

# California Public Utilities Commission Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program

### South of Palermo 115 kV Reinforcement Project

**Compliance Status Report: 01** 

July 31, 2018

#### **SUMMARY**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is responsible for overseeing implementation of the mitigation measures set forth in the Final Initial Study (FIS)/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the South of Palermo 115 kV Reinforcement Project. The CPUC has established a third-party monitoring program and adopted a Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program (MMCRP) to ensure that measures approved in the FIS/MND to mitigate or avoid impacts are implemented in the field. This MMCRP status report is intended to provide a description of construction activities on the project, a summary of site inspections conducted by the CPUC's third-party monitors, the compliance status of mitigation measures required by the MMCRP, and anticipated construction activities. Photos of site observations are included in Attachment A of this report. Summaries of the Notices to Proceed (NTP) and Minor Project Refinements (MPR) are provided in Attachments B and C, respectively.

This compliance status report covers construction activities from July 1 through July 31, 2018.

#### CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE AND PROGRESS

PG&E began construction activities associated with NTP-1 on July 1, 2018. All project activities are scheduled to be complete by the end of 2021.

### Bogue Sub-Line Segment

During this reporting period, vegetation crews cleared work areas as required to support foundation installation on the Bogue Sub-Line Segment. Tower crews installed foundations and are beginning to construct the lower sections of the lattice steel poles on the new foundations.

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#### MITIGATION MONITORING, COMPLIANCE, AND REPORTING

#### Site Inspections/Mitigation Monitoring

A CPUC third-party environmental monitor (EM) conducted site observations in areas under active construction along the Bogue Sub-Line Segment. Areas of active and inactive construction were observed to verify implementation of the mitigation measures stipulated in the project's MMCRP. Observations were documented using site inspection forms, and applicable applicant proposed measures (APMs) and mitigation measures (MMs) were reviewed in the field.

#### Implementation Actions

#### **Bogue Sub-Line Segment**

During the reporting period, materials and equipment were mobilized to Landing Zone (LZ) 4/41. The EM observed this area to be clean of debris and litter in accordance with APM HAZ-1 (see photo 1) and no track out was observed at the exit on Railroad Avenue in accordance with APM HYD-1.

Activities observed during this reporting period along the Bogue Sub-Line Segment included pole foundation installation (see photo 2), vegetation clearance in work areas as required for the installation of foundations (MM HAZ-1) and installation of Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Best Management Practices (SWPPP BMPs) to prevent track-out (APM HYD-1; see photo 34).

The EM observed flagging for special-status species and sensitive resource areas where resources were identified during pre-construction surveys in accordance with APM BIO-2, MM BIO-1, and APM BIO-3. A single elderberry bush was observed and flagged for avoidance (APM BIO-8; see photo 4) and several nesting birds were identified and flagged to prevent disturbance (APM BIO-11; see photo 5). Spoils piles were observed to be stockpiled and marked for spot-checking by a qualified paleontological monitor in accordance with APM CR-4.

#### Mitigation Measure Tracking

Mitigation measures applicable to the construction activities were verified in the field and documented in the CPUC's mitigation measure tracking table. A complete list of mitigation measures and applicant proposed measures is included in the FIS/MND in the Decision for the Power Line Reinforcement Project, as adopted by the CPUC on May 16, 2018 (Decision 18-05-014) and the Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Program (MMCRP).

#### Compliance Status

No minor deviations or non-compliances were issued this reporting period.



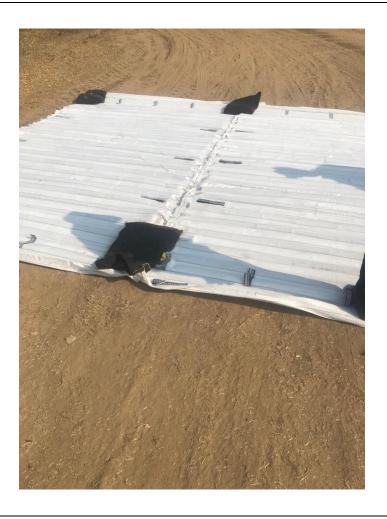
# ATTACHMENT A Photos



**Photo 1**: Landing Zone (LZ) 4-41 clear of litter or debris in accordance with APM HAZ-1.



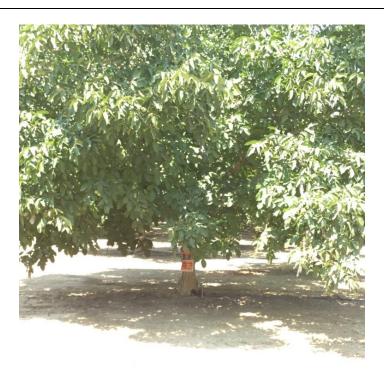
**Photo 2**: Backhoe preparing ground for drilling at Pole 1/17.



**Photo 3:** Portable rumble strips to prevent track out in place near Pole 3/31 in accordance with APM HYD-1.



**Photo 4:** Elderberry bush in LZ 4/41 was marked with flagging and a buffer was established in accordance with APM BIO-8.



**Photo 5:** At Pole 3-34, bird nesting activity was observed. The tree was flagged and a buffer was established in accordance with APM BIO-11.

# **ATTACHMENT B Notices to Proceed**

NTP No.	Date Issued	Description	Conditions Included (Y/N)
CPUC - 001	June 14, 2018	Construction activities at select locations along the Bogue Sub-Line Segment, the Pease Sub-Line Segment, and the South of Palermo Line.	Y

### ATTACHMENT C Minor Project Refinement Request

Minor Project Refinement Request No.	Submitted	Description	Status	Approval
001	July 09, 2018	Requested to add an approximately 400-by-600 foot landing zone/pull site along the Pease Sub-Line Segment and also the relocation of an approximately 200-by-200 foot landing zone along the Bogue Sub-Line Segment.	Approved	July 19, 2018