



Aspen *Environmental Group*

PROJECT MEMORANDUM PG&E NORTHEAST SAN JOSE TRANSMISSION REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

To: Roosevelt Grant, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: January 8, 2003
Subject: Weekly Report #32: December 30, 2002 – January 5, 2003

CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jody Fessler

Summary of Activity:

Monday, December 30:

The CPUC EM spoke with the Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) regarding the dewatering of man-hole vaults and acceptable levels of pH. The Essex EI informed the CPUC EM that they did overland dewatering of man-hole vaults #3 because the pH levels were high. The CPUC EM told him overland dewatering would be called for if the pH levels were higher than 8.5.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Catella Property where pole #5 will be installed in the early afternoon. It had been raining on and off throughout the day and no crews were observed working by the CPUC EM at that location.

Next, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the overhead route starting at the west end of Cushing Parkway. No crews were observed working.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Fremont Boulevard underground construction route in the afternoon. At man-hole vaults #3, a two-man crew was working on installing racks inside the vaults. The CPUC EM spoke with the OCI Inspector who informed her that the racking crew may not be working on Thursday or Friday of this week. The CPUC EM discussed the dewatering issue with the crew and discovered that the Essex EI had spoken to them about the pH levels and overland dewatering.

Later in the afternoon, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Los Esteros Substation site. The site was very wet, but draining well. The CPUC EM observed crews working on erecting more steel pole structures (see Figure 1). The CPUC EM also observed that the site was neat and clean.

Friday, January 3:

The CPUC EM received a call from the Essex EI informing her that Appian (a subcontractor) was going to install the orange exclusion fencing along the access right-of-way today at the Catella Property for pole #5. The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Catella Property in the early afternoon and met with the Essex EI, who was watching the crew install the orange exclusion fencing. The exclusion fence was already installed when the CPUC EM arrived and the crew was starting to dig a trench on the east side of the exclusion fence for the silt fence to be installed (see Figures 2 and 3). The ground was extremely soft and the work was going faster than the crew thought it would take.

The CPUC EM drove the underground route from the west end of Cushing Parkway to the south end of Fremont Boulevard. The CPUC EM did not observe any crews working along the route.

Later in the afternoon, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Los Esteros Substation. Crews were

working on erecting steel pole structures and also installing an underground pipe (see Figure 4). Two very large transformers are scheduled to arrive at the site Sunday night and will be placed on either side of the fire wall (see Figure 5). In order to get the transformers onto the site, part of the fence at the southeast corner (where the gate is) had to be removed.

Environmental Compliance:

On December 30, the CPUC EM observed that construction was in compliance with the mitigation measures adopted in the EIR and other permitting requirements.

On January 3, the CPUC EM observed that construction was in compliance with the mitigation measures adopted in the EIR and other permitting requirements.

Notices to Proceed (NTP):

No NTPS were issued during the subject week.

Variance Requests:

No Variance Requests were submitted for review during the subject week.

TABLE 1
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS TABLE
(Updated 01-08-03)

Variance Request #	Date Submitted	Description	Status	CPUC Approval Date
1	6/11/02	Disposal of excavated material, corner of Fremont Boulevard and Cushing Parkway, Fremont.	Completed	6/11/02
2	6/13/02	Material/equipment yard, 42400 Boyce Road, Fremont.	Completed	See Underground NTP
3				
4	6/26/02	Reduce biological buffer from 250 to 15-feet at existing structure, Los Esteros Substation.	Completed; 25-foot buffer approved.	7/5/02
5	7/9/02	Extra work space area for Line F bore, west of Fremont Blvd.	Completed	7/12/02
6	9/6/02	Change the location of the permanent access road to the Los Esteros Substation.	Completed	9/23/02
7	10/23/02	Use of a portion of the Mervyn's property for equipment and material storage for underground construction.	Completed	11/12/02
8	10/23/02	Use of a laydown yard at 800 Spreckles Ave., City of Alviso, for equipment and material storage for overhead construction.	Completed	10/31/02



Figure 1
 Crews Using Crane to Erect Steel Poles at the Los Esteros Substation
 December 30, 2002



Figure 2
Exclusion Fencing Installed at the Catella Property
January 3, 2003



Figure 3
Crew Digging a Trench for Silt Fence Installation at Catella Property
January 3, 2003



Figure 4
Underground Pipe Installation at the Los Esteros Substation
January 3, 2003



Figure 5
Fire Wall and Transformer Pad at the Los Esteros Substation
January 3, 2003