



Aspen *Environmental Group*

Project Memorandum PG&E Northeast San Jose

To: Roosevelt Grant, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Project Manager
Date: August 7, 2002
Re: Weekly Report #10: July 29 2002 – August 4, 2002
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jody Fessler

Summary of Activity:

On Wednesday, July 31, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Los Esteros Substation site. The CPUC EM observed that site was well watered. At the existing building structure, the CPUC EM observed baby birds in the nest in the thistles on the south side of the building by the door and realized that they were about ready to fledge the nest. CPUC EM also observed some American goldfinches eating off the thistles, in addition morning doves and house finches were in the area.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Cushing Parkway trenching site, which was clean and free of dirt and dust. At the north end of Cushing Parkway, crews were working on the tie-in at the south man-hole vault. There was a problem with the degree of the angle of the pipes at the subject vault that PG&E, Black & Veatch, and OCI were trying to work out. A backhoe was excavating soil north of the south tie-in vault. Crews were working on filling in the trench south of the tie-in vault with cement slurry. The CPUC EM observed a striped skunk in a parking lot off north end of Cushing Parkway. The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of a new construction site halfway down on Cushing Parkway where crews will install another man-hole vault. Crews were setting up K-rails and traffic cones and signs around the new site. Crews started removing asphalt at the site in the road and were getting ready to excavate soil. CPUC EM observed beginning of soil excavation work around 11:00 PM.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Agua Caliente Creek (Line F) bore site, where bore pits have been filled-in and a tie-in vault has been placed west of where the bore pits were. Some trenching has also been done west of the bore pits to the tie-in vault, conduit laid, and cement slurry poured. Erosion controls are still in place and functional. The CPUC EM observed that the water being discharged into the creek from the baker tank looks very clear. Site has been well watered and dust is not a problem. Later in the evening, crews were moving trench supports, trench boxes, and other equipment over to a new site halfway down Cushing Parkway. One of the big excavator backhoes was driven down Fremont Boulevard and Cushing Parkway to the new site. A Northern Linelayers truck drove behind it with its lights on for traffic safety purposes.

On Thursday, August 1, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Los Esteros Substation site and observed that the ground was well compacted and watered, and that there were no dust problems. Several starlings were observed sitting on the roof of the existing building on-site.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of Cushing Parkway at the new man-hole vault site and observed that crews were dewatering the new pit. Over the past day, it had filled up a couple of feet with water that was leaking in around a stormdrain. Crews wanted to get it dewatered that evening, as quickly as possible, because they had hired a crane to drop the man-hole vault into the pit. The Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) helped crews find a grassy area for dewatering their tanker at the corner

property off of Cushing Parkway and Fremont Boulevard. Around 9:00 PM, the Essex EI and CPUC EM followed the second tanker to be released at the subject site, where this time the tanker got stuck in some mud. A front-loader had to come and pull it out. No biological resources were impacted. The tanker then backed up to another grassy area, which the Essex EI recommended, and released its water. CPUC EM spoke with Essex EI about dirt on Cushing Parkway in front of entry/exit area for the property on the corner of Cushing Parkway and Fremont Boulevard. Essex EI said that he would make sure crews cleaned that part of the road at the end of the workday. CPUC EM observed trench excavation south of new vault pit on Cushing Parkway. Around 11:10 PM, the mobile lights went out at the new vault pit on Cushing Parkway. Crews brought in a new mobile light machine that lit the area well.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Agua Caliente Creek (Line F) bore site as the night crew started their night shift. Crews were moving equipment around and the site was very dusty. Strong wind was blowing the dust everywhere. The CPUC EM notified the Essex EI, who was at another site location, to discuss the dust issue, as well as a sand bag and a traffic control saw-horse that had fallen halfway down the creek bank. When returning to the bore site later in the evening, the CPUC EM observed that the crews had taken care of the dust problem by watering the area. Crews were trenching east of the vault and installing trench supports as they went. Later that night, crews were laying conduit in the trench.

Environmental Compliance:

On July 31, the CPUC EM observed that all sites were in compliance with mitigation measures adopted in the EIR and other permitting requirements.

On August 1, the CPUC EM observed that all sites were in compliance with project mitigation measures and permit requirements, with the exception of dust control at the Agua Caliente Creek (Line F) bore site.

Notices to Proceed (NTP):

No NTPs were issued during the subject week. A conference call with PG&E, Essex, and Aspen is scheduled for August 7 to discuss the status of pre-construction compliance for tower installation.

Variance Requests:

No Variance Requests were submitted or reviewed during the subject week.

TABLE 1
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS TABLE
(Updated 8-7-02)

Variance Request #	Date Submitted	Description	Status	CPUC Approval Date
1	6/11/02	Disposal of excavated material, corner of Fremont Boulevard and Cushing Parkway, Fremont.	Completed	6/11/02
2	6/13/02	Material/equipment yard, 42400 Boyce Road, Fremont.	Completed	See Underground NTP
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4	6/26/02	Reduce biological buffer from 250 to 15-feet at existing structure, Los Esteros Substation.	Completed; 25-foot buffer approved.	7/5/02
5	7/9/02	Extra work space area for Line F bore, west of Fremont Blvd.	Completed	7/12/02