



Aspen *Environmental Group*

PROJECT MEMORANDUM PG&E NORTHEAST SAN JOSE TRANSMISSION REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

To: Roosevelt Grant, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: March 7, 2003
Subject: Weekly Report #40: February 24, 2003 – March 2, 2003
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jody Fessler

Summary of Activity:

Wednesday, February 26:

At the Los Esteros Substation, a crew was working on installing current transformers and jumpers between the breakers and switches. The site was wet, but the CPUC EM observed that it was neat and clean.

In the field west of the Los Esteros Substation, someone had disked the field, but had gone around all of the burrows that have one-way doors in them and the ones that have flagging by them. No burrowing owls were observed by the CPUC EM at the time of the site visit.

Later, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant's property, where a crew was working on pole foundation #26. The CPUC EM noted that crews and equipment were staying within the project right-of-way.

No construction was observed by the CPUC EM at pole foundations #17, #16, and #15 along McCarthy Boulevard. At the King & Lyon's property, pole foundation #13 has been poured in the middle of the temporary access road to the property. No construction or construction crews were observed by the CPUC EM at the time of the site visit.

Along the underground segment, the CPUC EM observed crews heating cable and splicing cable at man-hole vaults #9, #5, #4, and #3. Crews were also unloading cable that had just been delivered to the Mervyn's staging area. At poles #10 L and R, a crew was working on the tie-in from the underground segment to the overhead segment.

Between poles #9(a) and (b) to poles #1(a) and (b), a helicopter was used to string the temporary runners from pole to pole the previous Saturday and Sunday. No construction or construction crews were observed along that segment during the time of the site visit.

Thursday, February 27:

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the overhead segment from poles #1(a) and (b) to poles #5 around noon. A crew was working at poles #1(a) and (b). Crews and equipment were being kept within the project right-of-way and the site was neat and clean. No crews were observed working at poles #2, #3, #4, or #5 along the overhead segment. Next, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the overhead segment from poles #9(a) and (b) to poles #6(a) and (b) (see Figure 1). No construction or crews were observed at these sites. The CPUC EM noted that the sites were neat and clean.

Along the underground segment, crews were splicing cable at man-hole vaults #3, #4, and #5. At the Mervyn's staging area, more new cable had been delivered and being stored at the site. Crews were splicing cable at man-hole vault #9 at the Mervyn's staging area. Another crew was working south of man-hole vault #9 repairing the landscape and curb behind the Sony Electronics building on the Pinole

Property. A crew was working at pole #10 L installing surge protectors.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the King & Lyon's property. No construction or crews were observed at the time of the site visit.

Along McCarthy Boulevard, crews were getting ready to drill pole foundation #14L (see Figure 2). The CPUC EM noted that crews and the equipment were staying within the project right-of-way. No new construction or crews were observed at pole foundations #15, #16, and #17.

At the Los Esteros Substation (see Figure 3), a crew was still installing current transformers and jumpers between breakers and switches. The CPUC EM noted that the site was drying out well.

At the field west of the Los Esteros Substation, the CPUC EM met with the Essex Environmental Inspector and Jack Barclay of Albion Environmental. Mr. Barclay was installing a few more one-way doors in the field with California Department of Fish and Game knowledge. They informed the CPUC EM that they observed two burrowing owls in a burrow in the cloverleaf at the Highway 237 and Zanker Road junction.

Crews finished pole foundation #26 at the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant's property yesterday. All pole foundations on that property have now been completed.

Environmental Compliance:

On February 26, the CPUC EM observed that the project was in compliance with mitigation measures adopted in the EIR and other permitting requirements.

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Notices to Proceed (NTP):

On Monday, February 24, a conference call was conducted with PG&E, Essex, and Aspen representatives to discuss the future NTP for the Montague – Trimble 115kV upgrade. Review of pre-construction compliance materials for the subject NTP was also conducted during the week.

Variance Requests:

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

TABLE 1
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS TABLE
(Updated 03-07-03)

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
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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
9	02/04/03	Install ground wire peaks and string optical ground wire (OPGW) from the 230kV towers being built as part of the NESJ Project to the Newark Substation utilizing the existing Metcalf to Newark/Tesla to Newark No. 2 transmission line easement.	Completed	02/18/03



Figure 1
Poles #9(a) and (b)
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Figure 2
Tri-state Drilling at Pole area #14 along McCarthy Boulevard
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Figure 3
Los Esteros Substation
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