



Aspen *Environmental Group*

PROJECT MEMORANDUM PG&E NORTHEAST SAN JOSE TRANSMISSION REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

To: Roosevelt Grant, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
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Subject: Weekly Report #25: November 11, 2002 – November 17, 2002

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Summary of Activity:

Monday, November 11:

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Los Esteros Substation site in the evening. The CPUC EM observed that the site was very muddy around the edges after the last storm. The center of the property had drained off and was drying out well. A dozer was observed working at the northern end of the property, spreading soil out so it would dry faster. Some dump trucks were also observed coming onto the site and depositing soil at the northern end of the property from trenching activities along the underground route.

The CPUC EM met with the Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) to tour the Pacific Commons property off of Automall Parkway and Christy Court (see Figures 1 and 2). They looked at access routes onto the property for the installation of pole #5 for the overhead section. Construction management wants to enter the property from the graded property adjacent to Christy Court rather than at the end of Christy Court. This is so the crane trucks will have more room to make a left turn and stay out of the mitigation area.

Throughout the evening and night, the CPUC EM conducted several site visits of construction along the underground segment of the project. At the U.S.D. Lagoon #4 bore, crews were excavating south towards manhole vault #5 on the right line. After they are done with this tie-in, they will begin pouring cement slurry and backfilling the trenches. The CPUC EM inspected the erosion control on the re-contoured berm north of the bore. It came through the storm fine with the straw wattles that were in place. A storm drain north of the bore had plenty of sandbags around it, which stopped sediment from flowing down the drain. The CPUC EM also conducted a site visit of the construction behind the business park. Crews were still working on some irrigation replacement from approximate Station 72+00 to 73+00 on the left line. A new sidewalk has been poured in that area to replace the one that had to be ripped out to install underground conduit. The CPUC EM observed that a nearby storm drain was well protected with filter fabric and sandbags. Further south behind the business park, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of trenching activities on the left line at approximate Station 104+00 to 104+50 where crews were trenching and laying conduit. Trenching slowed down as crews were looking for the nitrogen line around Station 104+50 on the left line. On the Pinole property behind the Sony Electronics building, crews were trenching south on the right line from approximate Station 125+00 to 130+50. Crews were not using the adjacent Mervyn's overflow parking area (Variance Request #7 staging area) because it was too muddy and wet after the storm.

Tuesday, November 12:

The CPUC EM attended the 9:00 a.m. weekly construction management meeting for the underground portion of work. Construction management discussed schedule, manhole racking submittal, permits, paving restoration, lighting for concrete placement, and safety issues.

The CPUC EM attended the 10:15 a.m. weekly construction management meeting for the overhead portion of work. Construction management discussed schedule, engineering, submittals, right-of-way status, permits, and safety issues.

The CPUC EM attended the 11:30 a.m. weekly construction management meeting for the Los Esteros Substation site. Construction management discussed project progress, schedule, submittals, permits, and safety issues.

After the meetings, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Los Esteros Substation site. The CPUC EM observed that the site was drying out well and that erosion controls (silt fences) came through the storm well. Some soil will need to be removed along the silt fence so it does not push them over in a future storm. The CPUC EM also conducted a site visit of the Variance Request #8 area (laydown yard/staging area) in the early afternoon. The CPUC EM observed that vehicles and equipment were within their marked boundaries. Some dump trucks were observed dumping soil to the west of the boundary line, but after inquiring about it, found that it was from an unrelated project. The CPUC EM took photos of the Pacific Commons property and access routes in the afternoon.

Wednesday, November 13:

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Los Esteros Substation site in the evening. The Security Guard from First Alarm said he was walking around the site this evening and saw some birds (he thought they might be doves) fly out of some material structures that are being stored on the site. The CPUC EM walked around the site but did not observe any birds. The CPUC EM did observe that the site had dried out a lot. The site was clean and orderly.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of Fremont Boulevard underground construction route in the night. At the U.S.D. Lagoon #4 bore, crews were done laying conduit and were backfilling the trenches with engineered soil. They should be done by the end of this week. Behind the business park, the CPUC EM observed that trenching activities were continuing at approximate Station 98+36 on the right line. Crews were trenching south. The CPUC EM observed that the area was being kept very clean. On the Pinole property behind the Sony Electronics building, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of trenching activities where crews were trenching south on the left line from approximate Station 127+50. Crews were still not using the Mervyn's overflow parking area (Variance Request #7 staging area) because it was still too muddy to get construction equipment in and out of that area.

Sunday, November 17:

The CPUC EM conducted site visits of the underground route in the evening and night. At the U.S.D. Lagoon #4 bore, crews are done pouring cement slurry and backfilling the trenches and are ready to have crews pave the trenches from the bore south to man-hole vaults #5. Crews have cleaned out the area of machinery and equipment and will be moving the Baker tank from the area soon. Behind the business park, at approximate Station 109+73 on the right line just north of man-hole vault #8, crews were trenching north from approximate Station 109+73 to 107+71 to finish the transition to man-hole vault #8. The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Mervyn's overflow lot (Variance Request #7 staging area). The area is still muddy in places, but has dried out for the most part. Crews were starting to backfill man-hole vaults #9 with engineered soil. Behind the Mervyn's facility, on the left line, crews were removing conduit from the trench from approximate Station 118+53 to 117+95 and cleaning out dirt from in between the lower level of conduit that had gotten down there during the last storm.

Environmental Compliance:

On November 11, 12, 13, and 17, the CPUC EM observed that construction was in compliance with the mitigation measures adopted in the EIR and other permitting requirements.

Notices to Proceed (NTP):

On November 14, the NTP for 230kV tower installation was issued by CPUC.

Variance Requests:

On November 12, Variance Request 7 (use of a portion of the Mervyn's property for equipment and material storage for underground construction) was approved by CPUC.

TABLE 1
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS TABLE
(Updated 11-20-02)

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



Figure 1
Southeast View of the Pacific Commons Mitigation Area



Figure 2
Northwest View of the Pacific Commons Area for Development



Figure 3
Trenching Work on the Pinole Property South of Vaults #9
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Figure 4
Trenching Work Behind Business Park
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