

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

South of Palermo 115 kV Reinforcement Project

**Compliance Status Report: 10** 

**April 30, 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 April 1 through April 30, 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. Construction of additional project elements associated with NTP-3 were started on March 27, 2019. All project activities are scheduled to be complete by the end of 2021.

Transmission line crews completed reconductoring on the Palermo Sub Segment and began installing structures on the northern end of the South of Palermo Segment. Civil crews provided support to access work locations. During this month, installation of foundations continued but was slowed by wet access conditions.

### MITIGATION MONITORING, COMPLIANCE, AND REPORTING

#### Site Inspections/Mitigation Monitoring

A CPUC third-party EM conducted site observations in areas under active construction. Areas of active and inactive construction were observed to verify implementation of the mitigation measures stipulated in the

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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

Activities observed during this reporting period included installation of track-out mats and maintenance of silt fencing (APM HYDRO-1), removal of old towers (see photo 1), as well as assembling and installation of new poles (see photo 2).

The CPUC EM verified that construction crews were made aware of identified active bird nests within the vicinity of work areas. Resources were appropriately staked and buffered and/or no work activities occurred in the vicinity in accordance with nesting bird avoidance and minimization measures detailed in APM BIO-11. Personnel were also observed checking staged materials for nesting birds prior to moving.

During the reporting period, the EM observed that Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as silt fencing were maintained in good condition in accordance with APM HYDRO-1 (see photo 3). Construction crew members were also observed cleaning up stained soil at LZ 4/31 (see photo 4).

Water trucks were used to control fugitive dust and prevent airborne dust from leaving the site in accordance with APM AQ-2 (see photo 5).

### 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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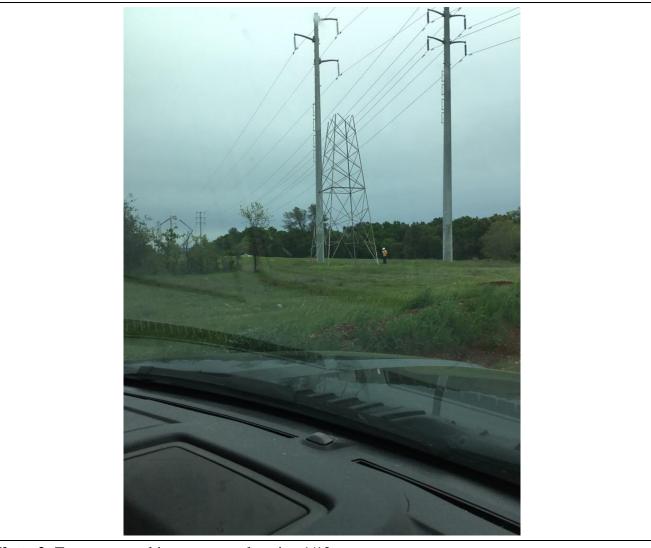
One Level 1 Minor Deviation was recorded on April 17, 2019 in regards to APM AQ-2. A helicopter created dust when picking up poles for installation. As a corrective action, the foreman and project manager were advised to increase the use of water trucks to control fugitive dust.

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## ATTACHMENT A Photos



**Photo 1:** Crews working to assemble new poles at Landing Zone (LZ) 9/67.



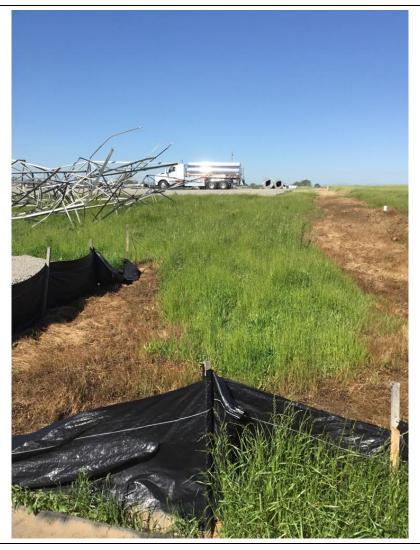
**Photo 2:** Tower removal in progress at location 1/12.



**Photo 3:** Maintenance of silt fencing SWPPP BMPs observed near LZ 9/67.



Photo 4: Crews observed cleaning up stained soil at LZ 4/31 in accordance with the project SWPPP.



**Photo 5:** Water truck observed onsite for fugitive dust control in accordance with APM AQ-2.

## **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 Segment, the Pease Sub-Line Segment, and the South of Palermo Line.	Y
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
CPUC - 003	March 27, 2019	Construction activities at select locations along the Rio Oso Sub 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