



Aspen Environmental Group

PROJECT MEMORANDUM PG&E ATLANTIC-DEL MAR REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

To: Jensen Uchida, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: May 4, 2005
Subject: Weekly Report #2: April 24, 2005 – April 30, 2005
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Anne Sweet

Aspen EM Anne Sweet was on site April 26th and 27th at the Atlantic-Del Mar Project location to monitor construction activities. The weather was sunny on April 26th and overcast on the 27th. Showers were forecast and did occur on April 28th. The PG&E Environmental Inspector (EI), Kevin Kilpatrick, was on-site to ensure compliance with the adopted Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and other permit requirements. The PG&E EI also served as the project biologist conducting California tiger salamander (CTS) aestivation surveys, ongoing bird surveys, as well as installation of resource flagging and managing the installation of sediment controls.

OVERHEAD:

Summary of Activity:

All overhead construction including pole, foundation, and line stringing work will be done by PG&E. The PG&E crews work Mondays through Thursdays.

Per the PG&E EI, on Monday, April 25th, pole foundation auguring began at Pole 2 north of the Atlantic Substation. An archeologist was on-site to monitor for cultural discoveries. All spoils were being placed in a dump truck and taken to the Forward Landfill, a Class II disposal facility. The Pole 2 foundation hole was completed Tuesday morning. Per the crew foreman, the soil was damp enough so that crews did not have to spray for dust control. This is very important considering that previously the area had been tested and showed elevated lead and arsenic levels and per approved project plans special handling including dust control measures are required. On April 26th the auger equipment was moved to the Pole 3 location, where the 5-foot hand dig had occurred but drilling did not commence until Thursday April 28th.

On Tuesday, April 26th, The CPUC EM observed that the PG&E EI and an archeologist were onsite digging a trench in order to place sediment fence along the access road just south of the Pole 3 location. A hay bale structure lined the area, which looks similar to the established vernal pool areas and was installed as an added protective measure. During the digging several glass fragments were uncovered; the archeologist looked at them and determined that they were not of an age to be considered a cultural discovery (see Figure 1).

On April 27th crews completed the foundation hole concrete pours at Poles 1 and 2 (see Figure 2). The CPUC EM observed that the concrete trucks washed out in the foundation holes.

Environmental Compliance Activities:

On April 25th and 26th during auguring at the Pole 2 location, the soil was damp enough so that crews did not have to spray for dust control. This was very important considering that previously the area had been tested and showed elevated lead and arsenic levels. Approved project plans required special handling including dust control measures. All other overhead construction activities were in compliance with project mitigation measures and permit conditions.

UNDERGROUND:

Summary of Activity:

The underground work including trenching and conduit installation has been contracted to Wilson Construction. The horizontal bore work will be subcontracted. The PG&E EI met with Wilson Construction on Wednesday, April 27th to discuss the schedule for the start of work. Per the contractor, work has been delayed. Construction will most likely start with the boring operation at Sunset Avenue, which is tentatively scheduled to start in July.

Environmental Compliance Activities: None

NOTICES TO PROCEED (NTP):

Table 1 presents the NTPs issued by the CPUC for the Atlantic–Del Mar Project to date.

TABLE 1
NOTICES TO PROCEED
(Updated 5-03-05)

NTP #	Date Issued	Description
1	11-03-03	Mobilization within the Atlantic and Del Mar Substations, and over head installation from the Del Mar Substation to the railroad right-of-way (northern 0.25 miles), City of Rocklin.
2	3-08-05	Construction of the remaining overhead portion (approximately 4 miles) and the underground portion (approximately 1.3 miles) of the Atlantic–Del Mar Reinforcement Project, within the Cities of Roseville and Rocklin in Placer County.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

No Non-Compliance Reports (NCRs) or Project Memorandums (PMs) have been issued for the project to date.

VARIANCE REQUESTS:

On April 14th, PG&E submitted Variance Request #1 to modify the implementation of Applicant Proposed Measure 7.2 at Wetlands #2 and #30. Revisions to Variance Request #1 were submitted on April 19th, 22nd, and 27th; and the CPUC EM field validated the revised request with the Essex EI on April 26th. The request was approved by CPUC on May 2nd.

TABLE 2
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS
(Updated 5-3-05)

Variance Request #	Date Submitted	Description	Status	CPUC Approval Date
1	4-19-05	Modify the implementation of Applicant Proposed Measure 7.2 at Wetlands #2 and #30 to allow the use of non-rubber tired vehicles and to allow discretionary re-fueling on the project right-of-way.	Approved	5-2-05

UPCOMING ITEMS: None.

Agency Personnel Contacts: None.

Photographs



Figure 1 – Area adjacent to the access road and south of Pole 3, April 26, 2005. Note the upturned glass fragments.



Figure 2 – Pole 1 foundation hole concrete pour, which occurred 4/27/05.