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PROJECT MEMORANDUM CRESSEY-GALLO 115 KV POWER LINE PROJECT

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To:Billie Blanchard, Project Manager, CPUCFrom:Vida Strong, Aspen Project ManagerDate:July 17, 2015Subject:Monitoring Report #32 – July 6 to July 12, 2015

This report provides a summary of the construction and compliance activities associated with the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Cressey-Gallo 115 kV Power Line Project.

A summary of the Notices to Proceed (NTPs) for construction and Minor Project Change (MPC) activities are provided in Tables 1 and 2, respectively (below).

**CPUC Environmental Monitor (EM):** David DuBois was onsite July 9, 2015 during the subject period.

Work Schedule: Work occurred Monday through Friday during the subject period.

# **CPUC NTPs**

### NTP #1: Gallo Property & Cressey Substation

NTP #1 was issued on 10/21/14 for installation and removal of the Shoo-Fly at the Gallo Winery, expansion work at the Gallo Substation, construction of the single and double circuit 115 kV pole lines on the Gallo Property, and modification work at the Cressey Substation. NTP #1 included conditions that had to be satisfied prior to the start of construction.

### Summary of Activity:

- 1. Material storage continued at the Cressey Substation during the subject period.
- 2. Demobilization work occurred at the Gallo Substation during the subject period (see Figure 1).
- 3. Removal of the Shoo-Fly structures on the Gallo Winery property is mostly complete. Poles with active kingbird nests remained in place during the subject period and will be removed once nests have fledged.
- 4. The staging area at the Gallo Winery is being used for storing materials and equipment.

#### **Environmental Compliance:**

- 1. All crews receive environmental training. Training sign-in sheets were available for the CPUC EM's review.
- 2. Erosion control devices were installed and functioning appropriately per the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).
- 3. Buffers are maintained around sensitive resources.
- 4. Ingress/egress driveways to roadways are monitored for track out and swept as needed to remove track out.
- 5. During the previous report period, the CPUC EM observed crews storing poles in land adjacent to and outside the Gallo staging area. The poles were shipped offsite during the subject period (see

Figure 2). The Applicant requested a Temporary Extra Workspace (TEWS) for this location on Friday 7/10/15 which was approved the same day. The approved TEWS area will be used for temporarily staging the remaining Shoo-Fly poles to be removed once the killdeer nests have fledged.

- 6. A pair of American kestrels continue to be observed at the Cressey Substation entering an opening at one end of a cross arm of an energized bus structure approximately 50 ft. above the ground. A reduced buffer is in place for the nest. The birds have displayed tolerance to the ongoing work activities at the Cressey Substation; however, no work occurred during the subject period.
- 7. A killdeer nest was no longer active in the Gallo staging area during the subject period. The buffer for this nest was closed.
- 8. Four western kingbird nests remain active along the Shoo-Fly route during the subject period. Biologist monitored the nests during Shoo-Fly removal work and the birds were observed to be undisturbed by the activities.
- 9. Non-native bird nesting continues to be observed at both the Cressey and Gallo Substations.

### NTP #2: 115 kV Construction

NTP #2 was issued on 12/22/14 for installation of remaining TSPs, construction of the re-route area north of Livingston Canal, construction of single circuit 115 kV pole lines within ½ mile buffers for Swainson's hawk nesting areas east of Howard Street, and pulling of conductor. NTP #2 included conditions that had to be satisfied prior to the start of construction.

#### Summary of Activity:

1. No work occurred in NTP #2 areas during the subject period. Work is scheduled to resume in September.

#### **Environmental Compliance:**

- 1. Flagging remains in place around sensitive resources.
- 2. No work occurred in NTP #2 areas during the subject period.

### NTP #3: Remaining 115 kV Construction

NTP #3 was issued on 3/19/14 for installation of Project's remaining single circuit 115 kV pole lines and pulling of conductor. NTP #3 included conditions that had to be satisfied prior to the start of construction.

#### Summary of Activity:

1. No work occurred in NTP #3 areas during the subject period. Work is scheduled to resume in September.

#### **Environmental Compliance:**

1. No work occurred in NTP #3 areas during the subject period.

### **Notices to Proceed**

Table 1 summarizes the Notices to Proceed (NTP) for Cressey-Gallo 115 kV Power Line Project.

(Updated 07/17/15)								
NTP #	Date Requested	Date Issued	Phase	Description				
NTP #1	09/12/14	10/21/14	Gallo Substation and Shoo-Fly, Cressey Substation	Installation and removal of the Shoo-Fly, expansion work at the Gallo Substation, construction of the single and double circuit 115 kV pole lines on the Gallo Property, and modification work at the Cressey Substation.				
NTP #2	12/11/14	12/22/14	115 kV Power Line	Installation of remaining TSPs, construction of the re-route area north of Livingston Canal, construction of single circuit 115 kV pole lines within ½ mile buffers for Swainson's hawk nesting areas east of Howard Street, and pulling of conductor.				
NTP #3	03/09/15	03/19/15	115 kV Power Line	Installation of the remaining portions of the Project, including construction of single circuit 115 kV pole lines and pulling of conductor.				

Table 1 Notice to Proceeds (NTPs) (Updated 07/17/15)

## **Minor Project Changes**

Table 2 summarizes the Minor Project Changes for the Cressey-Gallo 115 kV Power Line Project.

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Minor Project Changes (MPCs)					
(Updated 07/17/15)					

MPC#	Date Requested	Date Issued	Phase	Description
MPC #1	10/01/14	10/08/14	Gallo Substation and Shoo- Fly	Use of an existing alternative staging area 75 feet west of the proposed Staging Area 001 located southeast of the Gallo Substation.

### **PROJECT PHOTOGRAPHS**



Figure 1 – Demobilization occured at the Gallo Substation during the subject period. View northeast, 7/9/15.



Figure 2 – Poles were removed from land outside the Gallo laydown yard and a TEWS was approved for this area during the subject period. View east, 7/2/15 above, 7/9/15 below.