



Aspen *Environmental Group*

PROJECT MEMORANDUM PG&E NORTHEAST SAN JOSE TRANSMISSION REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

To: Roosevelt Grant, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: March 20, 2003
Subject: Weekly Report #42: March 10, 2003 – March 16, 2003
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jody Fessler

Summary of Activity:

Wednesday, March 12:

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of pole area #17(L) and (R) along McCarthy Boulevard where a crew was working on erecting both poles. However, there was a manufacturer's problem with the left pole and it was not fitting correctly. Crews finished erecting #15(L) and (R) earlier today and have now moved on to pole #16. At the south end of Fremont Boulevard, crews were working on installing cables/circuits from the underground segment onto pole #10 (L). They have one more cable/circuit installation to complete on pole #10 (L) and then they will move to the right pole. Crews were staying within the project right-of-way and the area was neat and clean.

The CPUC EM noted that no construction was taking place at the King & Lyon's property. In addition, no work was being conducted on the northern overhead segment of the project route from poles #1(a) and (b) to poles #9(a) and (b). Pole installation on the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant's property has been completed.

At the Los Esteros Substation, an electrical crew was working at the site. A crew was also working in the Operations Building. The CPUC EM noted that the site was neat and clean.

Along the underground segment, crews were pulling rope from man-hole vault #9 to man-hole vault #10 on the left line in preparation to pull cable tomorrow or Friday. Crews were working on splicing cable down in man-hole vaults #8 on the right line, #7 on the right line, #5 on the right line and #4 on the right line.

Thursday, March 13:

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of poles #10(L) and (R) at the south end of Fremont Boulevard in the afternoon. No crews were observed working at that location.

Along the underground segment of the project, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Mervyn's staging area. Crews were cleaning up the area and putting equipment and materials away before the storm hit. Observed crews splicing cable at man-hole vaults #8, #7 and #5.

At the King & Lyon's property, crews had partially erected pole #13 today and then moved on to poles #12(a) and (b) that were also partially erected (see Figure 1). High winds caused crews to quit early today. The CPUC EM noted that equipment and vehicles were being kept within the project right-of-way.

Along McCarthy Boulevard, a chain link fence had blown over around poles #14(a) and (b). The CPUC EM informed the Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) of the situation. Poles #15(a) and (b) were both erected with the arms attached (see Figure 2). Pole #16 was fully erected with the arms and temporary travelers attached. Pole #17(R) was fully erected, but pole #17(L) is still only partially erected due to the steel pole flaw (see Figure 3).

At the Los Esteros Substation, an electrical crew was working around various areas of the site. A crew was also working in the Operations Building installing a large door on the north end of the structure. The CPUC EM noted that the site was neat and clean.

No work was being conducted on the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant's property today. In addition, no work was being conducted on the northern overhead segment of the project route from poles #1(a) and (b) to poles #9(a) and (b).

Environmental Compliance:

On March 12, the CPUC EM observed that all sites were in compliance with the mitigation measures adopted in the EIR and other permitting documents.

On March 13, the CPUC EM noted that a chain link fence had been blown over around poles #14(L) and (R) along McCarthy Boulevard. The CPUC EM informed the Essex EI about the situation and he was going to notify construction management. The CPUC EM observed that all other sites were in compliance with the mitigation measures adopted in the EIR and other permitting documents.

Notices to Proceed (NTP):

Review of pre-construction compliance materials for the Montague – Trimble 115kV upgrade NTP was also conducted during the week. Comments on the geotechnical plans (mitigation measures G-1 and G-3) were forwarded to Essex on March 12.

Variance Requests:

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

TABLE 1
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS TABLE
(Updated 03-20-03)

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
3				
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
9	02/04/03	Install ground wire peaks and string optical ground wire (OPGW) from the 230kV towers being built as part of the NESJ Project to the Newark Substation utilizing the existing Metcalf to Newark/Tesla to Newark No. 2 transmission line easement.	Completed	02/18/03



Figure 1
Poles #12 (a) and (b) on the King & Lyon's Property
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Figure 2
Poles #15(L) and (R) in foreground & Poles #14(L) and (R) in background to the left
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Figure 3
Poles #17(L) and (R)
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