



Aspen *Environmental Group*

PROJECT MEMORANDUM PG&E – TRI-VALLEY 2002 CAPACITY INCREASE PROJECT

To: Roosevelt Grant, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: June 19, 2003
Subject: Weekly Report #39: June 9, 2003 – June 15, 2003
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Anne Sweet

Summary of Activity:

Weather was clear throughout the subject week. Approvals have been granted for crews to mobilize to the Cayetano Substation site per NTP #4; however, crews have not begun construction at the Phase Two site. Active construction was originally planned for the week of June 2, but has been delayed to mid-June.

Phase One:

The major build activities of the Phase One section of the Tri-Valley Project are now complete. All conduit and vaults are completely installed. Outstanding tasks include transmission line removal, stringing, splicing and proofing. After the initial line installation, three lines of cable proved faulty. To replace the faulty cable, the cable manufacturer has had to re-start the cable assembly line and then transport the cable from Alabama. These problems will delay the Phase One line energization deadline from May 22 to July 3, 2003, if not later. The Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) has reduced monitoring from full-time to twice-weekly spot checks, but remains on-call. Mueller has reduced crews and continues with restoration activities.

On June 11, Erosion control devices were repaired and straw bales re-staked along the SPCC pond (located near the Vineyard Substation) where crews were pulling cable at Vaults 19A and 19B.

During the subject week, fiber-splicing at various vault locations was observed along the project route. Crews have installed jute netting and seeded the sloped area near the northern intersection of New Vineyard Road and “Old” Vineyard Avenue. Crews have installed mulch and have seeded along the graded area near the Vault 15 location. Crews continue to water the areas and the seed mix has started to sprout (see Figure 1). Crews have also continued various restoration efforts along “Old” Vineyard Avenue. Traffic Control Plans were implemented.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Mueller Contractor Yard. All vehicles and equipment were being kept within the yard and the extra workspace area adjacent to the yard approved for use per Variance #5. The yard areas are being cleared of equipment and spoils.

At New Vineyard Road, no road restoration efforts were noted during the subject week.

Crews removed temporary erosion control devices including silt fence and straw bales along the alignment from Isabel Avenue to the Transition Station. These areas have been returned to pre-construction conditions.

Crews have finished the Transition Station work, and have installed cyclone fencing around the station.

Phase Two:

At the Cayetono Substation site, gravel has been installed near the northwest corner of the station area, and an office trailer has been brought to the site (see Figure 2).

At the PSD (trench contractor) Yard approved for use per Variance #6, an office trailer has been brought to the site, and a power pole has been installed (see Figure 3).

Environmental Compliance:

For all operations, the CPUC EM observed that construction was in compliance with mitigation measures adopted in EIR and other permitting requirements.

Notices to Proceed (NTP):

Essex is currently preparing submittals for the remainder of the Phase Two construction. After submittal review, Aspen will prepare a recommendation for NTP #5 for CPUC consideration. Pending the NTP approval, PG&E plans to begin the trench line construction on July 7, 2003.

Variance Requests: None

Agency Personnel Contacts: None

TABLE 1
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS TABLE
(Updated 06/19/03)

Variance Request #	Date Submitted	Description	Status	CPUC Approval Date
1	10/3/02	Temporary storage of bore pit spoils on the north side of the Arroyo del Valle bore crossing Stations 304+00 to 306+00.	Completed	10/17/02
2	12/19/02	40 feet of extra work space was requested on the south, east and west sides of the north bore pit associated with the Arroyo Del Valle jack and bore to install a sound barrier around boring operations, so that 24-hour construction could occur.	Completed	1/6/03
3	01/29/03	Approximate 200' by 300' extra workspace area east of the Isabel Ave jack & bore.	Completed	2/18/03
4	01/29/03	Approximate 120' by 320' extra workspace area north of the Hwy 84 jack & bore, and an 80' by 200' area south of the Hwy 84 bore.	Completed	2/18/03
5	02/12/03	Approximate 2.6-acre expansion of the approved Mueller Contractor Yard, City of Pleasanton.	Completed	2/25/03
6	05/19/03	Approximate 2.5 acre lay down area adjacent to the north side of May School Road for equipment and materials storage and contractor staging for the Phase Two portion of the project.	Completed	5/23/03
6-Modification	06/06/03	Allow clearing and grading at the 2.5 acre lay down area adjacent to the north side of May School Road.	Denied by CPUC 06/09/03	



Figure 1 – Vault 15 area, seed mixes have begun to sprout, Phase One.



Figure 2 – Cayetano Substation Area, Phase Two.



Figure 3 – PSD Contractor Yard,
A trailer has been placed within the yard and a power pole installed, Phase Two.