

California Public Utilities Commission Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program

Mira Sorrento Distribution Substation Project

Compliance Status Report: 016

October 27, 2013

SUMMARY

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is responsible for overseeing implementation of the mitigation measures set forth in the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Mira Sorrento Distribution Substation Project. The CPUC has established a third-party monitoring program and adopted a Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program (MMCRP) to ensure that measures approved in the MND to mitigate or avoid impacts are implemented in the field. This MMCRP status report is intended to provide a description of construction activities on the project, a summary of site inspections conducted by the CPUC's third-party monitors, the compliance status of mitigation measures required by the MMCRP, and anticipated construction activities. This compliance status report covers construction activities from October 21, to October 27, 2013.

MITIGATION MONITORING, COMPLIANCE, AND REPORTING

Site Inspections/Mitigation Monitoring

A CPUC third-party environmental compliance monitor conducted site observations at the Mira Sorrento Distribution Substation project site within the approved work limits. Areas of active and inactive construction within the project limits were observed to verify implementation of the mitigation measures stipulated in the project's MMCRP. Site observations were documented on daily site inspection forms and applicable mitigation measures were reviewed in the field.

Implementation Actions

Construction activities observed during this reporting period consisted of crews erecting the upper and lower retaining walls along the eastern, southern and western limits of the substation pad. The lower retaining wall has been completed and a safety barrier consisting of posts with wire between the posts has been installed along the perimeter of the retaining wall. An access road has also been established between the upper and lower retaining walls that will provide access to the retention basin located in the southwest portion of the project site (see Photo 1 – Attachment A).

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A construction crew was observed erecting the upper retaining wall that extends along the eastern, southern and western portion of the project site (see Photo 2 – Attachment A). Haul trucks were utilized to import fill material that was being mixed with onsite soils for backfill along the retaining wall. Following completion of the retaining walls and establishing final grade of the substation pad site, a screening wall will be constructed along the perimeter of the substation.

In accordance with MM BIO-3, onsite personnel was observed to have attended the Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training by SDG&E. Construction crew members who have attended the WEAP training have been provided with hard hat stickers indicating the training has been completed.

Haul trucks were observed being utilized throughout the reporting period to deliver fill material for backfill along the perimeter of the retaining wall. A street sweeper was also observed being utilized daily to clean-up any trac-out along paved roadways surfaces. A rattle plate and rock apron is being maintained at the point of ingress/egress to the project site as a trac-out prevention measure.

Traffic control measures consisting of signage placed along nearby roadways notifying motorists of construction activities was observed in place in accordance with MM-TT-1 (see Photo 3 – Attachment A). A flagger was also observed being utilized to direct dirt haulers and temporarily stop passing motorists to ensure dirt haulers could safely access and exit the project site.

In accordance with MM-HYD-1, SDG&E has prepared a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) under the General Construction Permit, and is implementing Best Management Practices (BMPs) to avoid or minimize potential impacts to water quality. Storm water control BMPs observed on-site included silt fence and straw bales along the eastern perimeter, silt fencing and k-rail along the western perimeter and filter fabric over storm drains located adjacent to the project site.

Signage has been placed along the project perimeter fence, notifying members of the public of construction activities (see Photo 4 – Attachment A). The signage includes a phone number to contact SDG&E in accordance with MM-NOI-2.

Mitigation Measure Tracking

Mitigation measures applicable to the construction activities were verified in the field and documented in the CPUC's mitigation measure tracking database. A complete list of mitigation measures and applicant proposed measures is included in the MND for the Mira Sorrento Distribution Substation Project, as adopted by the CPUC on December 27, 2012 (Decision D.12-12-017).



Compliance

Pre-construction mitigation measures have been completed as indicated in CPUC NTP No. 001 (see Attachment B). Applicable mitigation measures were verified during site inspections and were determined to be implemented in accordance with the MMCRP.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

Construction activities during this reporting period consisted of erecting retaining walls along the eastern, southern and western project limits.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Mira Sorrento Distribution Substation Construction (CPUC NTP No. 001) – SDG&E began clearing activities at the Mira Sorrento project site on July 8, 2013. Grading activities and erecting the retaining walls are scheduled to be completed by January 1, 2014.



ATTACHMENT A Photos



Photo 1: An access road has been constructed between the lower and upper retaining walls in order to provide access to a retention basin located in the southwest portion of the project site. A safety fence has also been constructed along the perimeter of the lower retaining wall.



Photo 2: Construction activities associated with erecting the upper retaining wall to obtain final grade of the substation pad site continued during this reporting period.



Photo 3: Traffic signage has been placed along Mira Sorrento Place notifying motorists of construction activities in accordance with MM-TT-1.



Photo 4: Signage has been placed at the intersection of Mira Sorrento Place and Vista Sorrento Parkway notifying the public of the construction activities. A toll-free number has been established by SDG&E for responding to any questions or complaints in accordance with MM-NOI-2.

ATTACHMENT B Notices to Proceed

			Conditions Included
NTP No.	Date Issued	Description	(Y/N)
CPUC - 001	June 21, 2013	Construction of the Mira Sorrento Distribution Substation Project	Υ

ATTACHMENT C Minor Project Refinement Request

Minor Project Refinement Request No.	Submitted	Description	Status	Approval
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A