



On December 5, 1887, the Southern Pacific Railroad commenced its East Side Line to access agricultural traffic on the east side of the San Joaquin Valley. The SP East Side Line runs east from the SP main line at Fresno to Sanger (this location), then southeasterly through Dinuba, Exeter, Lindsay, Porterville, Ducor, and Richgrove, and connects with the SP main line at Famosa (a few miles north of Bakersfield). Work on the road was pushed forward rapidly and completed in November 1888. The road passes through more than 100 miles of rich citrus country. In 1992, the San Joaquin Valley Railroad acquired the SP East Side Line.

Southward view of the SP East Side Line main line (the farther of the two tracks) and a siding (foreground) at Sanger. Note the bolted track.



Northward view of the SP East Side Line and a siding at Sanger, same location as above. Unlike farther south, the SJV is using this track, as indicated by the shiny (not rusted) steel. Note the trackside produce packing house along the siding.