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Project Title: Fulton-Fitch Mountain Reconductoring Project

Lead Agency: California Public Utilities Commission

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Project Location: Larkfield-Wikiup *City* Sonoma *County*

Project Decription (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

This Supplemental Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Fulton-Fitch Mountain Reconductoring Project (Project) (Permit to Construction Application 15-12-005) analyzes proposed changes to the Project since the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) adopted the Final IS/MND for the Project in 2017 (Petition for Modification #1 of Decision 17-12-012). The approved project addressed in the 2017 Final IS/MND included (1) replacing existing 60-kilovolt (kV) conductors and replacing 70 wood poles in the Northern Segment; (2) replacing existing 60-kV and 230-kV conductors and retaining 21 tubular steel poles (TSPs) in the Southern Segment; and (3) making modifications to Fitch Mountain Substation.

Following approval of the Project in 2017, PG&E identified corrosion on the cross-arms of TSPs in the Southern Segment that could potentially cause cross-arm failure during reconductoring activities. To address the risk of cross-arm failure, PG&E proposes to replace 21 existing TSPs in the Southern Segment of the Project that support the Fulton-Hopland 60-kilovolt (kV) Power Line, Geysers #12-Fulton 230-kV Transmission Line, and Geysers #17-Fulton 230-kV Transmission Line, rather than reconductoring on the existing TSPs as stated in the 2017 IS/MND.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Consistent with the 2017 Final IS/MND, the Project with the proposed modifications could have potentially significant impacts on the following resources: Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry, Biological Resources, Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources, Geology, Soils, and Paleontological Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Recreation, Transportation, Utilities and Public Services, and Wildfire.

The Project with the proposed modifications would have a less than significant impact on each resource with the incorporation of mitigation measures. The mitigation measures include restoration of vegetation, weed control measures, protection of special-status plant and wildlife species, protection of agricultural infrastructure, geotechnical investigation, implementation of best management practices, traffic control measures, noise disturbance measures, worker training regarding protected species, cultural resources, and hazards.

Based on the analysis presented in the attached Supplemental IS/MND, the CPUC (Lead Agency) has determined that the Project would not have a significant impact on the environment.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
California Department of Fish and Wildlife