



Aspen *Environmental Group*

PROJECT MEMORANDUM PG&E TRI-VALLEY 2002 CAPACITY INCREASE PROJECT

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

CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM): Anne Sweet

Summary of Activity:

Monday, September 23:

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit at the Vineyard Road and Bernal Drive intersection where the two buildings had been demolished. No work was occurring on site. Adjacent to this site is the Arroyo Del Valle crossing. Bore operations have not started; however, Essex Environmental Inspector (EI), Branden Liddell, gave information that a dewatering plan is being worked out for the bore pits.

Crews have begun potholing for utilities along Old Vineyard Avenue.

At the Muller Yard, in addition to the soil containment structure on site, a trailer and portable restroom facilities have been installed. The site is being used for large equipment storage as well as storage of conduit pipe, concrete and miscellaneous supplies.

At the Transition Station at the Tesla-Newark corridor, no work was yet underway at the site. In order to alleviate parking issues along the right-of way, the Essex EI has requested that crew members park their vehicles at the Transitions Station site. Continuing along the line from the Transition Station site, crews have begun removing grapevines. Vines have been removed from the Transition Station site to right-of way Station 13+15. Muller, the prime contractor, has subcontracted the vine removal work to Buckland Vineyard Management

Wednesday, September 25:

The CPUC EM conducted a site visit at the Vineyard Road and Bernal Drive intersection where the two buildings had been demolished. No work was occurring on site. Three additional heritage trees are scheduled for removal; a tree removal company is going to be subcontracted for the job.

Crews have continued potholing for utilities along Old Vineyard Avenue.

At the Muller Yard, a second soil containment structure has been built along the north side of the yard.

At the Transition Station at the Tesla-Newark corridor, no work was yet underway at the site. Continuing along the line from the Transition Station site, crews have removed the marked grapevines from the Transition Station along the right-of way to the end of the approved 3000-foot segment. During vine removal, the crews accidentally took out two extra rows of grapevines along a portion of the segment. This constituted work outside of the right-of-way by about 20 feet from Station 28+50 to 28+75.

Crews began trenching and conduit installation along the right-of-way starting at the edge of the Transition Station site. Approximately 150 feet of trench has been excavated. Crews have been separating out the topsoil. The Essex EI reminded the crews that all open trench has to be covered at the end of the workday.

Saturday, September 28:

Conducted site tour from the Vineyard Substation to the Transition Station site. The tour occurred on Saturday afternoon. Crews had worked only from 8 a.m. to noon; therefore, no work was occurring onsite at the time of inspection. All site locations were left clean and orderly. The Muller Yard was gated and locked.

Trenching and conduit installation along the right-of-way starting at the north edge of the Transition Station site has not progressed beyond approximately 150 feet. Upon inspection, all open trench had been covered by plywood. On Friday, September 27, the Essex EI requested the usage of exclusion fencing rather than plywood cover of open trench on private land. The request is being investigated.

Environmental Compliance:

During vine removal the crews accidentally took out two extra rows of grapevines along a portion of the segment. This constituted work outside of the right-of-way by about 20 feet from Station 28+50 to 28+75.

For all other operations, the CPUC EM observed that construction was in compliance with mitigation measures adopted in EIR and other permitting requirements.

Notices to Proceed (NTP):

On September 12, NTP #1 was issued by CPUC. On September 26, a burrowing owl survey report for NTP #2 locations was submitted by PG&E. This submittal completed pre-construction mitigation requirements for NTP #2, with the exception of landowner approval (s) for extra work space requests. A recommendation for NTP #2 was provided to CPUC on October 1.

Variance Requests:

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

Agency Contacts:

None.