



Aspen *Environmental Group*

PROJECT MEMORANDUM PG&E NORTHEAST SAN JOSE TRANSMISSION REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

To: Roosevelt Grant, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: June 25, 2003
Subject: Weekly Report #56: June 16, 2003 – June 22, 2003
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jody Fessler

Summary of Activity:

Friday, June 20:

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of poles #1 L and R, where the wood poles lying near the new poles have been picked up. Sod has been laid on the south sides of the poles and bark has been put down around the poles with bushes planted in various locations. Revegetation and landscaping at that location appear to be complete (see Figure 1). Next, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of pole #2 and noted that sod had been recently laid at that location. At poles #3 and #4, the CPUC EM noted that the areas had been landscaped with bark and bushes. The two broken sandbags that were around a couple of storm drains on the road between poles #4 and #5 have been removed. The access road to pole #5 is still in place, as well as the topsoil that was removed and covered with plastic tarps and sandbags. No crews were observed working at that location. The CPUC EM observed that all sites were neat and clean and that revegetation/landscaping appears to be done from poles #1 L and R through pole #4.

At poles #9 L and R, the CPUC EM observed crews working on the irrigation system. Some bushes have been planted, but the area still needs grass sod laid. At pole #8, the CPUC EM noted that the irrigation and bark is in place and several bushes have been planted. At pole #7, the CPUC EM observed that the irrigation and bark were in place there, as well as some bushes (see Figure 2). Also, the sandbags around one of the storm drains near pole #7 have been removed. At poles #6 L and R, the CPUC EM noted new bark and plants around the poles. A couple of sandbags are still around a drain in the driveway near the poles.

Along the underground segment, the CPUC EM noted that some new work had been done since last week's site visit. South of man-hole vaults #6, in the first vegetated island, a straw wattle and sandbag have been removed. In the second vegetated island, there is another straw wattle that still needs to be removed. The islands near man-hole vaults #7 have had some additional bark placed on them. Near man-hole vaults #8, more bark was added to the area and an additional bush was planted. The Mervyn's staging area has been cleaned-out and construction completed at that location.

At the south end of Fremont Boulevard near poles #10 L and R, revegetation/landscape crews were observed working (see Figure 3). They were getting the soil around the poles prepared for revegetation. The site was observed to be neat and clean and crews were observed staying within the project work area.

At the King & Lyon's property, the CPUC EM observed a couple of wood poles near pole #13 that still need to be removed. All other sites were observed to be neat and clean.

Along McCarthy Boulevard, the CPUC EM noted that all of the pole locations along that segment were completed and were observed to be neat and clean. Some revegetation may be necessary around poles #14 L and R depending upon the agreement with the City of Milpitas.

Along the Trimble-Montague Segment, no crews were observed working. It appeared that all of the conductor lines have been strung through the new pole arms. The sites were observed to be neat and clean.

Next, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the field west of the Los Esteros Substation site. The sites were observed to be neat and clean.

The gate was locked to the Los Esteros Substation site and no access was available. Landscaping still needs to be completed on the north side of the site just outside the substation fence. Per approved Variance Request #10, "implementation of the landscaping plan shall be completed by July 31, 2003."

No access was available to the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) at the time of the site visit. The CPUC EM is still waiting for confirmation from the WPCP that sites are acceptable.

Environmental Compliance:

On June 20, the CPUC EM observed that all sites were in compliance with mitigation measures adopted in the EIR and other permitting requirements. As noted above, some restoration/clean-up activities remain along the project right-of-way.

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 06-25-03)

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
Landscaping at Poles #1 L and R
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Figure 2
Landscaping at Pole #7
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Figure 3
Landscaping Work at Poles #10 L and R
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