



Aspen *Environmental Group*

PROJECT MEMORANDUM PG&E NORTHEAST SAN JOSE TRANSMISSION REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

To: Roosevelt Grant, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: November 26, 2002
Subject: Weekly Report #26: November 18, 2002 – November 24, 2002
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jody Fessler

Summary of Activity:

Tuesday, November 19:

In the evening, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of pole foundation work for the overhead segment at pole site #15 at approximate Station 5061.62. No crews were observed working at the time of the site visit. The CPUC EM observed that the drill rig and other equipment were being stored within the right-of-way. Two sets of caution tape encircled the area: yellow on the outer perimeter and red on the inner perimeter. In order to enter the red tape, one must have special safety training or be escorted by an Inspector. The foundation pit was covered with a timber mat to prevent accidental entry into the pit.

The Los Esteros Substation site was neat and clean. Portable lights had been turned on at the northern end of the site for the dump trucks depositing soil from trenching activities on the underground segment.

Throughout the evening and night, the CPUC EM conducted several site visits of construction along the underground segment of the project. Crews were proofing conduit between man-hole vaults #4 and #5. At approximate Station 131+00 on the left line, crews were trenching south and laying conduit as they went. Excavation crews came across some cow bones and the Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) was called over to identify them (see Figures 1 and 2). At the Variance #7 staging area and man-hole vaults #9, an excavator was working at man-hole vaults #9. On the Mervyn's property, crews were trenching from approximate Station 114+44 north to 112+00 on the left line. Crews were laying conduit as they went. One of the cement slurry trucks got stuck in the mud at that site and was waiting to be pulled out by a backhoe. North of man-hole vaults #8, the CPUC EM observed paving crews behind the business park.

Wednesday, November 20:

In the afternoon, the CPUC EM conducted two site visits of pole foundation work for the overhead segment at pole site #15 site (see Figure 3). The CPUC EM met with an Inspector who gave the CPUC EM a site tour within the red exclusion tape. Crews were pouring cement in foundation pit #15 (a) and will be finished by the end of the day. Crews will start drilling foundation pit #15 (b) tomorrow. The CPUC EM also met with the Essex EI at the site and discussed dewatering methods as well as spoil piles from the foundation pits.

At the Los Esteros Substation site, the CPUC EM walked around the site and looked at pole foundations #28 and #29 (a), which are finished. Crews still have to do pole foundation #29 (b). The CPUC EM observed the water truck watering the site to keep the dust levels down.

Environmental Compliance:

On November 19 and 20, 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):

No NTPS were issued during the subject week.

Variance Requests:

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

TABLE 1
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS TABLE
(Updated 11-26-02)

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
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



Figure 1
Essex EI Holding Cow Bones that were Excavated
November 19, 2002



Figure 2
Trenching Activities at Approximately Station 131+00 on the Left Line
November 19, 2002



Figure 3
Foundation Work for Poles #15 (a) and (b) of the Overhead Segment
November 20, 2002