



# **Aspen** *Environmental Group*

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

**To:** Roosevelt Grant, CPUC  
**From:** Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager  
**Date:** July 31, 2003  
**Subject:** Weekly Report #61: July 21, 2003 – July 27, 2003  
**CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM):** Jody Fessler

### **Summary of Activity:**

On July 21, the CPUC EM spoke with the Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) and was informed that Appian Engineering would be done taking out the access road that day. Appian still has to replace the topsoil over the access road location and hydro-seed the area.

The CPUC EM was notified by Essex that the removal of the access road was complete as of July 23 and that the topsoil had been spread out over the access road area. Appian still has to hydro-seed the area.

On July 23, the CPUC EM spoke with Lindsay Harman of Albion Environmental about removal of the one-way doors in the ground squirrel burrows in the field west of the Los Esteros Substation. Lindsay informed the CPUC EM that she planned to remove the doors on Thursday, July 24. The CPUC EM reminded her that they needed to follow all mitigation measures agreed upon with CDFG in regards to the one-way doors and burrowing owls.

The Essex EI informed the CPUC EM that the irrigation system to the north side of the Los Esteros Substation site (where landscaping is to occur) was still being installed. PG&E is expecting to have the landscape plan completed by the end of August.

Essex reported that no new work was conducted along the Trimble to Montague Segment of the project.

### **Environmental Compliance:**

For the week of July 21 to July 27, construction activities remained low and Essex reported no compliance problems.

### **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. On July 28, Essex provided notice that the landscaping at the Los Esteros Substation wouldn't be completed by the July 31 deadline specified by the Variance Request #10 approval due to the delay in supplying water to the landscape area (meter and billing pending). On July 28, a recommendation regarding this request was forwarded to CPUC.

**TABLE 1**  
**VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS TABLE**  
**(Updated 07-31-03)**

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