expiry	Construction may proceed – expiry is imminent
	Not Swept	Supersite will be Active once Clearance Sweep is done
	Not Swept -1 Day or Less to Expiry	As "Not Swept" but expiry is imminent
	Awaiting Validation/Activity	Awaiting CPUC field validation
	Awaiting Validation/Activity -1 Day or I	Less to Expiry As above but expiry is imminent
	Inactive	Site is not active

System of Systems Approach using ArcGIS Online, Python and FME to tie it all together





Solution Approach

- A geospatial system of systems approach
 - Integrate Not Assimilate
- Utilize Digital Transformation to streamline workflows
 - Reducing time and effort
 - Increasing quality
- Configure off-the-shelf tools and use customization only when necessary
 - Retains flexibility
 - Allows nimble adjustments to workflows, and rapid prototyping.
- Real-time situational awareness
 - One up to date source of truth means confidence in decision making

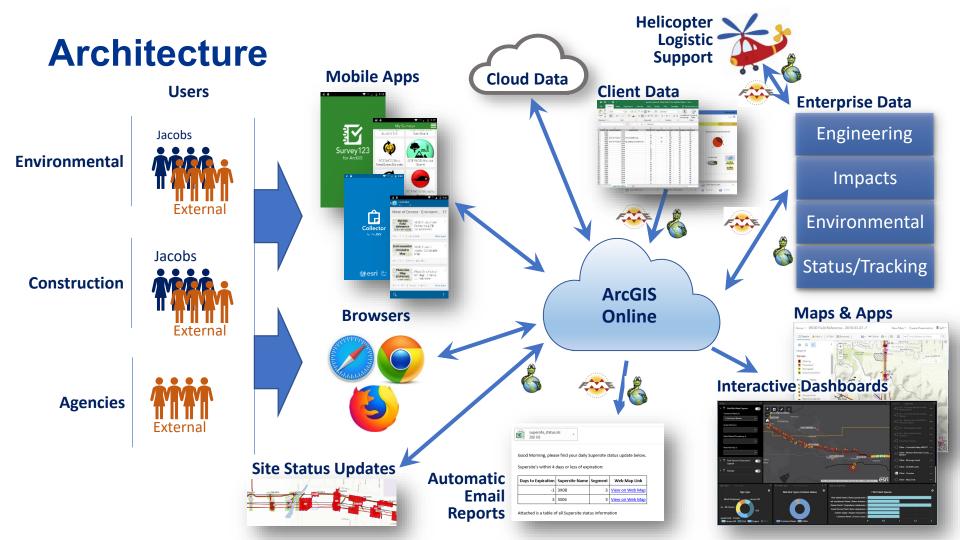
Solution Objectives

- ArcGIS Online based workflow
 - Field updates from Survey123 and Collector
 - Complex logic in python updates the site status from the various field data sources
 - Web based Apps and Operations
 Dashboard provide instant access to up to date information for entire project team









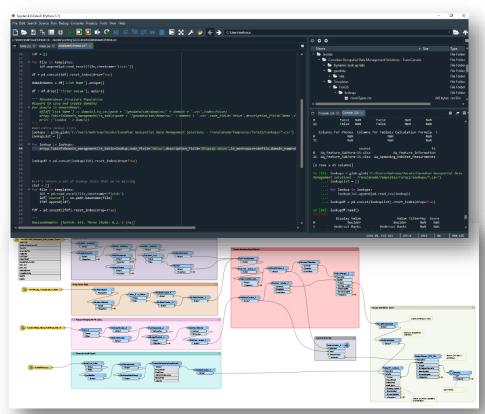
Enabling Technologies

Python

- Pull data from 3rd party systems
- Automate repetitive tasks
- Replace manual tasks through logic

FME Server

- Automated Data Processing and Loading across multiple formats
- Nightly Email Alerts of transactions



