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AMA-88-PM____
PG&E Pipeline
Replacement Project
Initial Study (IS)
SCH 2023010116

Dear Ms. Ruesel,

Caltrans appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Pipeline Replacement Initial Study that proposes replacing approximately 950 linear feet of gas transmission line 197C-2 to address exposure of the pipeline where it crosses Jackson Creek near the community of Buena Vista on Assessor Parcel Numbers (APN) 012-070-009, 012-070-010, and 012-070-039.

The project includes replacing a portion of PG&E's 4-inch gas pipeline at Jackson Creek with a 4-inch nominal diameter steel gas transmission pipeline via horizontal directional drill methods. Once the replacement pipeline is installed, portions of the existing pipeline would be decommissioned by removing approximately 148 linear feet of exposed pipe within Jackson Creek and slurry filling and retiring in place the approximately 802 feet of the remaining portion of the pipeline.

The proposed project is located approximately 2.7 miles from State Route (SR) 88, within Jackson Creek, along Buena Vista Road and Coal Mine Road near the Buena Vista Community.

Caltrans at this time has the following comments:

Environmental

The project is located 2.7 miles from SR 88. However, if any construction-related activities encroach into Caltrans Right of Way (ROW), the project proponent must apply for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Office. All CEQA documentation, with supporting technical studies, must be submitted with the Encroachment Permit Application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, historic properties, biological resources, hazardous waste

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locations, scenic highways, and/or other environmental resources within Caltrans ROW, at the project site(s). Evidence of consultation with local Native American tribes and interested parties will need to be presented within the technical documents for approval of encroachment in the Caltrans ROW. If there are impacts to protected water resources within Caltrans ROW, Caltrans will need to see the correspondence with the permitting authorities (California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), and the Regional Water Quality Board (RWQCB).

Caltrans suggest Amador County Planning Department continue to coordinate and consult with Caltrans to identify and address potential cumulative transportation impacts that may occur from this project and other developments near this location. This will assist Caltrans in ensuring that traffic safety and quality standards are maintained for the traveling public on existing and future state transportation facilities.

If any future project activities encroach into Caltrans ROW, the project proponent must submit an application for an Encroachment Permit to the Caltrans District 10 Encroachment Permit Office. Appropriate environmental studies must be submitted with this application. These studies will include an analysis of potential impacts to any cultural sites, biological resources, hazardous waste locations, and/or other resources within Caltrans ROW at the project site(s). For more information, please visit the Caltrans Website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Paul Bauldry at (209) 670-9488 or by email at paul.bauldry@dot.ca.gov, or me at (209) 483-7234 (email: Gregoria.Ponce@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Gregoria Ponce', Chief
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cc: State Clearinghouse