

Notice of Intent to Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration

Project Title: PG&E Pipeline Maintenance Projects - R-354, R-519, and RT-102

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Project Location: The Project includes proposed pipeline maintenance at three separate locations (identified by PG&E as R-354, R-519, and RT-102) along the eastern boundary of the City of Eureka, California within Humboldt County. The project area is located in Section 30 of Township 5 North, Range 1 East, of the Eureka, California, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle at approximate longitude 124° 7' 8.62" N and latitude 40° 47' 7.96" W. The R-354 Project site is located furthest north along Freshwater Slough approximately 0.5 miles upstream from its confluence with Eureka Slough. The R-519 Project site crosses Ryan Slough, just north of the Myrtle Avenue Bridge. The RT-102 Project site is located west of Mitchell Road along Ryan Creek within the McKay Community Forest.

General Plan Land Use Designation The General Plan designations for the PG&E pipeline sites are AE (agricultural exclusive), NR (natural resource), RL (residential low density), and TC (timberland conservation).

Zoning The pipelines are on land zoned as natural resource coastal wetlands (NR/W), agricultural exclusive (AE) with combining district designations for archaeological resource area (A), flood hazard area (F), transitional agricultural lands (T), and wetlands (W), residential suburban (RS), and timber production (TPZ) with combining district designation recreation (R).

Project Description: The Project objectives are maintenance of three pipeline areas by either permanently decommissioning and replacing previously retired pipelines and/or reducing pipeline exposure due to erosion; thereby improving the operating condition and safety of the system in each area. PG&E intends to decommission the previously retired 8-inch diameter Line 137B Freshwater Slough crossing under the slough bed (R-354), replace and decommission the existing 4-inch diameter Line 137C (L-137C) Ryan Slough crossing that is currently exposed in the slough bed (R-519), and to remediate the erosion issues resulting from water flowing across an earth berm that runs along the west side of Ryan Creek (RT-102).

The proposed Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration will be available for the public's review and comment beginning May 22, 2020, online at <http://humboldtбай.org/>, or upon request from HBHRCD at (707) 443-0801. Written comments are due at 601 Startare Drive, Eureka, CA 95501 or awagschal@humboldtбай.org by 4p.m. June 22, 2020.

HBHRCD will consider adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration at a public meeting on or after June 25, 2020. Questions or comments may be directed to Adam Wagschal, awagschal@humboldtбай.org.

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