



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 23, 2002
Subject: Weekly Report #30: December 16, 2002 – December 22, 2002
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jody Fessler

Summary of Activity:

Monday, December 16:

The CPUC EM spoke with the Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) around 3:00 p.m. He informed her that they did not get much rain over the weekend until last night. There has been no trenching of the transitions from the underground segment to the overhead segment because of the weather. Crews are just proofing conduit and paving today. Tri-State Drilling did not work today because the cement factory was shut down. The Los Esteros Substation is wet, but the silt fences are holding up well and the site is draining. Brush and tree clearing began between pole foundations 7 and 10 today.

Tuesday, December 17:

The CPUC EM conducted several site visits of the overhead segment throughout the morning and afternoon. At the west end of Cushing Parkway, crews were observed trimming bushes and trees between pole foundation areas 6 to 9 (see Figure 1). At the south end of Fremont Boulevard, crews were digging pole foundation pit 10 R in the morning and poured cement in the afternoon.

The CPUC EM conducted several site visits of the Fremont Boulevard underground construction route in the morning and throughout the afternoon. Paving crews were getting ready to pave trenches across Gateway Boulevard in the morning. Crews were dewatering the trenches with their portable Baker tank and then releasing the water overland at the staging yard on the corner of Fremont Boulevard and Cushing Parkway. Later, crews were observed paving across Gateway Boulevard (see Figure 2). At man-hole vaults #8, crews were proofing conduit on the left line between man-hole vaults #8 and #9.

The Los Esteros Substation site was very wet, but draining well (see Figure 3). The CPUC EM observed crews working on pole structures. The Essex EI informed the CPUC EM that there was a small fuel spill at the generator in the southwest corner of the property. Subsequently, a spill basin was added under the generator.

Wednesday, December 18:

The CPUC EM conducted several site visits of the overhead segment in the afternoon. At pole foundations #10 R and L at the south end of Fremont Boulevard, crews were done with 10 R and were already pouring cement for 10 L (see Figure 4). The CPUC EM conducted a site visit at the west end of Cushing Parkway where the overhead segment begins and observed the tree cutting service working between pole foundation areas 7 and 9. Around 2:00 PM, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Catella Property where pole # 5 will be. Essex EIs were staking out the access road to the pole area (see Figure 5). Later in the afternoon, the CPUC EM conducted another site visit of pole foundation work at #10 L at the end of Fremont Boulevard where crews were finished and were cleaning up. They were moving their drill equipment over to pole foundation #7 area where they will start drilling later in the evening.

The CPUC EM drove the underground route in the early afternoon. Variance 7 (Mervyn's overflow lot) staging area was very muddy. Crews have equipment and materials stored within the right-of-way. Mervyn's is using the lot to park their semi-trucks during the holiday rush. The CPUC EM observed crews paving trenches near Gateway Boulevard. The staging area at the corner of Fremont Boulevard and Cushing Parkway was wet, but draining well where equipment and materials are being stored.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Los Esteros Substation site. The site has dried out a lot since yesterday. The CPUC EM spoke with Jeff Jensen of OCI who informed her that the only crews working the week of Christmas at the substation will be some wall builders (see Figure 6). They are constructing a wall at the south end of the property. They can only lay eight layers of block a day in good weather, so there will not be much work out there.

Environmental Compliance:

On December 17 and 18, 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 12-23-02)

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
Tree Cutting Activities between Pole Foundations #6 and #9
December 17, 2002



Figure 2
Crews Paving Across Gateway Boulevard
December 17, 2002



Figure 3
Los Esteros Substation After Big Storm Event
December 17, 2002



Figure 4
Crews Pouring Pole Foundation 10 L
December 18, 2002



Figure 5
Essex Environmental Inspectors Staking Access Road at Catella Property
December 18, 2002



Figure 6
Wall Being Built at the Los Esteros Substation Site (with red scaffolding around it)
December 18, 2002