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# PROJECT MEMORANDUM CRESSEY-GALLO 115 KV POWER LINE PROJECT

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**Date**: July 9, 2015

Subject: Monitoring Report #31 – June 29 to July 5, 2015

This report provides a summary of the construction and compliance activities associated with the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Cressey-Gallo 115 kV Power Line Project.

A summary of the Notices to Proceed (NTPs) for construction and Minor Project Change (MPC) activities are provided in Tables 1 and 2, respectively (below).

**CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM):** David DuBois was onsite June 30, 2015 and July 2, 2015 during the subject period.

**Work Schedule:** Work occurred Monday through Friday during the subject period.

### **CPUC NTPs**

## NTP #1: Gallo Property & Cressey Substation

NTP #1 was issued on 10/21/14 for installation and removal of the Shoo-Fly at the Gallo Winery, expansion work at the Gallo Substation, construction of the single and double circuit 115 kV pole lines on the Gallo Property, and modification work at the Cressey Substation. NTP #1 included conditions that had to be satisfied prior to the start of construction.

#### **Summary of Activity:**

- 1. Material storage continued at the Cressey Substation during the subject period.
- 2. Steel structure installation, electrical work and material delivery continued at the Gallo Substation during the subject period (see Figures 1&2).
- 3. Removal of the Shoo-Fly segment on the Gallo Winery property continued during the subject period (see Figure 3). Poles with active king bird nests remain in place and will be removed once nests have fledged.
- 4. The staging area at the Gallo Winery is being used for storing materials and equipment.

#### **Environmental Compliance:**

- 1. All crews receive environmental training. Training sign-in sheets were available for the CPUC EM's review.
- 2. Erosion control devices were installed and functioning appropriately per the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).
- 3. Buffers are maintained around sensitive resources.
- 4. Ingress/egress driveways to roadways are monitored for track out and swept as needed to remove track out.

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- 5. During the subject period, the CPUC EM observed crews storing poles in land adjacent to and outside the Gallo staging area, as well as using a dirt road to enter and exit the laydown area, rather than the graveled entrance (see Figures 4& 5). The CPUC EM notified compliance personnel and the crews were instructed to avoid storing equipment outside of the approved work areas. Poles will be removed in the coming days. Likewise, the dirt road was flagged as off-limits for project use. No sensitive resources were impacted in either case.
- 6. A pair of American kestrels continue to be observed at the Cressey Substation entering an opening at one end of a cross arm of an energized bus structure approximately 50 ft. above the ground. A reduced buffer is in place for the nest. The birds have displayed tolerance to the ongoing work activities at the Cressey Substation; however, no work occurred during the subject period.
- 7. A killdeer nest remained active in the Gallo staging area during the subject period. Activity levels in the laydown area are minimal and the birds continue to display tolerance.
- 8. Four western kingbird nests remain active along the Shoo-Fly route during the subject period. Biologist monitored the nests during Shoo-Fly removal work and the birds were observed to be undisturbed by the activities.
- 9. Non-native bird nesting continues to be observed at both the Cressey and Gallo Substations.

#### NTP #2: 115 kV Construction

NTP #2 was issued on 12/22/14 for installation of remaining TSPs, construction of the re-route area north of Livingston Canal, construction of single circuit 115 kV pole lines within ½ mile buffers for Swainson's hawk nesting areas east of Howard Street, and pulling of conductor. NTP #2 included conditions that had to be satisfied prior to the start of construction.

#### **Summary of Activity:**

1. No work occurred in NTP #2 areas during the subject period. Work is scheduled to resume in September.

#### **Environmental Compliance:**

- 1. Flagging remains in place around sensitive resources.
- 2. No work occurred in NTP #2 areas during the subject period.

# NTP #3: Remaining 115 kV Construction

NTP #3 was issued on 3/19/14 for installation of Project's remaining single circuit 115 kV pole lines and pulling of conductor. NTP #3 included conditions that had to be satisfied prior to the start of construction.

#### **Summary of Activity:**

1. No work occurred in NTP #3 areas during the subject period. Work is scheduled to resume in September.

#### **Environmental Compliance:**

1. No work occurred in NTP #3 areas during the subject period.

# **Notices to Proceed**

Table 1 summarizes the Notices to Proceed (NTP) for Cressey-Gallo 115 kV Power Line Project.

Table 1
Notice to Proceeds (NTPs)

(Updated 07/09/15)

NTP#	Date Requested	Date Issued	Phase	Description
NTP #1	09/12/14	10/21/14	Gallo Substation and Shoo-Fly, Cressey Substation	Installation and removal of the Shoo-Fly, expansion work at the Gallo Substation, construction of the single and double circuit 115 kV pole lines on the Gallo Property, and modification work at the Cressey Substation.
NTP #2	12/11/14	12/22/14	115 kV Power Line	Installation of remaining TSPs, construction of the re-route area north of Livingston Canal, construction of single circuit 115 kV pole lines within ½ mile buffers for Swainson's hawk nesting areas east of Howard Street, and pulling of conductor.
NTP#3	03/09/15	03/19/15	115 kV Power Line	Installation of the remaining portions of the Project, including construction of single circuit 115 kV pole lines and pulling of conductor.

# **Minor Project Changes**

Table 2 summarizes the Minor Project Changes for the Cressey-Gallo 115 kV Power Line Project.

Table 2
Minor Project Changes (MPCs)

(Updated 07/09/15)

MPC#	Date Requested	Date Issued	Phase	Description
MPC#1	10/01/14	10/08/14	Gallo Substation and Shoo- Fly	Use of an existing alternative staging area 75 feet west of the proposed Staging Area 001 located southeast of the Gallo Substation.

# **PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS**



Figure 1 – Construction work continued at the Gallo Substation during the subject period. View northeast, 7/2/15.



Figure 2 – Crews continued installing structures at the Gallo Substation during the subject period. View north, 6/30/15.





Figure 3 – Removal of the Shoo-Fly (left row of poles and line) occurred during the subject period. View



Figure 4 – Poles were staged on vacant land outside the Gallo staging area. View east, 7/2/15.



Figure 5 – Crews were redirected from using a dirt road to access between the Gallo substation and the Gallo staging area during the subject period. View northeast, 7/2/15.