

March 16, 2026

Tommy Alexander
Project Manager
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Monthly Report Summary #1 for the Manning 500/230 kV Substation Project

Dear Mr. Alexander,

This report provides a summary of the mitigation compliance monitoring activities that occurred during the month of February 2026 for the Manning 500/230 kV Substation (Manning Substation) Project in Fresno County, California. Compliance monitoring was performed to ensure that all project-related activities conducted by LS Power Grid California, LLC (LSPGC) and their contractors are in compliance with the requirements of the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Final IS/MND) and associated Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program (MMCRP) for the Manning Substation Project, as adopted by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) on September 18, 2025.

The CPUC issued the following Notice to Proceed (NTP) for the project to LSPGC:

- NTP #1 (January 16, 2026) – Access road construction, substation site development, below grade construction, above grade construction, testing, commissioning, refueling vehicles and construction equipment, equipment assemblage and storage, worker parking and meeting, spreading spoils, and borrow excavation, all affiliated with the substation site.

According to LSPGC, construction commenced on February 20, 2026, with mowing of the substation site. Ascent, Inc. (Ascent) began mitigation compliance monitoring on February 24 and continued daily through February 27, 2026. Onsite compliance monitoring conducted by Ascent during this reporting period focused on spot-checks of the initial construction activities at the substation site, the use of an existing irrigation pipe for water supply, and activities along existing access roads to the substation site. A weekly site inspection form was completed that summarizes observed construction activities and compliance events and verifies that the applicable mitigation measures (MMs) and applicant proposed measures (APMs) were properly implemented. The form is provided as Attachment 1.

Overall, LSPGC has maintained compliance with the MMCRP. The LSPGC construction crew, including its contractors, successfully completed worker environmental awareness program (WEAP) training and met each morning during the subject week for a tailboard to discuss planned construction activities. Soil has been properly stockpiled near ongoing grading and excavation, and LSPGC has properly implemented best management practices (BMPs) from its approved Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). LSPGC has maintained clean and orderly conditions at the substation site and water pipe, and construction vehicles have maintained speed limits and were turned off when not in use.

Compliance Incidents

During the February 2026 reporting period, no compliance incidents occurred.

A minor coolant spill from one of the scrapers occurred in the afternoon on February 24, 2026, during grading. The vehicle was immediately driven back to the staging area once the operator became aware of the issue. Containment bins were immediately placed under the vehicle to catch any coolant leaking from the vehicle. The vehicle was cleaned, and contaminated wipes were placed in containers and removed from the site. It appeared to be a minor spill with no apparent pooling in the soil. The crew concluded the spill was due to an overfilled reservoir and did not use that machine for the remainder of the day.

Public Concerns

There were no public concerns reported during the February 2026 reporting period.

Minor Project Refinements

During the February 2026 reporting period, one Minor Project Refinement (MPR) was approved by the CPUC (see Table 1).

Table 1 Minor Project Refinements

Description	CPUC Approval Date
MPR-1 included increasing the total detention basin and substation grading area by approximately 1.2 acres	February 6, 2026

PG&E Project Components

Please note that PG&E provided notice of the construction of its project components in a Tier 2 advice letter which the CPUC accepted with a disposition letter effective October 17, 2025. However, PG&E had yet to begin construction through the end of February 2026. Accordingly, mitigation monitoring was not conducted for the PG&E components of the project during February 2026. Ascent began monitoring PG&E activities in March, and the monthly report for March will include both LSPGC and PG&E.

Sincerely,



George Dix
Project Manager
Ascent, Inc.

