



Aspen *Environmental Group*

PROJECT MEMORANDUM PG&E NORTHEAST SAN JOSE TRANSMISSION REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

To: Roosevelt Grant, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: May 15, 2003
Subject: Weekly Report #50: May 5, 2003 – May 11, 2003
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jody Fessler

Summary of Activity:

Wednesday, May 7:

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of poles #1 L and R around noon. No work was being conducted at that location during the time of the site visit. Next, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of poles #2, #3, #4 and #5 and did not observe any construction at those locations. The CPUC EM observed that all sites were neat and clean, although some restoration and clean-up work still needs to take place at the noted locations.

At the west end of Cushing Parkway at poles #9 L and R, crews were observed dismantling the scaffolding around pole #9 L. The CPUC EM was informed that crews will complete the work on Thursday. No crews were working at poles #8, #7, and #6 L and R at the time of the site visit. Those areas were observed to be neat and clean.

Along the underground segment, crews were splicing at man-hole vault #2 along Cushing Parkway. Splicing crews were also working at man-hole vaults #3, #5, #7, #8 and #9. Traffic cones were placed around the work areas in the road and business parking lots. The first drain along the access road to the Mervyn's staging area had some sandbags around it that had been run over by a vehicle and split open. The CPUC EM informed the Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) of this situation and he said that he would inform construction management about it. The CPUC EM observed that the Mervyn's staging yard was neat and clean. In the evening, the CPUC EM conducted another site visit of the Mervyn's staging yard. The broken sandbags around the first drain on the access road to the staging yard had been replaced. Crews were still working at man-hole vault #9.

The CPUC EM met with Luis Cabreza at the OCI office, and picked-up a copy of the latest work schedule for the remainder of the project.

At the south end of Fremont Boulevard, crews were observed working at pole #10 L. A couple of boom trucks were parked at the location. The CPUC EM conducted another site visit at the south end of Fremont Boulevard in the early evening, where a fiber crew was working at Pole #10 R. The CPUC EM observed that crews were staying within their work area.

No crews were observed working at the King & Lyon's property or along McCarthy Boulevard at the time of the CPUC EM's site visit in the early afternoon.

At the Los Esteros Substation, crews were working at various locations at the substation site. Crews were laying a native base rock, as well as moving soil around at the north end of the site to dry it out before the next rain comes. A new fence has been installed within the old fence on the east side of the property (see Figure 1) and construction of a new fence on the west side has begun. The CPUC EM met with the Essex EI and received an amendment to the SWPPP. The CPUC EM observed that the site was neat and clean.

In the field west of the Los Esteros Substation site, crews were working at poles #27 L and R (see Figure 2). The CPUC EM observed that their work site was neat and clean.

At the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant, crews were working at poles #24 L and R with a boom truck at the time of the site visit. The CPUC EM observed that the work site was neat and clean and that crews were staying within their work area.

Friday, May 9:

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of poles #1 L and R, where crews were installing a graveled work pad for the connection work between the “hot wires” from the Newark Substation and the new wires on poles #1 L and R (see Figure 3). The CPUC EM observed that a bird’s nest has been built on the wires encircling the splicing box. The CPUC EM informed the Essex EI of this and asked that he re-confirm that no work will be conducted at that splicing box or with the wires wrapped around the box. The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of poles #2, #3, #4 and #5 and did not observe any construction at those locations. The CPUC EM observed that all sites were neat and clean, although some restoration and clean-up work still needs to take place at the noted locations.

At the west end of Cushing Parkway at poles #9 L and R, scaffolding has all been removed. The CPUC EM noted a lot of plastic shavings and wire around the pole foundations and in the parking lot from construction activities. The CPUC EM spoke with the Essex EI regarding this issue and he said he would speak with construction management about cleaning up that area. No crews were working at poles #8, #7, and #6 L and R at the time of the site visit.

Along the underground segment, crews were working at man-hole #1 doing racking. Splicing crews were working at man-hole vault #2 (left line) along Cushing Parkway. Splicing crews were also working at man-hole vaults #3, #5, #7, #8 and #9 all on the left line. Traffic signs and cones were placed around the work areas. The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Mervyn’s staging area. The site was observed to be neat and clean.

At the south end of Fremont Boulevard, crews were observed working at pole #10 L with the use of a couple of boom trucks.

No crews were observed working on the King & Lyon’s property or along McCarthy Boulevard at the time of the CPUC EM’s site visit in the early afternoon.

At the Los Esteros substation, crews were working at various locations at the substation site. Crews were laying and compacting base rock, as well as digging a drainage ditch on the north side of the property. Another crew was working on pole #28 and taking off travelers. Crews were also working on pole #29 and getting ready to pull wires. The CPUC EM observed the water truck watering the site for dust control and observed that the site was neat and clean.

In the field west of the Los Esteros Substation, crews were working at poles #27 L and R. The CPUC EM observed that their work site was neat and clean.

At the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant, crews were working at pole #20 at the time of the site visit. The CPUC EM observed some broken cable on the access roads that needs to be removed and spoke with the Essex EI regarding this issue. The CPUC EM observed that the work sites were neat and clean.

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Trimble-Montague segment and noted that the work areas around the pole foundations and poles were neat and clean. All but three of the pole foundations are complete. Those pole foundations include, #8, #10, and #12.

Environmental Compliance:

On May 7, the CPUC EM observed that all sites were in compliance with mitigation measures adopted in the EIR and other permitting requirements.

On May 9, the CPUC EM observed some broken cable along the access roads at the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant's property that is located outside of the workspace. The CPUC EM observed that all other sites were in compliance with the mitigation measures adopted in the EIR and other permitting requirements.

Notices to Proceed (NTP):

CPUC issued the NTP for the Trimble to Montague 115kV upgrade on April 8.

Variance Requests:

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

TABLE 1
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS TABLE
(Updated 05-15-03)

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
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
10	04/17/03	Delay implementation of landscaping at the Los Esteros Substation.	Completed	04/29/03



Figure 1
New Fence on East Side of the Los Esteros Substation
May 7, 2003



Figure 2
Pole Towers in Field West of Los Esteros Substation
May 7, 2003



Figure 3
Crews Creating a Work Pad around Poles #1 L and R
May 9, 2003