



Aspen *Environmental Group*

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

To: Roosevelt Grant, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: January 2, 2003
Subject: Weekly Report #15: December 23, 2002 – December 29, 2002
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Anne Sweet

Summary of Activity:

Weather during the subject week was mostly overcast with rains off and on. Project activity was minimal due to the Christmas holiday.

Minor operations at the Arroyo del Valle bore continued during the subject week. Crews delivered and installed drill components into the northern bore pit. On Friday, December 27, the Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) contacted the CPUC EM with the information that the Baker tank located at the Arroyo del Valle southern bore pit, which had previously shown elevated gasoline readings, has recently been twice retested. Both sets of test results have shown that the gasoline component is now within the Regional Water Quality Control Board Basin Plan discharge standards. After consultation with the CPUC Lead EM, it was agreed upon that the water may be discharged to the local storm drain. Dewatering of the tank occurred during the day. The extension of the Streambed Alteration Agreement permit granted by the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) expired on December 29, 2002. A second extension of the permit is anticipated.

Along New Vineyard Road, crews started excavating for vaults 13A and 13B between Stations 42+00 and 44+00. By the end of the subject week, the vault components had been lowered into the pits (see Figure 1).

During the subject week, crews started excavating the bore pits for the Highway 84 bore. Crews are separating out topsoil. Shoring was installed in the western pit between Stations 77+00 and 78+00 (see Figure 2). Just east of Highway 84 the ground is very muddy and crews were leveling an area and laying down gravel in order to safely place the heavy equipment.

The CPUC EM toured the area along the Zone 7 Access Road between the Transition Station and Highway 84. During the subject week, crews continued minor construction and tie-in work for Vaults 4A and 4B between Stations 54+00 to 56+00.

The CPUC EM toured the Transition Station area. Erosion control was inspected and appeared to be containing run-off (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):

NTP #3 was approved by the CPUC and distributed on December 12. This NTP completes the Phase One portion of the Tri-Valley Project.

Variance Requests:

On December 19, PG&E submitted Variance Request 2 to allow for the construction of a temporary sound wall along the eastern, western, and southern boundaries of the Arroyo del Valle northern bore pit to allow for 24-hour/day bore operations. In order to construct the sound wall, 40 feet of extra workspace is also requested for sound barrier installation around the bore. The CPUC EM contacted the City of Pleasanton regarding the permit status allowing 24-hour/day bore operations (a permit has not been issued) and the Alameda County Flood Control District to confirm the verbal authorization noted in the Variance Request allowing wall construction within an ACFCD access road to the south of the bore pit (a contact name was not provided). On December 26, Phil Grubstick, City of Pleasanton, left a message with the CPUC EM stating that the 24-hour work permit is in place, and that 24-hour work cannot commence until the sound wall is constructed around the bore area. On January 2, the CPUC EM was notified by the Zone 7 Flood Control District that separate approval from the District might be required; District representatives are contacting PG&E. A voicemail message was also left with Janis Gan of the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) to notify the department of the proposed construction within 40 feet of the subject waterway.

Agency Personnel Contacts:

City of Pleasanton: Phil Grubstick, Assistant Director of Public Works/City Engineer.

**TABLE 1
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS TABLE
(Updated 01-02-03)**

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. It has been reported by PG&E/Essex that the City of Pleasanton is requiring the sound wall for 24-hour construction; however, no approval yet granted.	The CPUC EM reviewed the request and inspected the area in the field. The City of Pleasanton, ACFCD and CDFG are being contacted for concurrence regarding the request.	



Figure 1
Vault installation along New Vineyard Road.



Figure 2
Shoring installation within the western pit of the Highway 84 bore.



Figure 3

Erosion control at the Transition Station site. Note the large amount of sediment contained by the structures.