

ITEM: 12

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for Pacific Gas and Electric Company to construct a Pipeline Class Change of Line 131 at Marsh Creek, Contra Costa County

REPORT: Pacific Gas and Electric Company proposes to replace their Line 131 Pipeline at Marsh Creek, in Contra Costa County. The new line will upgrade approximately 1,400 feet of the existing 24-inch diameter natural gas pipeline from class 1 to class 3. The upgrade will ensure compliance with higher safety regulations. No expansion of use is proposed. The existing above ground pipeline crossing Marsh Creek will be removed and a new line installed using horizontal directional drilling. Directional drilling was selected as opposed to an open trench cut across Marsh Creek.

Additional mitigations are included for special status plants, biological resources, and cultural resources. A worker awareness program will be provided from a USFWS qualified biologist prior to construction. During construction, continuous onsite monitoring for compliance with conservation/ minimization and avoidance measures, including setbacks and buffers from sensitive areas, will be provided. All In-stream work will be conducted between July and October, when Marsh Creek is dry. The area will be returned to pre-existing conditions utilizing restoration measures, including reseeding and erosion control. Because sensitive cultural resource remains have been found within a mile of the site, an archaeologist will also be present to monitor all ground disturbing activities.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed Resolution.

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