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Project Title: Incidental Take Permit and Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreements for Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Southern California Desert Gas Pipeline Operation and Maintenance Activities
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 City: Ontario Zip: 91764 County: San Bernardino

Project Location: County: San Bernardino and Kern Counties City/Nearest Community: Mojave, Barstow, Needles
 Cross Streets: Multiple Zip Code: Multiple
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes, seconds): Multiple Total Acres: 645 miles of gas transmission pipelines
 Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple Section: Multiple Twp: Multiple Range: Multiple Base: SBB&M
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy#: I-15, I-40, SR-58, SR 18, SR-247 Waterways: Mojave River, Colorado River
 Airports: Mojave Air and Space Port, Edwards Air Force Base, Boron Airstrip, Naval Weapons Station China Lake, Depue Airport, Palisades Ranch Airport, Adelanto Airport, Southern California Logistics Airport, Osborne Airport, Apple Valley Airport, Barstow-Daggett Airport, Ludlow Airport Railways: AMTRAK, BNSF, Southern Pacific, Union Pacific, Trona, Arizona and California
 Schools: Riverside Preparatory High School, Riverside Preparatory Elementary School, Mesquite Continuation High School, Wind in the Willows Preschool, Murray Middle School, Balas Montessori, Sprout Daycare, Barstow Head Start/State Preschool, Back to Nature Preparatory School, Himmelrick Day Care Center, and Crestline Elementary School

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) Draft EIS Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Oth Incidental Take Permit/Lake and er: Streambed Alteration Agreements

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Commercial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Industrial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____
 Educational: _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Recreational: _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD Other: Gas Pipeline Infrastructure Operation and Maintenance Activities in Mojave Desert

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Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minerals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Greenhouse Gas Emissions |

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Present Land Use: Utility Corridor

Zoning:

San Bernardino County: Agriculture (AG, LV/AG, RL-10-AP), Industrial (AV/IC, AV/IR, IC, LV/IC, LV/IR, IR), Floodway (FW), Commercial (CG, CG-SCp, CH, CR), Institutional (IN), Rural Living (AV/RL, AV/RL-5, LV/RL, LV/RL-10, LV/RL-5, RL, RL-40, RL-5, Residential (RS, RS-14M, RS-20M, RS-1, SD-RES), Resource Conservation (CR, LV/RC)

City of Barstow: Diverse Use (DU) Residential (RS, RS-14M, RS-20M, RS-1, SD-RES), Residential (ER, LDR, SFR), Military Zone (MZ), Public Facility (PF), Industrial (GI), Open Space (O)

City of Victorville: Agriculture (AE), Conservancy and Flood Plain (FP), Industrial (M-1, M-2), Specific Plan (SP, SP05-001, SP1-92)

Town of Apple Valley: Specific Plan

Kern County: Agriculture (A, A FPS, A WE, A-1, A-1 H, A-1 MH), Commercial (C-2, C-2 PD, C-2 PD FPS, CH, CH PD), Industrial (M-3, M-3 PD, M-3 PD FPS, M-1, M-1 PD), Residential (E[2 ½], (E[2 ½] RS, R-1, PL, PL RS), Other

City of California City: Open Space/Residential/Agricultural District (O/RA)

City of Ridgecrest: Commercial (CS, CG), Civic/Institutional (CI), Public Use (RSP), Urban Reserve (UR)

General Plan Designations: Agriculture, Commercial, Industrial, Infrastructure, Non-Jurisdictional Lands, Parks/Recreation, Public/Institutional, Residential, Resource, Mineral Extraction, Vacant, Base (built-up area), Floodways, Grazing/Livestock, Mixes-Use, Public Facilities, Other

Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in response to the request for an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) to authorize take of Mojave desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) and Mohave ground squirrel (*Xerospermophilus mohavensis*), as well as for the expected request for issuance of one or more Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) Agreements (collectively, "the permits") for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) Southern California desert gas pipeline operation and maintenance (O&M) activities.

Due to the need to provide safe and reliable services, and to meet regulatory requirements, PG&E conducts O&M activities on approximately 645 miles of pipelines in the Mojave Desert region, which encompasses high-pressure gas pipelines and associated facilities. The pipeline system has been in place for more than 70 years, and O&M activities have been conducted since the pipeline system was installed. The gas transmission system consists of gas pipelines; compressor stations; associated gas transmission and distribution facilities; rights-of-way; areas up to 0.25 miles beyond the rights-of-way, where needed; and their related equipment and facilities. Since 2017, PG&E has been gathering data on temporary and permanent disturbance resulting from its O&M activities. Therefore, the type, number, and frequency of ongoing O&M activities would continue to be a part of the baseline conditions in the O&M study area. Overall, PG&E expects that total impacts over the 30-year ITP term would be in line with the baseline ranges described in the EIR. The EIR evaluates the environmental impacts that may result directly or indirectly from CDFW's issuance of the ITP and the expected LSA Agreements.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>6 & 7</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Region <u>4 & 6</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kern County Air Pollution Control District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date August 29, 2022 Ending Date October 13, 2022

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