Attachments:

- 1 Weekly Site Inspection Forms

Attachment 1

Weekly Site Inspection Forms



MANNING 500/230 KV SUBSTATION PROJECT

CPUC SITE INSPECTION FORM

Project:	Manning 500/230 kV Substation Project	Date:	2/24/26 – 2/27/27
Project Proponent: (Circle Applicable)	LSPGC PG&E	Report #:	1
Lead Agency:	California Public Utilities Commission	Monitor(s):	Michael Pero
CPUC PM:	Tommy Alexander	AM/PM Weather	AM: ~60° F PM: ~75° F
Ascent Compliance Manager:	George Dix	Start/End Time:	Start: ~7:00 AM End: ~4:45 PM
Project NTP(s):	NTP #1 issued by CPUC on 1/16/26 https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/ascent/manning/pdfs/Manning_LSPGC_NTP-1_2026_0116.pdf		

Site Inspection Checklist

WEAP Training	Yes	No	N/A
Has WEAP training been completed by all new hires (construction and monitors)? (APM BIO-3, CM BIO-1, APM CUL-1, CM CUL-1, CM HAZ-2, CM FIRE-1)	X		
Erosion and Dust Control (Air and Water Quality)			
Does on-site diesel equipment match the list in the equipment memorandum on-file with CPUC? (CM AQ-A, MM AQ-1)	X		
Have temporary erosion and sediment control measures been installed? (CM GNE-1, APM BIO-2, Regulatory Requirement)	X		
Are erosion and sediment control measures properly installed and functioning? (CM GNE-1, APM BIO-2, Regulatory Requirement)	X		
Is mud tracked onto paved public roadways cleaned up in accordance with the project's SWPPP? (CM AIR-2, Regulatory Requirement)			X
Is topsoil stockpiled near the active construction area from where it was removed? (APM GEO-1, CM BIO-A, MM BIO-1)	X		
Is dust control being implemented (i.e., access roads watered, haul trucks covered, streets cleaned on a regular basis)? (APM AIR-2, CM AIR-2)			X
Are work areas being effectively watered prior to excavation or grading? (APM AIR-2, CM AIR-2)			X
Is excessive fugitive dust leaving the work area? (APM AIR-2, CM AIR-2)		X	
Equipment			

Are all vehicles observed maintaining a speed limit of 15 mph on unpaved roads? (APM AIR-2, APM BIO-11, CM AIR-2, CM GNE-1)	X		
Are all vehicles/equipment observed arriving onsite clean of sediment or plant debris? (APM BIO-5)	X		
Are vehicles maintained in good working order with exhaust mufflers and properly inflated tires? (APM GHG-1, MM N-1, CM NOI-1)	X		
Are vehicles/equipment turned off when not in use? (CM GHG-1)	X		
Work Areas			
Is the work area maintained in a clean and orderly state? (APM AES-1, CM GNE-1)	X		
Is exclusionary fencing or flagging in place to protect sensitive biological or cultural resources? (APM BIO-1, APM BIO-10, CM BIO-2, CM BIO-4, CM BIO-A, CM BIO-C, CM BIO-E, CM BIO-F, CM BIO-G, CM BIO-I, CM BIO-J, CM BIO-K, MM BIO-3, MM BIO-5, MM BIO-6, MM BIO-7, MM BIO-8, MM BIO-9, MM BIO-10)	X		
Are vehicles, equipment, and construction personnel staying within approved work areas and on approved roads? (APM BIO-11)	X		
Are all excavations and trenches covered at the end of the day? (APM BIO-12, CM GNE-1)			X
Biology			
Have preconstruction surveys been completed for biological resources as appropriate? These resources include blunt-nosed lizard, special-status reptiles, Western spadefoot toad, nesting birds, raptors, burrowing owl, Crotch's bumble bee, American badger, and San Joaquin kit fox. (APM BIO-1, APM BIO-10, CM BIO-2, CM BIO-4, CM BIO-A, CM BIO-C, CM BIO-E, CM BIO-F, CM BIO-G, CM BIO-I, CM BIO-J, CM BIO-K, MM BIO-3, MM BIO-5, MM BIO-6, MM BIO-7, MM BIO-8, MM BIO-9, MM BIO-10)	X		
Have surveys been completed for giant kangaroo rat and antelope squirrel? (APM BIO-7, APM BIO-9, CM BIO-H)	X		
Are biological monitors present onsite? (APM BIO-4, APM BIO-10, APM BIO-18, APM BIO-20, CM BIO-H, CM BIO-I, CM BIO-J, CM BIO-K, MM BIO-8, MM BIO-9, MM BIO-10)	X		
Are appropriate measures in place to protect sensitive habitat, nests and burrows, and/or drainages and wetlands (i.e., flagging, signage, exclusion fencing, biological monitor, appropriate buffer distance enacted)? (APM BIO-1, APM BIO-10, CM BIO-2, CM BIO-4, CM BIO-A, CM BIO-C, CM BIO-E, CM BIO-F, CM BIO-G, CM BIO-I, CM BIO-J, CM BIO-K, MM BIO-3, MM BIO-5, MM BIO-6, MM BIO-7, MM BIO-8, MM BIO-9, MM BIO-10)	X		
Have wildlife been relocated from work areas? (CM BIO-D, MM BIO-4)		X	
Is vegetation and tree removal minimized to construction area? (APM BIO-11)	X		
Have impacts occurred to adjacent habitat (sensitive or non-sensitive)?		X	
Did you observe any threatened or endangered species? List:		X	

