

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2023060440

Project Title: R-708 Gas Line 021G Replacement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SON-34951-R3)

Project Location (Sonoma County): The project is located at the Petaluma River, in the County of Sonoma, State of California; Latitude 38.221267°, Longitude -122.596617°; northern access located at 1400 Cader Lane, Petaluma, CA 94954, southern access located at the southern terminus of Landing Way, Petaluma, CA, 94954; Assessor's Parcel Number 017-170-001.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SON-34951-R3), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

The project is limited to the removal and replacement of two existing gas transmission pipelines that cross the Petaluma River. The existing dual 12-inch diameter pipelines will be removed from beneath the Petaluma River. To remove the existing pipelines, approximately 16 linear feet from each bank of the river will be excavated to expose the pipelines. Once exposed from the banks, a barge-mounted dredging operation located in the Petaluma River will excavate approximately 8 feet in depth of the native material within the riverbed from on top of the pipeline. Dredge material will be loaded onto a barge and then stored in uplands until it can be hauled to an approved disposal site. After dredging, each pipe will be dislodged from the soil using slings attached to a barge-mounted crane and then pulled out at the south side of the river. Following pipe removal, crews will backfill each bank excavation site using clean native material and original contours would be reestablished. Pipeline removal will cause temporary impacts to the riparian and salt marsh habitat along the riverbanks of approximately 130 square feet, and temporary impacts to the open channel habitat in the Petaluma River of approximately 4,000 square feet.

In addition to removing the existing pipelines, a new gas transmission pipeline will be installed. The new pipeline will cross under the Petaluma River just upstream of the existing pipes. It will entail installing approximately 492 feet of 16-inch diameter steel pipe with open trench in an upland portion of the site and approximately 1,360 feet of the steel pipe utilizing horizontal directional drilling (HDD) under the Petaluma River at a depth of 61 feet. The HDD will require excavation of a bell hole on either side of the river, located in the upland portion of the site. Pipeline installation activities will not result in temporary or permanent impacts to stream and riparian habitat.

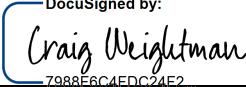
This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on August 21, 2023, and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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.

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- 2. CDFW considered the **Mitigated 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** adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Mitigated 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: 8/21/2023
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____