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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Merced Biogas Pipeline Expansion Project CUP20-017

Lead Agency: Merced County

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Project Location: Merced (*City*) Merced and Madera (*County*)

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

The project involves the extension of the underground pipeline network to serve additional dairy digesters not included in the currently permitted biogas pipeline system. Approximately 39.5 miles of new pipeline is proposed, with 31.8 miles of the pipeline alignment located in Merced County, and 7.7 miles of additional pipeline located in Madera County. The proposed pipeline would transport biogas to the previously approved biogas upgrade facility from a cluster of individual dairy digesters in the surrounding area. The upgraded biomethane would be piped to an injection point with a Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) gas transmission pipeline.

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

Air quality (conflict with AQ plan/net increase of criteria pollutant): develop and implement a SJVAPCD-approved dust control plan and implement measures of applicable SJVAPCD rules and regulations
Biological resources (adverse effects on special status species, waters/wetlands): pre-construction surveys required to identify and avoid special status species, consultation with appropriate agencies and obtain permits as required, conduct jurisdictional delineation of waters of the US, obtain permits as required, satisfy mitigation requirements as necessary.
Cultural resources (previously undiscovered cultural resources/human remains): stoppage of construction activities should potential cultural resources/human remains be encountered. Coordinate with qualified archaeologist / coroner as appropriate.
Hazards and hazardous materials (potential exposure of construction workers to hazardous materials: stoppage of construction activities should environmental medium with suspected contamination be encountered; measures to be taken to identify and remediate any potential contaminants.
Hydrology and water quality (soil erosion/stormwater runoff): applicant to submit permit registration documents to the SWRCB and implement a SWPPP.
Transportation (emergency access): applicant to acquire encroachment permits and implement a traffic control plan.

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

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

Madera County
Army Corps of Engineers
Caltrans
CDFW
CVRWQCB
SJVAPCD
SWRCB
USFWS