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OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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corporation, for a Permit to Construct the
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**PROPONENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
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Acronyms

AADT	average annual daily traffic
AB 939	Assembly Bill 939
AMBAG	Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
amsl	above mean sea level
APE	area of potential effects
APFS	Adequate Public Facility and Services
APLIC	Avian Power Line Interaction Committee
APM	applicant-proposed measure
Arid West Supplement	<i>Interim Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Arid West Region</i>
BMPs	best management practices
CalARP	California Accidental Release Prevention
Cal-EPA	California Environmental Protection Agency
Cal-Fire	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
CA ISO	California Independent System Operator
Cal-OSHA	California Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation
CCR	California Code of Regulations
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game
CDMG	California Division of Mines and Geology
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
CESA	California Endangered Species Act
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CGS	California Geological Survey (State of California Department of Conservation)
CHRIS	California Historical Resources Information System
CIWMB	California Integrated Waste Management Board
CNPS	California Native Plant Society
Corps	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Cortese List	Control Hazardous Waste and Substances Site List
CPUC	California Public Utilities Commission
CRHR	California Register of Historical Resources
CUPA	Certified Uniform Program Agency
CVP	Central Valley Project
dB	decibel
dBA	A-weighted decibel
DOGGR	Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (State of California Department of Conservation)
DPR	California Department of Parks and Recreation

Acronyms (continued)

DPS	distinct population segment
DTSC	Department of Toxic Substances
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
EMF	electric and magnetic fields
EMS	emergency medical services
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
ESA	federal Endangered Species Act
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FMMP	Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
gpd	gallons per day
GPS	global positioning system
HCP	habitat conservation plan
Hollister Pole Segment	Hollister Tap No. 1 – 115 kV Hollister Pole Segment
Hollister Tower Segment	Moss Landing – Salinas – Soledad Nos. 1 and 2 – 115 kV Hollister Tower Segment
IBC	International Building Code
Ldn	day-night level
Leq	equivalent sound level
LOS	level of service
LUST	leaking underground storage tank
M&I	municipal and industrial
MBTA	Migratory Bird Treaty Act
MOA	memorandum of agreement
MRZ	Mineral Resource Zone
NAHC	California Native American Heritage Commission
NCCP	natural communities conservation plan
NCFPD	North County Fire Protection District
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NPPA	California Native Plant Protection Act of 1977
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
NWIC	Northwest Information Center
OES	Governor’s Office of Emergency Services
OPR	California Office of Planning and Research
PRC	California Public Resources Code
PTC	Permit to Construct
Proposition 65	Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
red-legged frog	California red-legged frog
Regional Water Board	Regional Water Quality Control Board
SBCFD	San Benito County Fire Department
SBCWD	San Benito County Water District
Section 106	Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

Acronyms (continued)

SHPO	State Historic Preservation Officer
SMARA	California Surface Mining and Reclamation Act
SPCCP	Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan
SR	State Route
SRA	State Responsibility Area
SSAC	steel-supported aluminum conductor
State	State of California
SWANCC	Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County
US 101	U.S. Highway 101
USC	United States Code
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
UWMP	Urban Water Management Plan
UWMP 2000	<i>Hollister Area Urban Water Management Plan 2000</i>
V/C	volume-to-capacity ratio
WDR	waste discharge requirement
WECC	Western Electricity Coordinating Council
WHR	California Wildlife-Habitat Relationships system
Williamson Act	California Land Conservation Act of 1965

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