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**PROJECT MEMORANDUM
DELTA DPA CAPACITY INCREASE SUBSTATION PROJECT**

To: Junaid Rahman, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: May 21, 2008
Subject: Bi-monthly Report #28: May 4, 2008 – May 17, 2008

CPUC ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR (EM): Jody Fessler

CPUC EM Jody Fessler was on site Friday, May 16th.

SUBSTATION SITE:

Summary of Activity:

During the week of May 4 through May 10, PG&E crews continued erection of the buswork structures. The underground trenching around the substation also continued. PG&E electrician crews conducted wire stringing at the substation site. Crews continued to work on the tower assembly. The SPCC pond was backfilled around the outside. Crews began installation of the chain link security fence around the substation site. The dirt preparation work to begin the berm construction around the substation site began.

During the week of May 11 through May 17, PG&E crews made progress on the buswork structure (see Figure 1). The underground trenching around the substation was completed along with concrete pours and backfilling. PG&E electrician crews continued to work on wiring for the transformer and switch gear enclosure. A line crew completed stringing lines to the power poles outside the substation. Crews completed the installation of the security fence around the SPCC pond and the substation (see Figures 2 and 3). The dirt preparation work to begin the berm construction continued.

ACCESS ROAD:

Summary of Activity:

The access road was watered several times a day for dust control. Crews were reminded to keep speed limits to 15 mph and notify the PG&E Environmental Inspector (EI) if snakes were observed on the road.

STAGING AREAS:

Summary of Activity:

The staging yard/laydown yard on the north side of Sand Creek has been cleaned up and all materials removed from the area. Rolled wattles, silt fencing and wildlife exclusion fencing are still installed around the staging yard.

BRIDGE OVER SAND CREEK:

Summary of Activity:

No work has been done on the bridge over Sand Creek. It is complete except for guard rails, which still need to be installed. The CPUC EM noted at the time of the site visit that erosion controls were in place around the creek area and grass is growing in the area that was previously seeded.



Environmental Compliance:

The CPUC EM observed that all work activities were in compliance with the approved Mitigated Negative Declaration and other permit requirements. Escape ramps were placed in excavations to allow wildlife to escape and plywood or trench plates were placed over completed excavations to prevent wildlife from entering. Erosion controls were in place at all of the work areas. Heavy equipment was parked overnight in a designated area within the substation boundaries. Watering of the work area and access road for dust control has been conducted several times daily as needed. The CPUC EM reviewed PG&E EI daily reports and survey reports. Environmental training of crew personnel was on-going as new crew personnel came onto the site.

Nesting raptors have been observed building nests in the area, but do not seem to be disturbed by construction work. These birds will continue to be monitored for disturbance from construction activities.

During the week of May 4 through May 10, the PG&E EIs captured and relocated one gopher snake.

During the week of April 27 through May 3, the PG&E EIs captured and relocated one gopher snake.

NOTICES TO PROCEED (NTP):

On August 30, 2007, NTP #1 was issued by the CPUC for the PG&E Delta DPA Project. On August 29, 2007, PG&E requested authorization from the CPUC to commence with the civil/structural construction of the PG&E Delta DPA Capacity Increase Substation Project. The Project includes a proposed electric substation site, a new loop segment of an existing 230 kV transmission line, a temporary asphalt road, and a temporary bridge over Sand Creek in eastern Contra Costa County, within the limits of the City of Antioch, California. PG&E requested that NTP #1 include all construction activities related to the access road, bridge, substation, and transmission tower, as well as an extra staging area and a variance to Mitigation Measure CR-1. No additional NTPs are anticipated for the project.

VARIANCE REQUESTS:

No Variance Requests were submitted for review during the subject week. Table 1 presents the Variance Requests reviewed and approved by the CPUC for the PG&E Delta DPA Project to date.

TABLE 1
VARIANCE REQUESTS
(Updated 5-21-08)

Variance #	Date Requested	Date Issued	Description
#1	7-26-07	8-30-07	Request to modify Mitigation Measure CR-1, which requires a 10-foot fenced protective buffer for the site boundary of CA-CCo-682H fronting on the improved access road for the Project. Approved under NTP #1.
#2	8-29-07	8-30-07	Request for a new laydown area south of the proposed access road as it veers southwest towards Sand Creek. Approved under NTP #1.
#3	10-17-07	10-17-07	Request to encroach 5 feet into the cultural buffer zone for the movement of equipment.
#4	10-30-07	10-30-07	Request to extend Sand Creek bridge work until November 3 and road work until November 9 (installation of wildlife exclusion fencing along road) as approved by USFWS. USFWS issuing amended BO that will allow work on access road throughout the winter.

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

One Project Memorandum has been issued by the CPUC EM for the project to date. On October 17, 2007, the CPUC EM issued a Project Memorandum for the encroachment of equipment into the cultural buffer zone near the northern bridge foundation on October 15th.

No Non-Compliance Reports (NCR) have been issued by the CPUC EM for the project to date.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1 – Buswork structures at substation site, May 16, 2008.



Figure 2 – SPCC Pond with security fencing installed around the outside, May 16, 2008.



Figure 3 – Substation site with security fence installed around the outside, May 16, 2008.