



# **Aspen** *Environmental Group*

## **PROJECT MEMORANDUM PG&E ATLANTIC-DEL MAR REINFORCEMENT PROJECT**

**To:** Jensen Uchida, CPUC  
**From:** Vida Strong, Aspen Project Manager  
**Date:** June 14, 2005  
**Subject:** Weekly Report #8: June 5, 2005 – June 11, 2005  
**CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM):** Anne Sweet

Aspen EM Anne Sweet was on site June 8<sup>th</sup> at the Atlantic-Del Mar Project location to monitor construction activities. The weather was overcast and showers occurred throughout the day. The PG&E Environmental Inspector (EI), Kevin Kilpatrick, was on-site to ensure compliance with the adopted Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and other permit requirements. The PG&E EI also served as the project biologist conducting California tiger salamander (CTS) aestivation surveys, ongoing bird surveys, as well as installation of resource flagging and managing the installation of sediment controls.

### **OVERHEAD:**

#### **Summary of Activity:**

All overhead construction including pole, foundation, and line stringing work will be done by PG&E. The PG&E crews work Mondays through Thursdays.

On June 8th, the crew was on-site auguring the foundation hole at Pole 20. The ground has a lot of rocks and work was progressing slowly. Although it had been raining that day, the site appeared well maintained. All excess soils from the operation were placed directly in a bin on-site (see Figure 1). A Temporary Extra Work Space (TEWS) request had previously been submitted and approved for use of a disturbed area connecting a paved road and the Pole 20 location (see Figure 2). The start date was assigned June 7, 2005. The CPUC EM, the PG&E EI, and the PG&E construction inspector were met by the security guard for an adjacent property who asked what was being done at the site. The PG&E inspector informed him of the work and estimated duration. A few moments later, Bill Andrews the property manager for the adjacent office complex came on-site to ask what construction was being done. The PG&E foreman gave him the project information and schedule and gave him his card. Mr. Andrews seemed to receive the information well and left the site. As reported later by the PG&E EI, foundation work at the location was completed June 9th.

The CPUC EM, the PG&E EI, and the PG&E construction inspector toured the Pole 19 location. Existing access roads do not extend to the site. Per approved Variance Request #2, overland travel will be allowed between the location and the nearest access road. The approval requires that the overland travel path be marked and flagged, which has already been completed by the PG&E EI. The CPUC EM verified the flagging (see Figure 3). Two oak trees lie within the boundary of the pole location. They were both exclusion flagged at the drip line. The CPUC EM asked the PG&E EI if bird surveys had been done. The PG&E EI said that no raptors have been spotted in or directly adjacent to the site; however, he did observe bushtits in the oak which lies within the Pole 19 pad. Per previous correspondence with the CDFG, consultation does not need to occur unless raptors, particularly Cooper's hawks, are identified near construction activities, or if birds listed under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act are harmed or harassed by construction. The PG&E EI will continue to monitor the birds as construction proceeds. CTS survey findings for the Pole 19 and Pole 20 locations were submitted by e-mail on June 8th, 2005, with no aestivation habitat identified.

The PG&E EI and Biologist reported that the Pole 19 and Pole 20 locations are vegetated with a variety of weeds. A water tractor with a pressure washer was brought on-site. All vehicles and equipment that entered the work area were washed off before traveling off-site to reduce the spread of noxious weeds.

Erosion controls remain in place at previous work areas near towers 15, 18, 21, 22 and 23, which were installed to protect sensitive vernal pools and other sensitive areas. Per the PG&E EI, these locations were evaluated for maintenance needs.

**Environmental Compliance Activities:**

CTS aestivation habitat surveys were completed at the Pole 19 and Pole 20 locations as well as the overland access area as required by Variance Request #2. The CPUC EM observed that all overhead construction activities were in compliance with mitigation measures adopted in the MND and other permit requirements. Erosion controls were in place around the construction areas.

**UNDERGROUND:**

**Summary of Activity:**

The underground work including trenching and conduit installation has been contracted to Wilson Construction. The horizontal bore work will be subcontracted. Construction will most likely start with the boring operation at Sunset Avenue, which is tentatively scheduled to start in July.

**Environmental Compliance Activities:**

None

**NOTICES TO PROCEED (NTP):**

Table 1 presents the NTPs issued by the CPUC for the Atlantic–Del Mar Project to date.

**TABLE 1**  
**NOTICES TO PROCEED**  
(Updated 6-14-05)

NTP #	Date Issued	Description
1	11-03-03	Mobilization within the Atlantic and Del Mar Substations, and overhead installation from the Del Mar Substation to the railroad right-of-way (northern 0.25 miles), City of Rocklin.
2	3-08-05	Construction of the remaining overhead portion (approximately 4 miles) and the underground portion (approximately 1.3 miles) of the Atlantic–Del Mar Reinforcement Project, within the Cities of Roseville and Rocklin in Placer County.

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:**

No Non-Compliance Reports (NCRs) or Project Memorandums (PMs) have been issued for the project to date.

**VARIANCE REQUESTS:**

No Variance Requests were submitted during the subject week.

**TABLE 2**  
**VARIANCE REQUEST STATUS**  
 (Updated 6-14-05)

Variance Request #	Date Submitted	Description	Status	CPUC Approval Date
1	4-19-05	Modify the implementation of Applicant Proposed Measure 7.2 at Wetlands #2 and #30 to allow the use of non-rubber-tired vehicles and to allow discretionary re-fueling on the project right-of-way.	Approved	5-2-05
2	5-19-05	Allow overland travel from an existing access road to the Pole 3/19 site.	Approved	5-25-05

**UPCOMING ITEMS:**

None.

**AGENCY PERSONNEL CONTACTS:**

None.

## Photographs



**Figure 1** – Pole 20 area, June 8, 2005. Note the backhoe clearing auger spoils.



**Figure 2** – TEWS area used for access to the Pole 20 location, June 8, 2005.



**Figure 3** – Flagged overland access route to the pole 19 location, June 8, 2005.