



Aspen *Environmental Group*

PROJECT MEMORANDUM PG&E ATLANTIC-DEL MAR REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

To: Jensen Uchida, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: May 10, 2005
Subject: Weekly Report #3: May 1, 2005 – May 07, 2005
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Anne Sweet

Aspen EM Anne Sweet was on site May 4th at the Atlantic-Del Mar Project location to monitor construction activities. The weather was overcast and showers occurred in the late afternoon. 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, pole foundation auguring at Poles 4 and 5 north of the Atlantic Substation were completed May 4th. An archaeologist 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. Erosion controls protecting the sensitive vernal pool areas were in place and well maintained. Per the PG&E EI, the crews either cover the foundations holes or leave the augur in place over the hole at the end of the day for public safety.

On May 3rd, crews completed the foundation hole concrete pour at Pole 3. On May 5th, crews completed the foundation hole concrete pours at Poles 4 and 5. Per the PG&E EI, the concrete trucks washed out in the foundation holes.

During the site tour on May 4th, the CPUC EM, the PG&E EI and the PG&E crew foreman walked the area around Poles 6 and 7. The project description states that no new access roads will be created as part of the project. Per the PG&E Foreman the main access road which runs under the Roseville Parkway overpass adjacent to Antelope Creek is not stable enough to handle heavy equipment. An alternate area was reviewed, which looks like a decommissioned two-track that PG&E wants to use for access. The PG&E EI stated that the archery course owners had installed concrete blocks across the upper slope of the two-track road to keep trespassers from using the road. There is an area which PG&E wants to use for access which connects the two-track to the street, which does not appear to be an access road; however, the area is disturbed. The Pole 7 location was toured. There is no existing access road to provide access to Pole 7. The PG&E EI stated that PG&E assumes use of the entire 80-foot easement right-of-way spanning the pole locations for travel and staging. The CPUC EM informed the PG&E EI that a variance request would be required any overland travel and/or staging outside of the 100-ft by 100-ft pole location areas addressed in the project documents. The project documents are currently under review in order to form a determination on the issue. Due to the description in the Proponent's Environmental Assessment that no new road would be built, the environmental review for the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) was focused on the poles sites and existing access roads. The proposed use of the entire right-of-way cannot occur until the environmental impacts in any areas not expressly assessed in the MND have been assessed and any additional project impacts have been approved by the CPUC in a variance or project amendment.

Environmental Compliance Activities:

Erosion controls protecting the sensitive vernal pool areas north of the Atlantic Substation were checked and maintained.

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. 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 5-10-05)

NTP #	Date Issued	Description
1	11-03-03	Mobilization within the Atlantic and Del Mar Substations, and overhead 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 5-10-05)

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.