



Aspen Environmental Group

PROJECT MEMORANDUM PG&E JEFFERSON-MARTIN 230KV TRANSMISSION PROJECT

To: Billie Blanchard, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: January 25, 2005
Subject: Weekly Report #1: January 16, 2005 – January 22, 2005
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jody Fessler

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY:

Tuesday, January 18:

The CPUC EM attended the PG&E – Jefferson-Martin construction meeting at the Black & Veatch office in San Mateo at 1:00 PM for Segment 1. The Segment Manager from Black & Veatch explained that non-invasive pot-holing will be happening today, surveying will start tomorrow, and invasive pot-holing will start on Thursday. Construction will be starting at Manhole #9 just north of the Pulgas Water Temple on Canada Road. Crews will be trenching north to south until Week #3. Crews were instructed to be aware of the two equine crossings at Edgewood and near Manhole #9. On January 24 (Week #2), the long day shift will begin (LDS 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM). They will start excavating at Manhole #9 on January 24. On January 31 (Week #3), the night shift will begin. There will be shifts from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM and 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM. Construction meetings for Segment 1 will be every Monday at 1:00 PM. A construction schedule was handed out at the meeting with the three-week look ahead.

In the late afternoon, the CPUC EM drove Segment 1 and spoke to a couple of the SFPUC Rangers about the project. They said they had seen surveyors along Canada Road near the Pulgas Water Temple earlier in the day.

Thursday, January 20:

The CPUC EM drove Segment 2 and then Segment 1 in the early afternoon. Crews were observed finishing setting up the biological exclusion fencing for California red-legged frogs just North of the Pulgas Water Temple along the west side of Canada Road, Segment 1. They are setting-up the fence in case it might rain. The CPUC EM observed that the bottom of the fencing was loose and there were spaces under it where animals could possibly get under the fencing and into the road. It was noted that traffic signs warning of construction were properly set-up.

The CPUC EM spoke with Opus Environmental about the exclusion fencing issue. The CPUC EM was told that Opus Environmental was discussing the issue with PG&E and Black & Veatch.

Friday, January 21:

The CPUC EM attended the Worker Environmental Awareness Training for construction crews presented by Opus Environmental at the Black & Veatch office in San Mateo in the mid-morning.

The CPUC EM spoke with Opus Environmental and Black & Veatch regarding the exclusion fencing set-up on the west side of Canada Road just north of the Pulgas Water Temple. The CPUC EM was informed that she needed to talk to Bob Masuoka of PG&E about the issue. The CPUC EM spoke with Bob Masuoka about the issue and he said he would E-mail Mary Hammer at the USFWS with a description and pictures of the exclusion fencing.

The CPUC EM attended the Fall Protection Safety Training Class presented by Black & Veatch at around noon. Anyone six (6) feet or closer to a trench has to be wearing a safety harness that is attached to a proper anchor.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of Segment 1 and reexamined the exclusion fencing; no changes had been made. CPUC EM observed that there was a lot of water seeping out of the banks adjacent to the road.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

On January 20, the CPUC EM observed that the exclusion fencing set-up for California red-legged frogs along the west side of Canada Road just north of the Pulgas Water Temple may not be constructed as USFWS and CDFG intended. The CPUC EM is waiting for confirmation from USFWS and CDFG regarding this issue.

NOTICES TO PROCEED (NTP):

No NTPS were issued during the subject week.

VARIANCE REQUESTS:

No Variance Requests were submitted for review during the subject week.

**TABLE 1
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS
(Updated 01-25-05)**

Variance Request #	Date Submitted	Description	Status	CPUC Approval Date
1	1-14-05	40 Edwards Court, Burlingame – Paved parking lot that is fenced to be used as a staging yard	Approved	1-18-05
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PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1
Exclusion Fencing along west side of Canada Road just north of the Pulgas Water Temple
January 20, 2005



Figure 2
Exclusion Fencing along west side of Canada Road just north of the Pulgas Water Temple
January 20, 2005