



Aspen *Environmental Group*

PROJECT MEMORANDUM PG&E NORTHEAST SAN JOSE TRANSMISSION REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

To: Roosevelt Grant, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: January 15, 2003
Subject: Weekly Report #33: January 6, 2002 – January 12, 2003
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jody Fessler

Summary of Activity:

Thursday, January 9:

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Catella Property in the late morning (location of pole #5). No crews were observed working at that location. The CPUC EM spoke with the Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) who informed her that it was too wet for the grading equipment to get in there and start building the access road to the pole #5 work area. The Essex EI was waiting to hear from OCI's Project Manager regarding the schedule for that work.

At pole foundation #4 (see Figure 1), the foundation pit had been drilled and crews were waiting for the cement trucks to arrive so that they could pour the foundation. The CPUC EM observed that pole foundation #3 was completed (see Figure 2). Tri-state Drilling finished foundation #3 yesterday. The CPUC EM spoke with the Essex EI regarding the trail of dirt in the parking lot between pole foundations #3 and #4. She said she would make sure they cleaned it up before leaving for the weekend (Tri-state Drilling does not work on Fridays).

Later, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the tie-in work from the underground to the overhead at the west end of Cushing Parkway to pole foundations #9. They were working on locating utilities in the trench they had dug on the left line. Between pole foundations #9 and #8, Tri-state Drilling had parked some equipment and staged small piles of cut tree trunks within the right-of-way.

At Fremont Boulevard, the CPUC EM observed that there was some dirt on the road coming out of the entrance/exit gate to the staging area at the corner of Cushing Parkway and Fremont Boulevard. The CPUC EM left a message with the Essex EI regarding this issue. At man-hole vaults #7, crews were installing the racking within the vault (see Figure 3). Another crew was pouring cement driveways on either side of Gateway Boulevard where the trenching activities had torn up the old driveways into the two business parks. The cement crew also worked on some sidewalk repairs south of man-hole vaults #8 (pouring cement). The CPUC EM left another message with the Essex EI regarding the needed maintenance on some sandbags around two drains on the street just south of man-hole vaults #8. Crews were proofing conduit between man-hole vaults #8 and #9. At the Mervyn's overflow lot/staging area, gravel had been brought in and leveled out in order to support the weight of the cable wire coming in (the staging area had been very muddy and the ground very soft before the holidays). On Lakeview Boulevard at the very south end of Fremont Boulevard, crews were doing asphalt grinding in preparation to do the final paving in areas where trenching activities had gone through.

Later in the afternoon, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of tree-topping activities within the right-of-way between pole foundations #16 and #17 along McCarthy Boulevard (see Figure 4). The CPUC EM noted that the soil pile had been removed from the pole foundation #17 area. The soil pile still remains near pole foundation #15 and the area is very wet.

At the Los Esteros Substation site, the CPUC EM spoke with Jeff Jensen of OCI regarding the installation of the first transformer and the schedule for delivery of the second transformer. The CPUC EM noted that the first transformer is in place. The second one will arrive Sunday night. Crews were also working on insulators and steel pole structures. The CPUC EM observed that the site was neat and clean.

Friday, January 10:

The CPUC EM received a call from the Essex EI regarding the previous day's issues of dirt on Fremont Boulevard and sandbags around a couple of storm drains just south of man-hole vaults #8. She informed the CPUC EM that they had taken care of the issues. Later, the CPUC EM confirmed this during her site visit of the project. The Aspen Project Manager, Vida Strong, and Lead EM, Christopher Meyer, were provided a tour of project activities by the CPUC EM during the morning.

At the Catella property where pole #5 will be placed, the exclusion fencing and silt fencing for the access road were inspected. It was noted that the silt fence had been installed backwards and this information was forwarded onto the Essex EI later in the day. At the west end of Cushing Parkway, tie-in work was continuing connecting the underground segment to the overhead segment at pole foundation 9 (see Figure 5). Behind the business park, crews were installing racks at man-hole vaults #7. At the Mervyn's staging area, wire cable had been delivered and was being stored there.

At the Los Esteros Substation site, crews were working on constructing the first transformer and insulators. The second transformer will be delivered Sunday night. The site's drainage system was observed to be working very well (see Figure 6). Conducted a site visit of the area southwest of the Los Esteros Substation where several burrowing owls have been seen. No burrowing owls were observed at the time of the site visit.

Environmental Compliance:

On January 9, the CPUC EM observed that some sandbags needed maintenance south of man-hole vaults #8 and that Fremont Boulevard needed to be cleaned of dirt near the entrance and exit to the staging area on the corner of Cushing Parkway and Fremont Boulevard. The CPUC EM observed that all other construction was in compliance with the mitigation measures adopted in the EIR and other permitting requirements.

On January 10, the CPUC EM noted that the above issues had been taken care of, but that a new issue (improper silt fence installation at the Catella property) needed to be corrected. The CPUC EM observed that all other construction was in compliance with the mitigation measures adopted in the EIR and other permitting requirements.

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 TABLE
(Updated 01-15-03)

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
6	9/6/02	Change the location of the permanent access road to the Los Esteros Substation.	Completed	9/23/02
7	10/23/02	Use of a portion of the Mervyn's property for equipment and material storage for underground construction.	Completed	11/12/02
8	10/23/02	Use of a laydown yard at 800 Spreckles Ave., City of Alviso, for equipment and material storage for overhead construction.	Completed	10/31/02



Figure 1
Tri-State Drilling Waiting for Cement Trucks at Pole Foundation #4
January 9, 2003



Figure 2
Pole Foundation #3 Completed
January 9, 2003



Figure 3
Crews Working on Racking at Man-Hole Vaults #7
January 9, 2003



Figure 4
Davey Tree Service Topping Trees Between Pole Foundations #16 and #17
January 9, 2003



Figure 5
Tie-in for Underground to Overhead at Foundation #9
January 10, 2003



Figure 6
Los Esteros Substation – View of Drain Along West Side of Site
January 10, 2003