

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

South of Palermo 115 kV Reinforcement Project

**Compliance Status Report: 11** 

May 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 May 1 through May 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. 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 installing and reconductoring structures on the northern end of the South of Palermo Segment and continued installing structures southward. Installation of foundations by Tower crews was slowed by wet site conditions this month. Transmission line crews also began working on Wild Fire Safety Inspections. Civil crews are providing support to access work locations and began preparation of all-weather locations on the remainder of the South of Palermo Segment.

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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. 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.

#### Implementation Actions

Activities observed during this reporting period included earthwork for drilling and foundations (see photo 1), construction of berms, installation of poles (see photo 2), installation of track-out pads, and installation of foundations.

Established access routes to work sites for crews and equipment to avoid sensitive resources were clearly marked with signage in accordance with APM BIO-12 (see photo 3).

Temporarily impacted wetlands and other waters that were disturbed during foundation and pole installation activities were restored in accordance with APM BIO-14 (see photo 4). Vernal features were clearly marked with sensitive resource area signage in accordance with APM BIO-3. 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.

#### 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.

#### Compliance Status

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



## ATTACHMENT A Photos



**Photo 1:** Tower crews preparing to drill and install a foundation at site 19/142.

## **ATTACHMENT A (Continued)**



**Photo 2:** Crews installed a new pole base at site 27/199.

## ATTACHMENT A (Continued)



**Photo 3:** Approved access road signs in place to clearly mark established access routes in accordance with APM BIO-12.

## **ATTACHMENT A (Continued)**



**Photo 4**: Wetlands temporarily impacted during project activities have been restored at location 8/66, in accordance with APM BIO-14.

## **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.	Υ	
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	

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### 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