

California Public Utilities Commission Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program

Lassen Substation Project

Compliance Status Report: 05

September 30, 2021

SUMMARY

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is responsible for overseeing implementation of the mitigation measures set forth in the Final Initial Study (FIS)/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Lassen Substation Project. The CPUC has established a third-party monitoring program and adopted a Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program (MMCRP) to ensure that measures approved in the FIS/MND to mitigate or avoid impacts are implemented in the field. This MMCRP status report is intended to provide a description of construction activities on the project, a summary of site inspections conducted by the CPUC's third-party monitors, the compliance status of mitigation measures required by the MMCRP, and anticipated construction activities. Photos of site observations are included in Attachment A of this report. Summaries of the Notices to Proceed (NTP) and Minor Project Refinements (MPR) are provided in Attachments B and C, respectively.

This compliance status report covers construction activities from September 1- September 30, 2021.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE AND PROGRESS

PacifiCorp began construction activities associated with NTP-1 in March 2021. All project activities are scheduled to be complete by the end of 2022.

During this reporting period, crews conducted work associated with aboveground components and inground conduit installations. Activities included, but were not limited to setting up, building, and installing jumpers; anchor installations; setting up the control house; installing steel; trenching for and installing conduit; backfilling; welding components; installing meters; setting up and wiring switches; spreading spoils; and setting up for concrete pours.

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MITIGATION MONITORING, COMPLIANCE, AND REPORTING

Site Inspections/Mitigation Monitoring

A CPUC third-party environmental compliance monitor (ECM) conducted site observations in areas under active construction to verify implementation of the mitigation measures stipulated in the project's MMCRP. Observations were documented using site inspection forms, and applicable applicant proposed measures (APMs) and mitigation measures (MMs) were reviewed in the field.

Implementation Actions

Weekly progress reports were submitted by PacifiCorp, which included documentation of Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training (APM BIO-8) administered to all new crew members prior to conducting work on the site.

During this reporting period, the CPUC ECM observed the lead Environmental Monitor (EM) on site, implementing measures intended to avoid resources to the fullest extent possible (APM BIO-6). The ECM observed that construction was limited to the project area delineated by existing fencing, and areas outside the existing disturbance footprint were avoided in accordance with APM BIO-1, BIO-3, and BIO-7. The ECM observed the site free of trash during site inspections per APM BIO-11 and trash was contained in staged receptacles.

Access roads appeared to be sufficiently watered by water trucks to control particulate matter emissions in accordance with APM AQ-1 (see Photo 1—Attachment A).

Erosion control best management practices (BMPs), such as fiber rolls were observed to be in good condition in accordance with the locations identified in the project's SWPPP (APM WQ-1) (see Photo 2—Attachment A) and topsoil piles were observed stabilized in accordance with the SWPPP. No dust or trackout issues were observed at the project's gravel entrance (see Photo 3—Attachment A). During a site inspection last month, the ECM observed that the integrity of the concrete washout liner was compromised and discussed it with the onsite EM. The damaged liner was no longer observed on site.

During site inspections, the EM reported monitoring containment/fueling and secondary containment areas and procedures in accordance with APMs HAZ-2 and HAZ-3. Small spills noted on site by the EM were immediately contained and cleaned up in conformance with the SPCC in accordance with APM HAZ-3, however during times of inspection, the ECM did not observe spills. The EM monitored placement of materials and equipment to ensure compliance in accordance with APMs HAZ-2 and HAZ-3.

Per the Fire Plan for the project (MM HAZ-2) fire suppression tools, including extinguishers, Pulaski's, and 5-gallon pumps were observed staged on site in accordance with MM HAZ-2 (see Photo 4—Attachment A). Vehicles were observed parked on previously disturbed areas in accordance with the Fire Plan.



Mitigation Measure Tracking

Mitigation measures applicable to the construction activities were verified in the field and documented in the CPUC's mitigation measure tracking table. A complete list of mitigation measures and applicant proposed measures is included in the FIS/MND in the Decision, as adopted by the CPUC on May 16, 2018 (Decision 18-05-014) and the Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program (MMCRP).

Compliance Status

No non-compliance events were observed or reported during this reporting period. PacifiCorp reported the following corrective actions performed on site:

 Stained soils from equipment leaks were found on site, were cleaned, and were disposed of in accordance with project requirements. Secondary containment was implemented and verified.

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PROJECT COMPONENTS	PERCENT COMPLETE						
Substation Construction							
Lead/Asbestos Removal on Existing Structures	100%						
Demolition of Existing Structures	100%						
Tree Removal	100%						
Excavation	100%						
Foundation Installation	100%						
Backfill	100%						
Conduit installation	100%						
Ground Grid Installation	100%						
Fencing Installation	100%						
Surfacing Material Installation	35%						
Structure Erection	100%						
Equipment Installation	95%						
Bus Installation	100%						
Low Voltage Wiring	95%						
Testing & Commissioning	10%						
Boring under 1-5							
Site preparation	0%						
Boring	0%						



ATTACHMENT A Photos



Photo 1: A water buffalo was observed on site and has been actively wetting roads and unpacked construction areas, in compliance with SWPPP and dust (APM AQ-1).



Photo 2: SWPPP erosion control BMPs (fiber rolls) were observed in good condition along the project boundary in accordance with APM WQ-1.

ATTACHMENT A (Continued)



Photo 3: The stabilized construction entrance (gravel base) was observed in compliance with the SWPPP (APM WQ-1).



Photo 4: Fire Equipment was staged on site in accordance with the project's Fire Plan (MM HAZ-2).

ATTACHMENT B Notices to Proceed

NTP No.	Date Issued	Description	Conditions Included (Y/N)
CPUC - 001	March 1,2021	Construction activities associated with NTP-1 (New Substation and I-5 Boring)	Υ

ATTACHMENT C Minor Project Refinement Request

Minor Project Refinement Request No.	Submitted	Description	Status	Approval
None submitted to date				