

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021030571

Project Title: PG&E's Southern California Desert Gas Pipeline Operation and Maintenance Activities (Project) (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2015-046-06-01 Amendment)

Project Location (include county): Along approximately 645 miles of an existing natural gas pipeline system within the Mojave Desert region of San Bernardino and Kern Counties.

Project Description: This Amendment No. 1 involves PG&E's Southern California Desert Gas Pipeline Operation and Maintenance Activities (Project), as approved by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) with the certification of the Final EIR, consists of PG&E continuing to carry out ongoing operation and maintenance of its Southern California desert gas pipeline system as conditioned by a California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit (ITP) for the take of desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*), the Mohave ground squirrel (*Xerospermophilus mohavensis*). ITP Amendment No. 1 includes revised Mohave ground squirrel Conditions of Approval 7.15, 7.16, 7.17 and the addition of western Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*) as a covered species under the the ITP with approximately 26 acres of western Joshua tree habitat annually.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as the Lead Agency, approved the above described project on August 2, 2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the project:

1. The project will / will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An environmental impact report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
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 California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report and record of project approval is available to the general public at the CDFW regional office listed above.

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Signature

Date:

Heidi Calvert, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____