



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 19, 2003
Subject: Weekly Report #55: June 9, 2003 – June 15, 2003
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jody Fessler

Summary of Activity:

Wednesday, June 11:

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of poles #1 L and R where crews were working on revegetation and landscaping (see Figure 1). There were a couple of wood poles that still need to be removed. At pole #2, the CPUC EM noted that the irrigation had been fixed. The CPUC EM spoke with one of the landscape crew who said they would be laying sod at that location on Monday. At pole #3, the CPUC EM observed crews working on the irrigation system as well as landscaping the area (see Figure 2). At pole #4, the CPUC EM noted that crews had been working on the irrigation system but that it was not completed. Two broken sandbags are still around a couple of storm drains on the road between poles #4 and #5 that need to be removed. The access road is still in place to pole #5, as well as the topsoil that was removed and covered with plastic tarps and sandbags. No crews were observed working at that location. The CPUC EM observed that all sites were neat and clean and that crews were staying within the project work area.

At poles #9 L and R, pole #8, pole #7 and poles #6 L and R, no new work had been conducted since last week's site visit. There are some areas that need to be revegetated/landscaped and a few sandbags that need to be removed. The cable reels between poles #9 L and R and pole #8 still need to be removed.

Along the underground segment, the CPUC EM noted that no new work had been done on this segment since last week's site visit. 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, no new work was noted since last week's site visit. 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 a couple of wood poles near pole #13 that need to be removed. All other sites were observed to be neat and clean.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit along McCarthy Boulevard and noted that all of the pole locations along that segment were completed and were observed to be neat and clean.

Along the Trimble-Montague Segment, poles #12 and #13 have been erected. Crews were observed stringing p-line through the arms of the new steel tubular poles near 400 Trimble Road (see Figure 3).

Next, they will pull a larger rope through and then finally the conductor lines. Crews plan to work over the weekend. Traffic controls were set up around the work areas along Trimble Road where crews were working. The CPUC EM observed that the sites were neat and clean.

The area just west of the Los Esteros Substation site, where the 115kV line exits the substation, had been recently graded to remove the ruts from heavy construction equipment. The site was observed to be neat and clean.

The gate was locked to the Los Esteros Substation site and no access was available. Only one PG&E worker was at the substation site taking photographs. The paved road around the inside of the substation has been completed. Landscaping still needs to be completed on the north side of the site just outside the substation fence. 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. Waiting for confirmation from the WPCP that sites are acceptable.

Environmental Compliance:

On June 11, 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 06-19-03)

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



Figure 1
Landscaping Work at Poles #1 L and R
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Figure 2
Landscaping Work at Pole #3
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Figure 3
Work Along Trimble Road for the Trimble-Montague Segment
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