Have there been any work stoppages for biological resources? (APM BIO-1, APM BIO-10, CM BIO-2, CM BIO-4, CM BIO-A, CM BIO-C, CM BIO-E, CM BIO-F, CM BIO-G, CM BIO-I, CM BIO-J, CM BIO-K, MM BIO-3, MM BIO-5, MM BIO-6, MM BIO-7, MM BIO-8, MM BIO-9, MM BIO-10)		X	
Cultural Resources			
Are identified cultural resources that will not be relocated/salvaged clearly marked for exclusion? (CM CR-C, MM CR-3)			X
Are archaeological and paleontological monitors onsite if needed? (CM CR-C, MM CR-3)			X
Are appropriate buffers maintained around sensitive resources (e.g. cultural sites)? (CM CR-C, MM CR-3)			X
Have there been any work stoppages for cultural resources? (CM CR-C, MM CR-3)			X
Hazardous Materials and Fire			
Are hazardous materials stored appropriately? (APM BIO-3, CM HAZ-1, Regulatory Requirement)	X		
Are procedures in place to prevent spills and accidental releases? (APM BIO-3, CM HAZ-1, Regulatory Requirement)	X		
Are appropriate fire prevention and control measures in place? (APM FIRE-1)	X		
Are contaminated soils properly handled or disposed of, if applicable? (CM HAZ-1)	X		
Work Hours and Noise			
Are night lighting reduction measures in place, such as directly light downward, as needed? (APM AES-1, APM BIO-14, CM BIO-J, MM BIO-9)			X
Is construction occurring within approved hours? (CM GNE-1, CM NOI-1, MM N-1)	X		

AREAS MONITORED (NOTE: PG&E substation scope of work is not subject to the monitoring requirements of MMRP)

- LSPGC Manning Substation site and water pipe location

DESCRIPTION OF OBSERVED ACTIVITIES (i.e., mitigation measures of particular focus or concern, construction activity, any discussions with first-party monitors or construction crews)

2/24/26

- Discussed operations planned for the day. Observed vegetation mowing, straw wattle installation, and grading at substation site. Discussed spill prevention and fire safety measures with first-party monitor.

2/25/26

- Discussed operations planned for the day. Observed vegetation mowing and straw wattle installation around water pipe, substation site grading, and fugitive dust control measures being implemented (watering).

