



Aspen Environmental Group

PROJECT MEMORANDUM

PG&E NORTHEAST SAN JOSE TRANSMISSION REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

To: Roosevelt Grant, CPUC

From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager

Date: December 18, 2002

Subject: Weekly Report #29: December 9, 2002 – December 15, 2002

CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jody Fessler

Summary of Activity:

Tuesday, December 10:

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Los Esteros Substation in the early evening. The CPUC EM noted that more pole structures had been erected on the site. The CPUC EM also observed that the site was well watered, neat and clean.

The CPUC EM conducted several site visits of the underground segment in the evening and night. Near man-hole vaults #4, k-rails had been set up around an area where they had to do some repair work on the conduit. Crews will be removing the k-rails tonight. Crews were observed proofing conduit between man-hole vaults #6 and #7 on the right line. Just south of man-hole vaults #7, crews were trenching across Gateway Boulevard from approximately Station 93+75 to 94+40 on the right line. The CPUC EM also conducted a site visit of trenching work at the south end of the underground route (see Figure 1), where crews were trenching from approximately Station 137+44 to 138+00 on the right line. At the end of Cushing Parkway, crews were working at man-hole vaults #1 in preparation to tie-in to the overhead segment (Poles #9 a and b). Spoils from the excavated pits for the foundations for Poles #9 (a) and (b) were being stored in the parking lot at that location. The CPUC EM spoke with the Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) about this and he informed her that the spoils would be removed from there tomorrow. There were also a couple of Baker tanks set-up in the right-of-way for dewatering purposes. Foundation crews will next be working on Poles #10 (a) and (b) at the south end of Fremont Boulevard.

Thursday, December 12:

The Essex EI e-mailed the CPUC EM an Erosion Control Checklist with all of the areas on the project that have erosion control issues. The checklist shows what has been done to remedy any erosion control issues as well as what still needs to be done.

In the afternoon, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of Pole #9 (a) and (b) foundations at the west end of Cushing Parkway (see Figures 2 and 3). Both foundations have been completed. There is an open trench, that has been fenced off, leading from one of the pole foundations to man-hole vault #1 on the right line. This is needed for the tie-in between the underground segment and the overhead segment. The CPUC EM observed that all of the spoil piles had been removed from the parking lot and the area cleaned up.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Los Esteros Substation site in the early evening. The First Alarm Security Guard informed her that he saw two owls and a fox last night on the project site. The CPUC EM walked around the property and observed that more steel structures have been erected. Also, crews have put up two sides of the Operations Building. The CPUC EM noted that the site was neat and orderly.

Throughout the evening and night, the CPUC EM conducted several site visits of the underground construction route. The CPUC EM observed crews proofing between man-hole vaults #3 and #4. South of man-hole vaults #7, there are still trench plates across the Bayside Park Drive. At the area just south of

man-hole vaults #8, the trench on the right line is fenced off and still needs to be paved over. The trench on the left line needs to be revegetated. The CPUC EM spoke with one of construction managers about placing some erosion controls at that location. He said he would put some straw wattles in where the trenches meet the sidewalk. Later in the night, the CPUC EM observed crews re-contouring a berm on the Mervyn's property (see Figure 4). They will install straw wattles and other erosion controls tonight in preparation for the predicted storm. At the Pinole property behind the Sony Electronics building, crews were working on paving over the trenched areas. At Poles #10 (a) and (b) at the end of Fremont Boulevard foundation work was being conducted. The CPUC EM was informed that the drilling crew hit a 1 1/2-inch gas line yesterday afternoon while drilling one of the foundation pits, so they have not finished that pit. They moved over to work on the other foundation pit today. The CPUC EM observed that the foundation pit was covered with timber mats. At man-hole vaults #1, crews were shoring up the trench between man-hole vault #1 and Pole #9 and getting the area ready for the storm that is coming into the area tonight or tomorrow.

Environmental Compliance:

On December 10 and 12, 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 12-18-02)

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
Trenching Activities at South End of Route
December 10, 2002



Figure 2
9 (a) and (b) Pole Foundations at West End of Cushing Parkway
December 12, 2002



Figure 3
Baker Tanks being Stored in Right-of-Way between Pole Foundations 9 and 8
December 12, 2002



Figure 4
Crews re-contouring berm on Mervyn's Property
December 12, 2002