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Operation and Maintenance of Pacific Gas & Electric's Pipelines in Southern California Deserts - Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a draft Environmental Impact Report

Dear Ms. Rosales:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 9 appreciates the opportunity to comment during the NOP phase for PG&E's operations and maintenance in San Bernardino (District 8) and Kern (District 9) counties. We offer the following:

- PG&E and Caltrans have previously entered into Joint Use Agreements and Consent to Common Use Agreements for pipeline facilities within State highway right-of-way (R/W).
 Please ensure that operations and maintenance activities adhere to those agreements.
 For further interaction regarding Kern area agreements, you may contact Julie Nellis at (760) 872-0721or julie.nellis@dot.ca.gov.
- Work within the R/W will need to meet Caltrans standards. Per some agreement language, Caltrans need only be notified; in other cases, an encroachment permit is necessary. For further interaction regarding Kern project area notification, work standards, traffic control, permits, etc. you may contact Stephen Winzenread at (760) 874-8348 or stephen.winzenread@dot.ca.gov. The Caltrans Permit application may be found at: https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications

We value a cooperative working relationship regarding project impacts to our State's transportation system. For any questions, feel free to contact me at (760) 874-8330 or gayle.rosander@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

GAYLE J. ROSANDER External Project Liaison

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