



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 11, 2003
Subject: Weekly Report #54: June 2, 2003 – June 8, 2003
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jody Fessler

Summary of Activity:

Tuesday, June 3:

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of poles #1 L and R in the late morning. There were some wood poles laying near the new poles that need to be removed. Some revegetation also needs to be done at that location. At pole #2, the CPUC EM noted a broken irrigation pipe that may or may not be project related. At pole #3, the CPUC EM also noted a broken irrigation pipe nearby, as well as some ruts in the ground from heavy equipment (see Figure 1). At pole #4, the CPUC EM noted some more ruts in the ground near the pole. There were two broken sandbags that are still around a couple of storm drains on the road between poles #4 and #5 that need to be removed. At pole #5, the access road is still in place as well as the topsoil that was removed and covered with plastic tarps and sandbags. No crews were observed working at those locations. The CPUC EM observed that all sites were neat and clean.

The CPUC EM met with the Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) to tour the project and make a punch-list of clean-up and revegetation locations. The CPUC EM gave the Essex EI the list of things needing to be done from poles #1 L and R through pole structure #5. The CPUC EM and the Essex EI conducted a site visit at the west end of Cushing Parkway at poles #9 L and R. A fiber crew was working at that location. The area still needs some revegetation (see Figure 2). Between poles #9L and R and pole #8 there were some empty cable reels that need to be removed. At pole #8, the CPUC EM observed some broken concrete pads, as well as part of the curb. The Essex EI was going to check whether it was project related or not. At pole #7, the CPUC EM noted an area that looks like it needs some revegetation. Also, some sandbags need to be removed from around a storm drain. Near poles #6 L and R, there are a couple of sandbags around a storm drain that need to be removed, as well as some wood debris.

Along the underground segment, the CPUC EM observed that traffic cones and signs had been removed from the side of the road adjacent to the man-hole vaults. South of man-hole vaults #6, in the first vegetated island, a straw wattle and sandbag need to be removed. In the second vegetated island, there is a straw wattle that needs to be removed, as well as some additional revegetation that needs to be completed. The island near man-hole vaults #7 looked as if it needed some additional bark. Near man-hole vaults #8, there was an additional plant that needed to be planted, as well as some irrigation that looked broken. The Mervyn's staging area has been cleaned-out and construction completed at that location.

At the south end of Fremont Boulevard near poles #10 L and R, all equipment, vehicles, and cones had been removed from that location. Some more revegetation around pole #10 R may be necessary. The site was observed to be neat and clean.

At the King & Lyon's property, the CPUC EM observed some wood poles near pole #13 that need to be removed. The CPUC EM observed them being removed later in the afternoon. All other sites were

observed to be neat and clean.

Along McCarthy Boulevard, all of the pole locations along that segment were completed and were observed by the CPUC EM to be neat and clean.

Later in the afternoon, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the field west of the Los Esteros Substation site. Some wood poles were observed laying in the right-of-way along the bike path at three locations that need to be removed. All other pole sites were observed to be neat and clean.

Next, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Los Esteros Substation. Crews were paving roads at the site (see Figure 3). The CPUC EM observed that the site was neat and clean.

No access was available to the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) today. PG&E is waiting for confirmation from the WPCP that sites are acceptable.

Lastly, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Trimble – Montague Segment which is still under construction. Poles #12 and #13 still have to be erected along that segment. The sites were observed to be neat and clean.

Environmental Compliance:

On June 3, the CPUC EM observed that all sites were in compliance with mitigation measures adopted in the EIR and other permitting requirements.

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.

TABLE 1
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS TABLE
(Updated 06-11-03)

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
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
10	04/17/03	Delay implementation of landscaping at the Los Esteros Substation.	Completed	04/29/03



Figure 1
Broken Irrigation and Ruts in the Ground Near Pole #3
June 3, 2003



Figure 2
Area Around Poles #9 L and R that Needs Revegetation
June 3, 2003



Figure 3
Paving Work at the Los Esteros Substation
June 3, 2003