

# Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

**Form F**

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SCH #: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Remote Grid Installation Project at Whitaker ' s Forest Research Station

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Project Location: Wilsonia (closest community)  
*City*

Tulare  
*County*

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

The Project involves installation of a new remote solar micro-grid, referred to as a standalone power system (SPS), at the Whitaker ' s Forest Research Station within Whitaker ' s Forest. Whitaker ' s Forest is an approximately 350-acre forest plot owned and managed by the University in Tulare County. The land surrounding Whitaker ' s Forest is federal public land: Sequoia National Forest and Kings Canyon National Park. Access to the Project site is via Forest Service Road 14S75.

Once installed, the Project would provide existing residential structures on-site with a consistent and reliable source of electricity that would replace the need for the existing overhead electric distribution lines. PG&E will be responsible for installation, and for operation and maintenance, of the facility. The Project consists of a 12-panel solar array mounted on the roof of a new shipping container. Supporting infrastructure includes battery storage, a new driveway, and a new underground conduit between the solar array and the residential structures. The Project is part of PG&E's Remote Grids Pilot Program, a program within PG&E's Community Wildfire Safety Program.

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

Potential Impacts to Biological Resources: -Mitigation Measure BIO-1 requires the Project to avoid the avian nesting season. If construction during the bird nesting season cannot be avoided, then nesting bird surveys would be completed, and any nests found would be protected. -Mitigation Measure BIO-2 requires if work must occur during the California spotted owl nesting season (March 1 to August 15), modified one-year call back surveys will be conducted. -Mitigation Measure BIO-3 requires all vegetation removal and construction activities will be scheduled between July 1 and February 28 to avoid the fisher denning season. Potential Impacts to Cultural Resources: -Mitigation Measure CUL-1 requires a qualified field archaeologist to monitor Project ground disturbance in areas that extend into previously undisturbed soils. -Mitigation Measures CUL-2 requires that prior to Project ground disturbance, all construction contractor(s) responsible for overseeing and operating ground-disturbing equipment shall be alerted to the sensitivity of the Project site for buried archaeological deposits. -Mitigation Measure CUL-3 requires that prior to Project ground disturbance, a field archaeologist shall flag the grave of Horace Whitaker for visibility.

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

NONE

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

Pacific Gas & Electric Company