

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2017122028

Project Title: Pacific Gas and Electric Company Bay Area Operations and Maintenance Incidental Take Permit Project

Project Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Project Location: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sonoma, and Solano Counties: Within the nine counties, the Permit Area consists of PG&E gas and electric transmission and distribution facilities, rights-of-way (ROWs plus standard buffers), lands owned or obtained by PG&E or subject to PG&E easements, access routes, and conservation areas acquired to provide compensatory mitigation for impacts resulting from covered activities.

Project Description: The Pacific Gas and Electric Company Bay Area Operations and Maintenance Incidental Take Permit Project, as approved by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) with the certification of the Final EIR, consists of issuance of an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) to cover Pacific Gas and Electric Company San Francisco Bay Area ongoing operations and maintenance and minor new construction activities for its natural gas and electric lines, and establishes a comprehensive approach to avoid, minimize, and fully mitigate impacts on covered species and habitat (collectively "covered activities"). The ITP will provide incidental take coverage for three species, the California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*), Alameda whipsnake (*Masticophis lateralis euryxanthus*), and California freshwater shrimp (*Syncaris pacifica*)(covered species), in the Bay Area for the next 30 years, subject to various conditions of approval.

The Project will result in impacts of up to: 2.3 acres of California freshwater shrimp habitat including temporary impacts to 2 acres and may permanently remove 0.3 acres of habitat; 4,218 acres of California tiger salamander habitat including temporary impacts to 3,905 acres and may permanently remove 313 acres of habitat, and 498 acres of Alameda whipsnake habitat including temporary impacts to 412 acres and may permanently remove 86 acres of habitat. The project is expected to result in incidental take of California freshwater shrimp, which is designated as an endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act. The Project is also expected to result in take of California tiger salamander and Alameda whipsnake, which are designated as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 7/6/2022 and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [will / will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [An environmental impact report / A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Mitigation measures [were / were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings [were / were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a).

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Erin Chappell

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Date: 7/6/2022

Erin Chappell, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____