



# **Aspen** *Environmental Group*

## **Project Memorandum PG&E Northeast San Jose**

**To:** Roosevelt Grant, CPUC  
**From:** Vida Strong, Project Manager  
**Date:** June 25, 2002  
**Re:** Weekly Report #4: June 17, 2002 – June 23, 2002

**CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM):** Jody Fessler

### **Summary of Activity:**

On Tuesday, June 18, crews were still working on completing the first bore at Laguna Creek. The big back-hoe rig ran over and broke one of the well-point PVC pipes. The drainages on the bridge were protected by erosion controls consisting of straw waddles and sandbags. The PVC pipe was immediately repaired. The bore crew finally punched-out of the north bore pit with jack-and-bore around 4:00 PM. Trenching activity was also taking place heading north from the Laguna Creek bore on Cushing Parkway. Water quality tests have been within the allowed limits. Oil absorbent pads were placed under the generators for the welders near the south bore pit. Dust control needs more attention at the site. The CPUC EM spoke with the Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) about dust containment and concerns were relayed to construction management. City time restrictions for trenching were also discussed by the CPUC EM and Essex EI. The Essex EI will discuss this issue with construction management. Night trenching continued south of Laguna Creek site on Cushing Parkway towards Fremont Boulevard. The Essex EI requested a contingency plan for water discharge if water quality levels did not meet standards. Northern Line Layers, Inc. prepared a Turbidity Contingency Plan that was submitted to Essex during the night shift.

On Wednesday, June 19, crews were working on digging mud out of the south bore pit with the big back-hoe rig so they will have a firm pit bottom to work on. They added some gravel and soil to the bottom of the pit later in the afternoon. The Safety Coordinator informed the CPUC EM that water quality levels were close to being too turbid last night because of all of the mud in the bore pit. They diverted the well-point pipes directly to the creek drain and are testing it separate from what is coming out of the Baker tanks. The water coming out of the well-points has been very clean and they are still following the procedures outlined by the RWQCB.

The trenching pit north of the Laguna Creek bore site was open for 20 feet or so with only one side roped off and no one around when the CPUC EM inspected the site. The CPUC EM informed the Safety Coordinator of the problem and he said he would have crews rope off all around the open trench if they are not going to be present.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Los Esteros Substation site with the Essex EI and walked out to the structure that is to be demolished. The CPUC EM and Essex EI observed several active nests, one with baby house finches and one with three eggs. They observed some morning doves and a meadow lark in the field area. The CPUC EM asked the Essex EI to speak with the Essex biologist about these birds and possible ground nesting activity. They also observed some ground squirrel holes around the structure and saw one ground squirrel. A 250-foot buffer zone around the structure had been roped off. The Essex EI informed the CPUC EM that construction crews wanted to start

demolition of the building structure on June 21, but the CPUC EM informed him that will not be possible with the birds nesting there.

In the late afternoon, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Cushing Parkway trenching sites on either side of the Laguna Creek bore. Crews were getting ready to start the night shift. Crews were working on shoring the sides of the north trench pit and then started laying the pipes. A couple of hours into the work, some of the wall of the trench fell in and water came rushing into the trench. Work stopped at that location. Crews will have to wait until low tide to work there.

Crews started pouring cement into the southwest trench around 11:30 pm. The CPUC EM spoke with the other Essex EI about the bird issue at the Los Esteros Substation site and trench work starting before 8:00 pm at Cushing Parkway before the city permits allow.

All equipment and materials were within the ROW.

**Environmental Compliance:**

CPUC EM spoke with Essex EI about dust control on June 18 and city time restrictions for work on Cushing Parkway on June 18 and June 19.

**Notices to Proceed (NTP):**

The NTP for underground construction, including two extra work space areas, was issued by CPUC on June 24, 2002.

**Variance Requests:**

Variance Request #2 for a material/equipment yard at 42400 Boyce Road, City of Fremont was approved by CPUC on June 24, 2002, as part of the NTP for underground construction.

**TABLE 1  
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS TABLE  
(Updated 6-25-02)**

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 NTP for underground construction.	6/24/02