



Aspen *Environmental Group*

PROJECT MEMORANDUM SDG&E – MIGUEL-MISSION 230 kV #2 PROJECT

To: Michael Rosauer, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: August 30, 2004
Subject: Weekly Report #4: August 22, 2004 – August 28, 2004
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Christopher Meyer

FANITA JUNCTION TO LOS COCHES SEGMENT

Summary of Activity:

Weather was clear throughout the subject week. The grading activities continued in the area covered by Notice to Proceed (NTP) #1 during the subject week. Grading and general site preparation activities occurred while the CPUC EM was on-site.

The CPUC EM conducted site visits on August 24 and 25. The crew worked to build a pad at the same location on the north end of Magnolia Road on both days. An Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) was on-site with the grading crew.

The crew worked a backhoe, loader, D4 bulldozer, and vibrating roller to build the pad location. A small D4 bulldozer and a backhoe were used to cut the pad on the side slope (see Figure 1). A small vibrating roller was used to compact the pad once the grade had been achieved (see Figure 2). Due to the side slope, the crew used the bulldozer to further compact the slope after the backhoe finished with the roller attachment (see Figure 3). A geotechnical inspector was on-site to test compaction and soil moisture.

Environmental Compliance:

A water truck was on-site at the grading location to address fugitive dust and provide moisture for soil compaction. At the request of the Essex EI, the crew moved the water truck away farther away from the houses due to the noise from the power-take off (PTO) pump. Temporary Best Management Practices (BMPs) were installed around the pad location.

A property owner on Eucalyptus Hills Drive in Lakeside called the Aspen office in San Francisco with a concern about signs on his property. The CPUC EM visited the location and confirmed that the posted signs were to inform crews of environmental requirements. The CPUC EM spoke with the property owner to address the sign issue and requested that SDG&E meet with the property owner to answer various questions on the project.

LOS COCHES TO MIGUEL SUBSTATION SEGMENT

Summary of Activity:

Weather was clear throughout the subject week. The clearing activities continued in the area covered by Notice to Proceed (NTP) #2 during the subject week.

The CPUC EM conducted site visits on August 24 and 25. The CPUC EM reviewed the distance between the right-of-way and Steele Canyon County Park to determine if work day restrictions are required. The right-of-way is away from the park and across a street and weekend work should pose no problem with recreational use (see Figure 4).

A staging and storage area is located adjacent to a residential school for children and SDG&E continues to follow up on a request by school staff to not install screening and allow the children to view the construction activity. The staff request is pending Superintendent approval. The sensitive plant resources in the area have been marked with yellow exclusion tape. No project activity has occurred at the site.

The CPUC EM visited the staging area on Hillsdale Road to review visual screening requirements in relation to adjacent property owner requests and existing vegetation. The existing vegetation on the north side of the SDG&E easement creates a natural screen and the property owner on the south side has requested that no temporary fence be installed. SDG&E is working with the adjacent property owners on construction of a more decorative permanent fence and has received letters from the property owners requesting that no temporary fence be installed.

An Essex EI was on-site with the clearing crew. The crew worked with hand tools and chainsaws to clear the brush at the pad location for structure 151, off Campo Road.

Environmental Compliance:

The clearing crew is aware that the access roads need to be watered if fugitive dust is observed leaving the right-of-way.

NOTICES TO PROCEED (NTP):

NTPs #1 and #2 have been issued by CPUC for access road upgrade/construction and 138/69 kV tower installation along the Fanita Junction to Los Coches and Los Coches to Miguel segments. SDG&E has not requested any additional NTPs at this time.

VARIANCE REQUESTS:

No variance requests were submitted for review during the subject week.

**TABLE 1
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS
(Updated 08/30/04)**

Variance Request #	Date Submitted	Description	Status	CPUC Approval Date
1	07/07/04	Use of four storage and staging areas on the Los Coches to Fanita Junction Section for the duration of the project.	Completed	07/23/04
2	08/10/04	Clearing of coastal sage scrub habitat before September 1 on the Miguel to Fanita Junction section during the 2003/2004 nesting season.	Completed	08/13/04

UPCOMING ITEMS: SDG&E will hold weekly meetings on Tuesday mornings to review issues and upcoming events.

AGENCY PERSONNEL CONTACTS: None.

TABLE 2
TEWS TRACKING
(Updated 08/30/04)

Number	Segment	Date Received	Description	Status	Approval Date ¹
1	Los Coches to Miguel	07/24/04	Vista de Montemar ½ mile north of La Cresta Road, San Diego County	Approved from 7/26 to 9/26	See Variance Request #1
2	Los Coches to Miguel	08/14/04	1600 Block Sweeney Court, San Diego County	Approved from 08/16 to 10/16	See Variance Request #1
3	Los Coches to Miguel	08/14/04	2300 Willow Glen Drive, San Diego County	Approved from 08/16 to 10/16	See Variance Request #1
4	Los Coches to Miguel	08/14/04	South of terminus of Camino Monte Sombra, San Diego County	Approved from 08/16 to 10/16	See Variance Request #1
5	Los Coches to Miguel	08/14/04	Southeast of 2600 block Pence Drive, San Diego County	Approved from 08/16 to 10/16	See Variance Request #1
6	Los Coches to Miguel	08/26/04	North side of Singing Vista Way, San Diego County	Approved from 08/27 to 10/27	08/27/04

¹For TEWS requests, Approval Date reflects EM approval date. TEWS approvals valid for 60 days only.

Photographs



Figure 1 – Crew cutting and grading pad at Magnolia.



Figure 2 – A small vibrating roller was brought in to compact the narrow pad.



Figure 3 – Small D4 bulldozer compacting side slope at Magnolia.
Note the BMPs installed on the slope.



Figure 4 – Steele Canyon County Park with transmission line shown in background.
Project activity on weekends should not impact parking, access, or use of the park..