

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

South of Palermo 115 kV Reinforcement Project

**Compliance Status Report: 07** 

**January 31, 2019** 

#### **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 South of Palermo 115 kV Reinforcement 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 January 1 through January 31, 2019.

#### CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE AND PROGRESS

PG&E began construction activities associated with NTP-1 on July 1, 2018. Additional construction activities associated with NTP-2 were started concurrently on September 6, 2018. All project activities are scheduled to be complete by the end of 2021.

Due to intermittent wet weather conditions during this reporting period, active construction work was often limited.

#### **Bogue Sub-Line Segment**

T-line crews completed reconductoring on the Bogue segment. Workers pulled wire and wire pulling preparation work continued. ESA staking was refreshed and minor repairs to silt fences were made. Crews continued to winterize several landing zones and pull sites as permitted by ground conditions and weather.

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#### MITIGATION MONITORING, COMPLIANCE, AND REPORTING

#### Site Inspections/Mitigation Monitoring

A CPUC third-party EM conducted site observations in areas under active construction along the Bogue Sub-Line Segment. Areas of active and inactive construction were observed 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.

Locations scheduled for work in 2019 on the Rio Oso loop and southern portion of the South of Palermo alignment were toured by a CPUC third-party environmental monitor (EM) to familiarize the EM and to check for land use changes or other potential issues.

#### Implementation Actions

Activities observed during this reporting period along the Bogue Sub-Line Segment included helicopter operation to transport materials and workers, guard structure removal (see photo 1), installation of insulators (see photo 2), pulling wire, installation of track-out prevention mats (see photo 3), installation of framing for pouring foundation (see photo 4), and continued establishment of winterized pull sites and landing zones.

During the reporting period, the CPUC EM observed appropriate signage marking identified sensitive resources, in accordance with APM BIO-3. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as silt fencing and track-out prevention mats were installed and maintained in accordance with APM HYDRO-1.

Vernal pools at two sites fulfilled with water due to wet weather, with the installed BMPs becoming inundated in some areas at pull site 0/1B (see photo 6). The BMPs were inspected and were in good condition despite inundation. Work in those areas had already been completed so no adverse impacts occurred and compliance with APM BIO-6 was maintained.

#### 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 for the Power Line Reinforcement Project, as adopted by the CPUC on May 16, 2018 (Decision 18-05-014) and the MMCRP.

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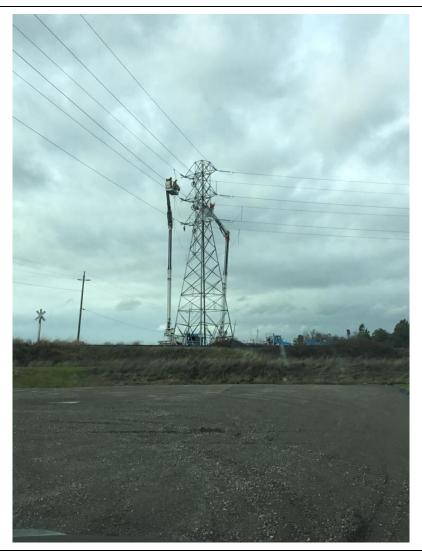
No minor deviations or non-compliances were issued this reporting period.



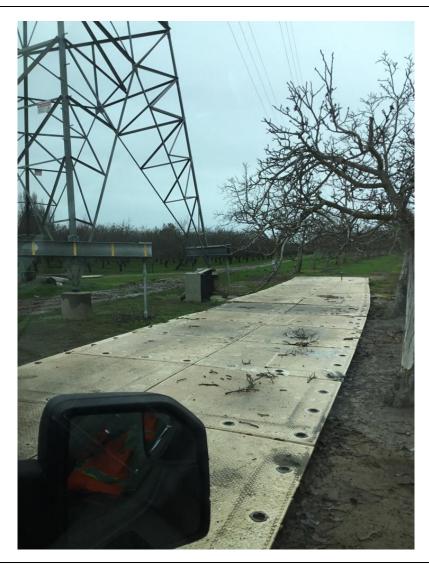
## ATTACHMENT A Photos



**Photo 1:** CPUC EM observed crews removing a guard structure at structure 0/10.



**Photo 2:** Crews were observed installing insulators at structure 1/13.



**Photo 3:** Track-out mats were installed at structure 3/31 to prevent track-out.



**Photo 4:** Crews were observed installing framing for pouring foundation at structure 4/31.



**Photo 5:** Vernal pool feature at Pull Site 0/1B was inundated due to wet weather. Installed BMPs were intact and no adverse impacts occurred because work in the area has already been completed.

## **ATTACHMENT B Notices to Proceed**

NTP No.	Date Issued	Description	Conditions Included (Y/N)
CPUC - 001	June 14, 2018	Construction activities at select locations along the Bogue Sub-Line	Υ
		Segment, the Pease Sub-Line Segment, and the South of Palermo Line.	
CPUC - 002	September 6, 2018	Construction activities which would take place concurrently with work covered under NTP-1 at select locations along the Bogue Sub Line Segment, the Pease Sub Line Segment, and the South of Palermo Line.	Y

### ATTACHMENT C Minor Project Refinement Request

Minor Project Refinement Request No.	Submitted	Description	Status	Approval
001	July 09, 2018	Requested to add an approximately 400-by-600 foot landing zone/pull site along the Pease Sub-Line Segment and also the relocation of an approximately 200-by-200 foot landing zone along the Bogue Sub-Line Segment.	Approved	07/19/18