



Aspen *Environmental Group*

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

To: Billie Blanchard, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: March 29, 2005
Subject: Weekly Report #10: March 20, 2005 – March 26, 2005
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jody Fessler

Aspen EM Jody Fessler was on site March 22 and 25 along Segments 1, 2, and 5.

SEGMENT 1:

Summary of Activity:

No construction occurred during the subject week with the exception of the installation of biological exclusion fencing on Friday, March 25 (see Figure 1). The weather at the beginning of the week was stormy and it rained heavy at times. Towards the end of the week the weather cleared up and became sunny. During the installation of the biological exclusion fence, PG&E Environmental Inspector(s) (EI) were on-site to ensure compliance with the adopted EIR, Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), and other permit requirements.

Environmental Compliance Activities:

PG&E was in discussions with USFWS and CDFG throughout the week about the agencies new mitigation measures that were proposed last week to further protect the San Francisco garter snake. An agreement was made on Thursday, March 24, about the implementation of the new mitigation measures.

The CPUC EM observed that all Segment 1 construction activities were in compliance with mitigation measures adopted in the EIR and other permit requirements. Erosion controls were in place around the construction areas.

SEGMENT 2, UNDERGROUND & OVERHEAD

Summary of Activity

A Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued for the Segment 2 underground portion, not including SFPUC lands, on March 8. However, no NTP has been issued for the overhead component of Segment 2.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the underground section a couple of times during the week. No work was observed along Segment 2. A pre-construction meeting was held at the B&V office in Hayward on Friday, March 25. The CPUC EM attended the meeting and introductions were made between the new participants. Underground Construction is the subcontractor for the segment.

Environmental Compliance Activities:

PG&E continues to work with CDFG regarding woodrat removal activities that previously occurred along the overhead portion of Segment 2 without CDFG concurrence. PG&E is also consulting with USFWS and CDFG regarding biological resources along the entire overhead segment.

SEGMENT 5:

Summary of Activity:

Construction activities continued during the subject week with the excavation of more trench and the installation of stub-outs on either side of the previously set manhole vaults. One of the PG&E EIs was on-site to ensure compliance with mitigation measures adopted in the EIR, Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), and other permit requirements. Crews went home early on Tuesday, March 22, because of the bad weather and did not resume work until Thursday, March 24. The following activities occurred on Segment 5 during the subject week:

1. Excavation of trench occurred between Station #1285+00 and #1286+00 for the installation of conduit. Conduit was installed throughout the week, cement slurry poured, and final paving done on Saturday.
2. Crews worked on the stub-outs at Manholes #67, #69, and #70 throughout the week (see Figures 2 and 3). Conduit was installed on either side of the manhole, cement slurry poured, and the areas paved over on Saturday.
3. Crews saw-cut on either side of Manhole #71 on Friday afternoon in preparation for next week's work.
4. Traffic controls (signs, cones, and lights) were set up on Guadalupe Canyon Parkway. Traffic control flaggers were in place at the active construction areas. Traffic cones were left in place blocking off the southern lane. Bright lights were set up on either end of the project at night. A small night crew stayed on-site at night and did some light work.
5. On Friday, March 25, crews conducted cleanup activities along Guadalupe Canyon Parkway in preparation for the weekend.

Environmental Compliance Activities:

The CPUC EM observed that Segment 5 construction activities were in compliance with mitigation measures adopted in the EIR and other permit requirements. Erosion controls were in place around the construction areas.

NOTICES TO PROCEED (NTP):

Table 1 presents the NTPs issued by the CPUC for the Jefferson-Martin Project to date.

TABLE 1
NOTICES TO PROCEED
(Updated 3-29-05)

NTP #	Date Issued	Description
#1	1-10-05	Segment 1, underground only Segment 5, unincorporated San Mateo County only
#2	3-08-05	Segment 2, underground only, not including SFPUC lands
#3	3-11-05	Segment 5, incorporated
#4	3-11-05	Segment 3.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

One Non-Compliance Report (NCR) and three Project Memorandums (PMs) have been issued for the project to date (see Table 2).

TABLE 2
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE STATUS
(Updated 3-29-05)

Project Memo or NCR	Date Issued	Description	Follow-Up Activities
NCR (Level 3)	2-01-05	Segment 2 – Dismantling and removal of woodrat nests along the overhead route without consulting with CDFG.	PG&E consulting with CDFG on how to proceed.
PM	2-09-05	Segment 1 - Breach of trenching activities into vegetated drainage on east side of Cañada Road between MH #7 and MH #8.	PG&E consulting with CDFG and USFWS on how to proceed.
PM	2-16-05	Segment 5 – Dewatering of Manhole #67 vault pit without consulting with RWQCB on handling of water	PG&E consulting with RWQCB on how to proceed with storm water and groundwater.
PM	3-04-05	Segment 1 – Hummingbird nest found near Manhole #5 on Monday, Feb. 28, and not reported to CPUC or CDFG until Thursday, March 3.	PG&E discussing better communication between PG&E and sub-contractors.

VARIANCE REQUESTS:

No Variance Requests were submitted during the subject week.

TABLE 3
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS
(Updated 3-29-05)

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
2	2-04-05	Staging yard, Airport Boulevard & North Access Road., South San Francisco.	Approved	2-09-05
3	2-22-05	Change compliance timing for Mitigation Measure U-1c, corrosion, from pre-construction to during construction.	Approved	3-04-05

UPCOMING ITEMS:

PG&E holds weekly meetings to review issues and upcoming events for Segment 1 on Friday (12:00 p.m., San Mateo BV office) and Tuesday (8:00 a.m., Hayward BV office), and a weekly meeting for Segment 5 on Monday (3:00 p.m., South SF Mueller/InfraSource Staging Yard) and Tuesdays (9:00 a.m., Hayward BV office).

AGENCY PERSONNEL CONTACTS:

PG&E was in consultation with USFWS and CDFG throughout the week discussing the newly proposed mitigation measures to further protect the San Francisco garter snake.

Photographs



Figure 1 – Biological Exclusion Fence (green t-posts) being installed at Manhole #14 work area on west side of Cañada Road, Segment 1, March 25, 2005.



Figure 2 – Crews working at stub-out on West side of Manhole #67 on Guadalupe Canyon Parkway, Segment 5, March 25, 2005.



Figure 3 – Crews working at stub-out on east side of Manhole #69 on Guadalupe Canyon Parkway, Segment 5, March 25, 2005.