Construction Site Activity

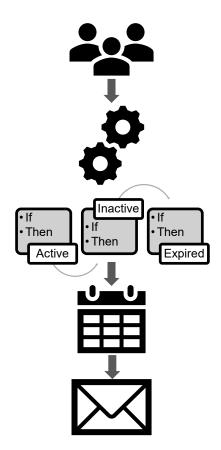
Automated site activity tracking

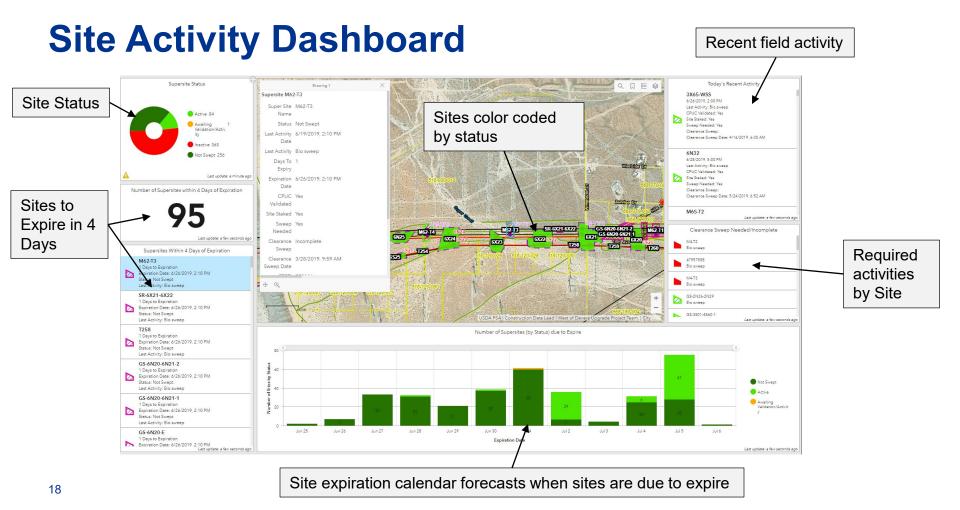
- Field users submitting site activity
- Python applies business logic
 - Based on certain activity, timeframes and status determine status of the Site.
- Site status and expiration updates every 15 minutes.
- Morning emails on soon expiring sites.

 GOOD MORNING, Please find your daily Supersite status update below.

Supersite's within 4 days or less of expiration:

Days to Expiration	Supersite Name	Segment	Expiration Date	Web Map Link
3	2N01-WSS	1	06/28/2019 02:00 PM	View on Web Map
3	2N02-WSS	1	06/28/2019 02:00 PM	View on Web Map
4	STWA-1-RedlandsBlvd-2-TEWS-6	1	06/29/2019 02:00 PM	View on Web Map
2	GS-2N26-2N29	2	06/27/2019 02:00 PM	View on Web Map
3	2N02	2	06/28/2019 02:00 PM	View on Web Map
3	2X06	2	06/28/2019 02:00 PM	View on Web Map



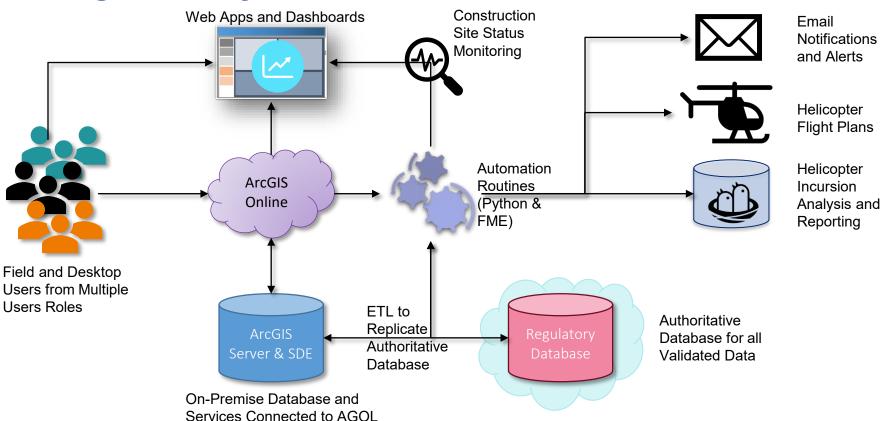


Summary





Integrated System



Summary

- 90+ active users daily contributing to avoiding compliance violations
- Esri Mobile Apps have digitally transformed field workflows
- A system of systems approach integrating where needed extending the ArcGIS Online platform
- Bottom line:

Costs are down, capabilities, flexibility, responsiveness and value are up.

Thank you!

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