2/26/26

- Discussed operations planned for the day. Observed substation site grading and fugitive dust control measures being implemented (watering)

2/27/26

- Discussed operations planned for the day. Observed substation site grading and fugitive dust control measures being implemented (watering)

MEASURES VERIFIED (Refer to Detailed MMCRP Table 6, Table 7, and Table 8. Report only on the measures pertinent to observations during the reporting period)

- MM AQ-1, APM AES-1, APM AIR-2, APM BIO-1, APM BIO-3, APM BIO-13, APM BIO-19, APM GEO-1

RECOMMENDED FOLLOW-UP (i.e., items to check on next visit, minor issues to resolve)

- Continue to verify HAZMAT materials are stored and handled properly if construction vehicles continue to have mechanical issues
- Verify straw wattle will be placed parallel to road at appropriate time in construction schedule

COMPLIANCE SUGGESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS (i.e., suggestions to improve compliance on-site, environmental observations of note)

None

COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

Below please describe any non-compliance issues or new biological/cultural discoveries that have occurred since your last visit. If you observe a non-compliance issue in the field, please note this on the monitoring datasheet, and for non-compliance Level 2 or 3 fill out and submit a separate Non-Compliance Report Form and provide to Ascent Compliance Manager. Inform Ascent Compliance Manager of any non-compliance incidents.




- New biological or cultural discovery requiring compliance with mitigation measures, APMs, CMs, permit conditions, etc. If checked, please describe discovery and documentation/verification below.
- Non-compliance – Level 1: An action that deviates from project requirements or results in the partial implementation of the mitigation measures, APMS, or CMs, but has not caused, or has the potential to cause impacts on environmental resources. If you checked this box, describe the incident below and follow-up to ensure correction.
- Non-Compliance Level 2: An action that deviates from project requirements or mitigation measures, APMs, or CMs that has caused, or has the potential to cause minor impacts on environmental resources. A non-compliance Level 2 situation may occur when Level 1 incidents are repeated, and show a trend toward placing resources at unnecessary risk. If you checked this box, please fill out a Non-Compliance Report.
- Non-Compliance Level 3: An action that deviates from project requirements and has caused, or has the potential to cause major impacts on environmental resources. These actions are not in compliance with the APMs, CMs, mitigation measures, permit conditions, approval requirements (e.g. minor project changes, notice to proceed), and/or violates local, state, or federal law. Examples include irreparable damage to archaeological sites, destruction of active bird nests, and grading of unapproved vegetated areas. A non-compliance Level 3 may also be issued if Level 2 incidents are repeated. If you checked this box, please fill out a Non-Compliance Report.
- Non-compliance issues reported by LSPGC or PG&E: Were there any new non-compliance issues reported by either LSPGC or PG&E monitors since your last visit? If so, please identify if it was LSPGC or PG&E and describe issues and resolution and include the applicable LSPGC or PG&E report identification number.

Date	LSPGC or PG&E	Non-compliance Issue and resolution	Relevant Mitigation Measure	NC Report #
		No non-compliance issues during February 2026.		

PREVIOUS NON-COMPLIANCE ITEMS REQUIRING FOLLOW-UP OR RESOLVED TODAY:

- N/A – this is the first monitoring period of the project

Representative Site Photographs

Date	Location	Photo	Description
2/24/26	Manning Substation site		Aerial photograph of substation site after mowing.
2/24/26	Manning Substation site		Straw wattles (BMPs) and perimeter stakes placed along northern work area boundary.
2/24/26	Manning Substation site		Straw wattle and rain gauge installation along northern work area boundary.

<p>2/24/26 Manning Substation site</p>		<p>Spill kit and spill prevention measures.</p>
<p>2/25/26 Manning Substation site</p>		<p>Biological Resource Protection signage.</p>
<p>2/25/26 Manning Substation site</p>		<p>Water pipe location mowing and straw wattle installation.</p>

2/26/26	Manning Substation site		Substation site grading and fugitive dust control measures (watering).
2/27/26	Manning Substation site		Substation site grading.
2/27/26	Manning Substation site		Substation site grading.

Completed by:	Michael Pero
Firm:	Ascent
Date:	2/27/26

Reviewed by:	George Dix, Project Manager
Firm:	Ascent
Date:	3/10/26