



Aspen *Environmental Group*

Project Memorandum – PG&E Northeast San Jose

To: Roosevelt Grant, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Project Manager
Date: August 21, 2002
Re: Weekly Report #12: August 11, 2002 – August 17, 2002
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jody Fessler

Summary of Activity:

On Tuesday, August 13, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Los Esteros Substation site. Crews were working on putting in foundations for some of the transformers. The area was well compacted and watered. The CPUC EM inspected the building structure where crews were dismantling the building, which is scheduled to be completed in a few more days. Photographs were taken of construction activities.

In the evening, the CPUC EM conducted site visits of construction activities along Fremont Boulevard and Cushing Parkway, where it was observed that roadways were free of construction related dust. Crews were setting up to work on tie-ins at the man-hole vault on Cushing Parkway at Station 15+ 00. Crews were also proofing conduit at the intersection of Cushing Parkway and Fremont Boulevard. In addition, crews were starting to excavate in two locations (left line Station 21+ 74 and left line Station 18+ 83) where the conduit did not proof. Crews will have to cut through the asphalt and then jack hammer through about five to seven feet of dried cement slurry before they can get to the conduit to determine why it didn't proof. Photographs were taken of construction activities.

The CPUC EM also conducted a site visit of the Agua Caliente Creek (Line F) bore in the evening, where crews were excavating the man-hole vault on the left line at Station 46+ 50. Crews were also putting gravel in the bottom of the receiving bore pit at Station 44+ 00 to level it out. The CPUC EM spoke with the Northern Linelayers traffic control sign people and asked them if cars had still been running their stop signs on Fremont Boulevard. They said cars have been running their stop signs every night. They have tried putting lights next to them so drivers are more likely to see them, but that has not seemed to help. They thought it might be a good idea to have a patrol officer sit in the area to make drivers more alert of the traffic issues.

On Tuesday, August 14, the CPUC EM contacted the Northern Linelayers Safety Coordinator and explained what was known of the traffic control issue on Fremont Boulevard. He said that this was the first time he had heard anything about this problem. He said he would follow-up on the issue with construction personnel and the sign people. The CPUC EM recommended that he contact CalTrans and the local enforcement agency about the traffic problem.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Los Esteros Substation site in the afternoon. The sides of the building structure and the roof have all been removed. All that remains is the steel structure and the foundation. Crews were finished working for the day and had parked their vehicles in various places on the site. CPUC EM inspected vehicles for oil leaks and hydraulic leaks. The following four vehicles had either oil leaks or hydraulic leaks: 1) Big Excavator – 892ELC John Deere, Fulleton-Pacific; 2) Dump Truck – blue, WA Lic. # A98480H Fulleton-Pacific; 3) Truck with equipment on the back – WA Lic. #

52319-V Moza Construction; and 4) Water Truck – WA Lic. # A75457L Fulleton-Pacific. The CPUC EM passed this information onto the Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) who is working with the contractors to get the leaks fixed and remove the contaminated soil from the site.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of Cushing Parkway construction in the evening, where crews were working at Stations 21+ 74 and 18+ 83, and jack hammering through the dried cement to get to their conduit that did not proof. Crews were also working at Station 15+ 00, filling and compacting in and around the man-hole vault with a big excavator.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Agua Caliente Creek (Line F) bore in the evening. Crews had just watered the extra work space area and around the bore pits. Crews were also working on removing the pit supports from the man-hole vault on the left line at Station 46+ 50 with their big excavator. The right line man-hole vault had been filled and paved over except for a tie-in area south of the vault.

Environmental Compliance:

On August 13, CPUC EM observed that all sites were in compliance with mitigation measures adopted in EIR and other permitting requirements, with the exception of traffic control.

On August 14, CPUC EM observed that all sites were in compliance with mitigation measures adopted in EIR and other permitting requirements, with the exception of the identified oil/hydraulic leaks which was reported to the Essex EI. In addition, the CPUC EM notified the Northern Linelayers Safety Coordinator of the traffic control issue on Fremont Boulevard.

Notices to Proceed (NTP):

No NTPs were issued during the subject week.

Variance Requests:

No Variance Requests were submitted or reviewed during the subject week.

TABLE 1
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS TABLE
(Updated 8-21-02)

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