CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

RESOLUTION No. R2-2016-0026

ADOPTION OF INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION, MONITORING, AND REPORTING PROGRAM for:

REMEDIAL ACTIONS IN NORTHEAST AREA OF POTRERO POWER PLANT and A PORTION OF THE SOUTHEAST AREA OF PIER 70

POTRERO POWER PLANT SITE 1201 ILLINOIS STREET CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Whereas, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Regional Water Board), finds that:

- 1. On April 17, 2001, the Regional Water Board was designated the administering agency for the Potrero Power Plant (PPP) remediation site located in San Francisco, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 25262;
- 2. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has prepared a Remedial Action Plan (RAP or Project) to address pollution in the Northeast Area of the PPP and in a portion of the adjacent Southeast Area of Pier 70 and has submitted the RAP to the Regional Water Board for approval;
- 3. As the administering agency, the Regional Water Board is also the lead agency, as defined in Public Resources Code section 21067, under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code § 21000 *et seq.*). Baseline Environmental, on behalf of the Regional Water Board, has conducted an Initial Study (IS) and prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) to identify and evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with Regional Water Board approval and implementation of the RAP (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15063, 15070-15075);
- 4. The IS/MND showed that RAP implementation would have potentially significant effects on *Air Quality; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Hazards and Hazardous Material; and Hydrology and Water Quality,* and identified mitigation measures to avoid or reduce these impacts, as set forth in the Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program (MMRP). The Regional Water Board is conditioning approval of the RAP on implementation of and compliance with the MMRP;
- 5. The IS/MND and MMRP reflect the independent judgment and analysis of the Regional Water Board;
- 6. On February 5, 2016, the Regional Water Board circulated a Notice of Intent to adopt the IS/MND to the public, responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and other interested persons.

The Notice of Intent was published in two newspapers in the area affected by the Project, noting availability of the IS/MND at the Regional Water Board's offices, the Regional Water Board's website, and the San Francisco Public Library;

- 7. On February 8, 2016, the IS/MND were transmitted by the State Clearinghouse (SCH No. 2016022030), and copies were mailed independently to all responsible agencies and persons known to be interested in this matter, which initiated a 30-day public review and comment period;
- 8. The Regional Water Board received no comments on the IS/MND or its supporting documentation; and
- 9. The Regional Water Board finds that on the basis of the whole record there is no substantial evidence that the Project, as mitigated, will have a significant effect on the environment. The IS/MND, MMRP, all supporting documentation, and the record of proceedings are available at the Regional Water Board's offices.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Regional Water Board hereby adopts the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Mitigation, Monitoring, and Reporting Program for the Project.

I, Bruce H. Wolfe, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region on July 7, 2016.

Bruce H. Wolfe
Executive Officer