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Environmental Group

Project Memorandum PG&E Northeast San Jose

To: Roosevelt Grant, CPUC
From: Vida Strong, Project Manager
Date: July 31, 2002
Re: Weekly Report #9: July 22 2002 – July 28, 2002
CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Jody Fessler

Summary of Activity:

On Wednesday, July 24, CPUC EM conducted site visit of Agua Caliente Creek (Line F) on Fremont Boulevard in the early afternoon. No crews were observed working. No erosion control measures were in place yet. CPUC EM called Essex EI regarding erosion control issues. He said that he had told construction management at Black and Veatch that they needed to install erosion controls along the creek. Essex EI said that he would call them again and make sure it gets done today. CPUC EM spoke with Christopher Meyer, CPUC Lead EM, and he said that they need to have erosion controls in place before they start-up with any more work at that location. CPUC EM called Essex EI again and relayed this information. Essex EI arrived at 7:45 PM and helped crews install erosion controls before any work began at the subject bore. Crews installed straw wattles along the creek. Later, crews worked on backfilling east bore pit with soil taken from the trenching operations on Cushing Parkway.

CPUC EM also conducted site visit of Los Esteros Substation site. CPUC EM observed a bird fly out of east side eaves and heard baby birds chirping. CPUC EM also observed baby birds in nest in thistles on south side of building. Crews were working on digging out soil from outside the east and west edges of the buffer zone. Soil will be used to elevate and level other areas of the substation site. Site was being kept well watered and dust was not an issue.

CPUC EM conducted site visit of Cushing Parkway work later in the evening. Some of the crew was working on trenching along Cushing Parkway, some of the crew was working at the tie-in vault at the north end of Cushing Parkway, and some of the crew was working on proving the conduit from the south end of Cushing Parkway. Crews were doing an excellent job of keeping Cushing Parkway well swept and clean.

On Thursday, July 25, CPUC EM conducted site visit of Los Esteros Substation site in the evening. Site had been well watered and there were no dust problems. More digging and soil removal has been conducted around the east, west, and south edges of the buffer zone at the building structure site. A small path has been left on the south side, providing access to the building structure. No crews were observed working.

CPUC EM conducted site visit of Agua Caliente Creek (Line F) as the night crew started their night shift. Erosion controls (straw wattles) were still in place with some sandbags added to help anchor the straw wattles. There was a lot of very fine dust around the bore site. Essex EI called construction management and asked them to bring a water truck out to the site. The bore crew was backfilling the pit with soil using a big backhoe. Crews were taking stock-piled spoils from the trenching operation and loading it into dump trucks from the corner property of Cushing Parkway and Fremont Boulevard. A lot of dust was coming from that activity as well, and the Essex EI asked construction management to water that area also. Later, CPUC EM conducted site visit of Agua Caliente Creek (Line F). Crews

were still working on backfilling and compacting east bore pit. Water truck finally came by around 10:00 pm and watered part of the area. Driver said he needed to refuel, but would be back. Water truck also watered part of the field where trucks were driving in and out at the property on the corner of Cushing Parkway and Fremont Boulevard.

CPUC EM conducted site visit of Cushing Parkway as the night crew started their night shift. Crews were working on trenching along Cushing Parkway. The road was being kept very clean. CPUC EM requested that Essex EI have crews place erosion controls around drain near Laguna Creek where crews were refilling water truck from a fire hydrant. Conducted site visit of Cushing Parkway later in the night. Construction was in compliance with mitigation measures.

Environmental Compliance:

On July 24, erosion control measures were finally implemented at the Agua Caliente Creek (Line F) bore site even though it was a mitigation measure of Variance #5 and should have been installed before any work began at Agua Caliente Creek. CPUC EM observed that construction at the other two locations was in compliance with mitigation measures adopted in the EIR.

On July 25, CPUC EM observed that all sites were in compliance with mitigation measures, however, close attention needs to be paid to dust control at Agua Caliente Creek (Line F) and the property at the corner of Cushing Parkway and Fremont Boulevard.

Notices to Proceed (NTP):

No NTPs were issued during the subject week.

Variance Requests:

No Variance Requests were submitted or reviewed during the subject week.

TABLE 1
VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS TABLE
(Updated 7-31-02)

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