

**ASPEN** Environmental Group

# PROJECT MEMORANDUM PG&E NORTHEAST SAN JOSE TRANSMISSION REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

To: Roosevelt Grant, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: June 6, 2003
Subject: Weekly Report #53: May 26, 2003 – June 1, 2003
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jody Fessler

# **Summary of Activity:**

# Monday, May 26:

The CPUC EM was informed at crews would be working on Memorial Day. With the exception of PG&E crews, no subcontractors were present.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of poles #1 L and R, #2, #3, #4 and #5 around noon. No crews were observed working at those locations. Further, at the west end of Cushing Parkway at poles #9 L and R, no crews were observed working at that location or at poles #8, #7, and #6 L and R at the time of the site visit. Clean-up and revegetation pending at these pole sites. The CPUC EM observed that all sites were neat and clean.

No crews were seen working along the underground segment and the sites were observed to be neat and clean. The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Mervyn's staging area, where a few vehicles and equipment were parked at that location. At the south end of Fremont Boulevard, cones had been placed around the newly finished driveway.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the King & Lyon's property and along McCarthy Boulevard in the early afternoon. No crews were observed working at those locations at the time of the site visit. Further, no crews were observed working in the field west of the Los Esteros Substation site.

At the Los Esteros Substation, PG&E crews were testing their lines from Los Esteros to Trimble. The CPUC EM observed that the site was neat and clean.

No crews were working at the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant today.

Along the Trimble-to-Montague segment, the CPUC EM observed that a few poles still have to be erected. The sites were observed to be neat and clean. Crews are working during the evening along this segment.

# Friday, May 30:

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of poles #1 L and R, #2, #3, #4 and #5 before noon. No crews were observed working at those locations. At the west end of Cushing Parkway at poles #9 L and R, no crews were observed working at that location or at poles #8, #7, and #6 L and R at the time of the site visit. The CPUC EM noted that a new curb had been created around poles #6 L and R. Clean-up and revegetation pending at these pole sites. All sites were observed to be neat and clean.

No crews were observed working along the underground route. The CPUC EM observed that traffic cones and signs had been removed from the side of the road adjacent to the man-hole vaults. The

sandbags around the storm drains on the access road to the Mervyn's staging area had been removed and there was a chain across the access road. All of the vehicles and equipment have been removed from that site (see Figure 1). At the south end of Fremont Boulevard, all equipment, vehicles and cones had been removed from that location. All underground locations were observed to be neat and clean.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the King & Lyon's property and along McCarthy Boulevard in the early afternoon. No crews were observed working at those locations at the time of the site visit. There were a few wooden poles by pole #13 that still need to be removed. New cement grouting has been added to the pole foundations.

Along the Trimble-to-Montague segment, the CPUC EM noted that a few poles still have to be erected (poles #9 through #13). The sites were observed to be neat and clean. Crews are working during the evening along this segment.

In the field west of the Los Esteros Substation site, no crews were observed working at that location. The CPUC EM observed a burrowing owl in the field perching on a traffic cone about 350 feet away from pole #30.

At the Los Esteros Substation, crews were laying and compacting base rock (see Figure 2). All lines are now energized except for the Metcalf-Los Esteros circuit (to be energized June 5), the Montague line, and the Agnews line (partially energized). The CPUC EM observed that the site was neat and clean.

No crews were working at the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant today.

#### **Environmental Compliance:**

On May 26, the CPUC EM observed that all sites were in compliance with mitigation measures adopted in the EIR and other permitting requirements.

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The CPUC EM met with the Essex Environmental Inspector on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, to develop a punchlist of cleanup and restoration/revegation items.

# Notices to Proceed (NTP):

CPUC issued the NTP for the Trimble to Montague 115kV upgrade on April 8.

# Variance Requests:

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

				CPUC
Variance	Date			Approval
Request #	Submitted	Description	Status	Date
1	6/11/02	Disposal of excavated material, corner	Completed	6/11/02
		of Fremont Boulevard and Cushing		
		Parkway, Fremont.		
2	6/13/02	Material/equipment yard, 42400	Completed	See
		Boyce Road, Fremont.		Underground
				NTP
3	C/0.C/0.0			7/5/02
4	6/26/02	Reduce biological buffer from 250 to	Completed; 25-foot buffer approved.	7/5/02
		15-feet at existing structure, Los Esteros Substation.		
5	7/9/02	Extra work space area for Line F bore,	Completed	7/12/02
5	119/02	west of Fremont Blvd.	Completed	//12/02
6	9/6/02	Change the location of the permanent	Completed	9/23/02
0	37 07 02	access road to the Los Esteros	Compreted	<i>y</i> , <u>_</u> <u></u> , <u></u>
		Substation.		
7	10/23/02	Use of a portion of the Mervyn's	Completed	11/12/02
		property for equipment and material		
		storage for underground construction.		
8	10/23/02	Use of a laydown yard at 800	Completed	10/31/02
		Spreckles Ave., City of Alviso, for		
		equipment and material storage for		
9	02/04/03	overhead construction.	Completed	02/19/02
9	02/04/03	Install ground wire peaks and string optical ground wire (OPGW) from the	Completed	02/18/03
		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.		
10	04/17/03	Delay implementation of landscaping	Completed	04/29/03
		at the Los Esteros Substation.		

# TABLE 1 VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS TABLE (Updated 06-06-03)



Figure 1 Mervyn's Staging Yard, Post-Construction May 30, 2003



Figure 2 Appian Crews Laying and Compacting Base Rock at the Los Esteros Substation May 30, 2003