



Aspen *Environmental Group*

PROJECT MEMORANDUM PG&E NORTHEAST SAN JOSE TRANSMISSION REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

To: Roosevelt Grant, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager
Date: October 2, 2002
Subject: Weekly Report #18: September 23, 2002 – September 29, 2002

CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jody Fessler

Summary of Activity:

Monday, September 23:

The morning of September 23, the Calpine facility (directly south of the PG&E Los Esteros Substation site) received a bomb alert. As a result, Calpine notified PG&E and all construction activities at both the Calpine and PG&E Los Esteros sites were put on hold while the Calpine site was thoroughly searched. No bomb was identified.

Tuesday, September 24:

Construction activities resumed at both the Calpine and PG&E Los Esteros sites.

Wednesday, September 25:

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Los Esteros Substation site in the afternoon. Crews were working on installing foundation on the south and west sides of the property. The concrete foundation from the old building structure, which the burrowing owl was using as a burrow, was excavated today. Some of the broken concrete was in piles near where the foundation had been. The CPUC EM informed the Essex Environmental Inspector (EI) that the concrete piles could attract the owl(s) to come back. The site was well watered and crews were compacting the soil on the north side of the property.

The CPUC EM conducted several site visits of Fremont Boulevard construction during the evening. Bore equipment was seen at U.S.D. Lagoon #4 creek, but no crews were observed working there. The CPUC EM was later informed that the bore crew is working a day shift. The bore was not completely under the creek and had not exited through the exit pit. Traffic controls were removed from around man-hole vault #5 which is now complete. Crews have started work on man-hole vaults #6 on the right line, at approximate Station 77+00, and the left line, at approximate Station 76+26, behind a business park. The man-hole vaults were placed in the pits by two large cranes last night. Crews were working on excavating soil south of the left line vault for the tie-ins. At man-hole vault #10 at the south end of Fremont Boulevard, crews were waiting for the paving equipment to be brought down to that location so they could pave the trench north of the right line vault which would complete vault #10 work. Crews were also trenching along Fremont Boulevard at approximate Station 54+70 on the left line. They are trenching about 150 feet south tonight and pouring slurry and paving about 200 feet north (from Station 54+70) on Fremont Boulevard. Crews hit an old storm drain line that caused the trench to fill up with water during the day and necessitate dewatering with a portable Baker tank.

The CPUC EM met with the Essex EI regarding new locations for overland dewatering. This is needed because the area crews were using, adjacent to the staging area at the corner of Fremont Boulevard and Cushing Parkway, has since been graded by a developer. The CPUC EM and the Essex EI looked at a

grassy area north of Agua Caliente Creek (Line F) that appeared suitable. The Essex EI said he would start the Variance Request process for access on the Alameda County Water District (ACWD) levee road along Agua Caliente Creek past their current staging area. The CPUC EM and the Essex EI also looked at the area they are presently using for overland dewatering, which is suitable for one Baker tank full of water a day, but no more.

Thursday, September 26:

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the Los Esteros Substation site in the early evening and spoke with a Project Manager from Fulleton-Pacific regarding obtaining photo security passes. He said they were going to start getting their crews the passes tomorrow from Calpine. Crews had removed all of the piles of concrete rubble from the building foundation that was excavated yesterday. Crews leveled and graded the area. Crews were working on concrete foundations on the south and west sides of the property. The site had been well watered and compacted.

The CPUC EM conducted several site visits of Fremont Boulevard construction during the afternoon and night. In the afternoon, the CPUC EM conducted a site visit of the U.S.D. Lagoon #4 bore. The bore crew was finishing up with the left line bore and removing equipment from the entry pit. The CPUC EM also conducted a site visit of the Agua Caliente Creek (Line F) staging area. Equipment had been neatly stored and the ground was well compacted so that dust was not a problem. The CPUC EM looked at the area (in the daylight) where crews would like to do overland dewatering. The ACWD access road leading to this location is highly disturbed. Later in the evening, crews were observed watering the staging area at the corner of Fremont Boulevard and Cushing Parkway. Crews set up traffic controls at W. Warren and Fremont Boulevard to get ready for trenching activities. Crews started cutting pavement with the asphalt grinder machine south of man-hole vault #5 at approximate Station 62+80 to Station 65+00 on the right line along Fremont Boulevard where it crosses W. Warren. Crews were also pot-holing south of W. Warren on Fremont Boulevard for utilities. The CPUC EM conducted a site visit of man-hole vaults #6 behind the business park later in the night. Crews were excavating soil south of the man-hole vaults (Station 77+00 on right line and Station 76+26 on left line) for the tie-ins.

Environmental Compliance:

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Notices to Proceed (NTP):

No NTPs were issued during the subject week.

Variance Requests:

On September 6, Variance Request #6 was submitted to change the location of the permanent access road to the Los Esteros Substation. CPUC approved the request on September 23.

TABLE 1
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS TABLE
(Updated 10-02-02)

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