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SCH #: 2021030571

Project Title: ITP/LSA Agreements - PG&E Southern California Desert Gas Pipeline Operation & Maintenance Activities

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Project Location: Traverses San Bernardino and Kern Counties

City *County*

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

The proposed project for purposes of CEQA is the requested issuance of an incidental take permit (ITP) that would authorize incidental take of Mojave desert tortoise and Mohave ground squirrel, as well as for the expected request for issuance of one or more Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreements for PG&E's Southern California desert gas pipelines operation and maintenance (O&M) activities to PG&E. Due to the need to provide safe and reliable services, and to meet regulatory requirements, PG&E conducts O&M activities on approximately 645 miles of pipelines in the Mojave Desert region, which encompasses high-pressure gas pipelines and associated facilities. The pipeline system has been in place for more than 70 years, and O&M activities have been conducted since the pipeline system was installed. The gas transmission system consists of gas pipelines; compressor stations; associated gas transmission and distribution facilities; rights-of-way; areas up to 0.25 miles beyond the rights-of-way, where needed; and their related equipment and facilities. Since 2017, PG&E has been gathering data on temporary and permanent disturbance resulting from its O&M activities. Therefore, the type, number, and frequency of ongoing O&M activities would continue to be a part of the baseline conditions in the O&M study area. Overall, PG&E expects that total impacts over the 30-year ITP term would be in line with the baseline ranges described in the EIR. The EIR evaluates the environmental impacts that may result directly or indirectly from CDFW's issuance of the ITP and the expected LSA Agreements.

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

The incremental physical change to the environment caused by CDFW issuing permits conditioning PG&E's ongoing O&M activities is the focus of the analysis in the EIR. Based on the analysis in EIR Chapter 4.4, Biological Resources, PG&E's ongoing O&M activities would have potentially significant impacts with regard to biological resources. PG&E's commitment to continue implementing Applicant Proposed Measure (APM) BIO-1 through APM BIO-28 would minimize and reduce substantial or potentially substantial effects, and where CDFW determined that additional mitigation was required to reduce environmental impacts to biological resources to less-than-significant levels, Mitigation Measure (MM) BIO-1 to MM BIO-6 would be implemented.

For all other resource categories, the proposed project would result in "no impacts" or "less-than-significant impacts" without the need for mitigation.

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

Based on input received from agencies, areas of controversy and issues to be resolved related to the project include the following:

- Compliance with Assembly Bill 52 and Senate Bill 18, as well as other applicable laws and regulations related to cultural and tribal cultural resources

- Ongoing adherence to the PG&E and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Joint Use Agreements and Consent to Common Use Agreements for pipeline facilities within state highway right-of-way

- Compliance with Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board Basin Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan), as well as other applicable laws and regulations related to water quality

- Consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding jurisdictional waters

- Potential hydrology and water quality impacts due to ongoing O&M activities

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

Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
State Water Resources Control Board
California Department of Transportation
San Bernardino County Department of Public Works