



Voluntary Environmental Cleanup Program

Hollister Manufactured Gas Plant

Remediation Project Summary

February 2014

Project Summary

PG&E has recently completed a four-month environmental cleanup project at the former Hollister manufactured gas plant (MGP) which now operates as a PG&E Service Center located at Seventh and Sally Streets in downtown Hollister. Over 7,600 tons of impacted soil from historic site operations was removed as part of the remediation project overseen by the California Environmental Protection Agency – Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). PG&E does not anticipate further remediation work at the site and is currently working with DTSC to obtain project completion approval.

Engineering Excellence

Some of the soil removed had an odor which was managed using a variety of engineering techniques including limiting the size of excavations and applying odor suppressants. Real-time air monitoring was conducted throughout the project and all air monitoring results were well within the regulatory-approved levels established to protect the health of the public and on-site workers. Vibration monitoring was also conducted to ensure that construction activities would not impact our neighbors.

Communications

On-site community relations staff regularly visited local businesses and area workers to make sure there were no concerns related to the construction. Weekly updates tracking our progress were issued via email to all interested individuals to keep them informed.

Local Hire/Partnership

PG&E partnered with four local non-profit organizations: Community Foundation of San Benito County, Hollister Downtown Association, San Benito Link and Youth Alliance. As part of our partnership, PG&E staff and contractors volunteered for the annual Hollister downtown cleanup event in October 2013. In addition, we hired and trained two local residents who worked on the job for over 1,350 hours. One of these workers is now working full-time on another PG&E environmental cleanup project.



Local hires
Marissa Castillo
and Reginald Beltran



Restored sidewalk
Seventh Street



Filled tree wells with top soil



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Local Spend

Over one million dollars was spent locally in support of this project. This includes approximately \$637,000 of local construction materials and services and an approximate \$380,000 boost to the local economy through equipment rentals, supplies, lodging, and meals.

Reduction of Carbon Footprint

The project was completed using approaches to reduce our carbon footprint, including:

- Our field team of 14 people stayed locally and carpoled to work
- Only low-emission, state of the art trucks were used to reduce particulate matter and air pollution
- Trucks were staged out of the area and brought in one at a time to reduce air pollution
- Asphalt and concrete materials were recycled when possible to reduce the volume of waste going to a landfill
- Local certified supplier diverse subcontractors and vendors were used to the extent possible

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