

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021050410

Project Title: Line 80 Abandonment Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0159-R5)

Project Location (Santa Barbara County): The project is located within Goleta Slough, southeast of California State Route 217, east of the University of California Santa Barbara, and west of More Ranch Road in unincorporated Santa Barbara County. The Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) associated with this project are 071-200-011, -008, -017, 071-210-001, and 073-130-001.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement (1600-2020-0159-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Southern California Gas Company represented by Julio Gonzalez.

Permittee plans to remove and abandon 2,000 linear feet of Line 80, an existing decommissioned natural gas line on Permittee's property within Goleta Slough. Of the 2,000 linear feet, only 435 linear feet are subject to CDFW streambed regulation. Activities will take place in two segments along the 435 linear feet. Segment 1 will involve the removal of the above-ground pipeline and all appurtenances. It will also include the replacement of a creosote-treated pipe anchor involving drilling activities located within a tidally influenced area of Atascadero Creek. Segment 2 will involve abandoning-in-place the pipeline underneath Tecolotito Creek. The pipeline will be cut, filled with a slurry mix, and capped on both ends. All vegetation removed or damaged through project activities will be replaced following the restoration plan submitted with the Notification. Equipment proposed to complete the overall project includes pick-up truck, 3-axle lowbed tractor, air compressor, dump truck, backhoe-compaction, concrete equipment saw, light tower, 2-ton street sweeper, trailer-office, sideboom, backhoe-420, 2-ton flatbed (2-wheel drive), 3-axle water truck, arrowboard, excavator-cat 324 size, weld rigs, concrete mixer truck, mud pump, and trench traffic plates.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on - 8/24/2022 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the Negative Declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.

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6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Negative Declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature: _____



Date: 8/24/2022

FOR Erin Wilson-Olgin, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____