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## Arcing Underground Electrical Transformer Causes Power Outage

On Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 3:46 p.m. the Visalia Fire Department responded to a report of an underground transformer that was on fire located near 5505 W. Tulare Avenue. E-53 arrived and located an electrical transformer box that had scorch marks around it, but was not on fire. Prior to their arrival, the manager of the nearby Rancho Fiesta mobile home park had extinguished a small fire with a dry chemical fire extinguisher. Southern California Edison was notified to respond. The arcing and shorting out of this transformer caused the power to go out to the surrounding area. Within a half hour SCE had restored power to the residents and the Central Valley High School on the north side of Tulare Avenue between Akers and Roeben Avenue. Power was still going to be out to approximately 200 to 250 residents of the Rancho Fiesta mobile home park for approximately 24 hours according to SCE due to having to replace the burned up underground electrical lines. Local residents of the mobile home park were notified by staff of the situation and informed of possible options that included: going to stay with family, utilizing the cooling center located at the transit center, or utilizing the on-site recreation center that was going to be open later in the evening due to the power outage. The scene was then turned over to Southern California Edison who was going to be working late into the night to make the necessary repairs.

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