2.14 Recreation

Issues (and Supporting Information Sources):		*Potentially Significant Impact*	*Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporation*	*Less Than Significant Impact*	*No Impact*
14.	**RECREATION:**				
a)	Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	☐	☒	☐	☐
b)	Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	☐	☐	☐	☒

2.14.1 Setting

Parks and Recreational Facilities

State

The only state recreational facility in the vicinity of the project area is the Petaluma Adobe State Historical Monument located at the east edge of the city of Petaluma, off Highway 116 and Adobe Road, approximately 1/4mile to the northeast of the Lakeville Substation. The monument contains authentic furniture and exhibits depicting early rancho life and also includes a park with a picnic area.

Sonoma County

There are no public parks located in the immediate vicinity of the Proposed Project that are within the jurisdiction of Sonoma County.

City of Sonoma

There are four neighborhood parks located in the immediate vicinity of the transmission line and Sonoma Substation within the City of Sonoma: Hertenstein Park, Carter Park, Nathanson Creek Park / Roland Hauk Nature Area, and Madera Park.

Hertenstein Park is located approximately 0.5 mile to the north of the transmission line corridor (along Leveroni Road) and is about 0.8 acres in size. Hertenstein Park includes picknicking areas, a children's play area, and a winter creek. An important feature of this park is the Class 1 bikeway connection between the park and the Fryer Creek bike path. Carter Park is located 0.03 miles to the north of the transmission line corridor (along Leveroni Road), is about 1 acre in size, and includes a half basketball court, lawn and picnic areas, and play equipment. Carter Park also includes a bike path which leads to a bridge crossing to the bike path on the west side of Fryer Creek. The Nathanson Creek Park / Roland Hauk Nature Area is located approximately 0.35 miles to the northeast of the Sonoma Substation and includes picnicking areas, a children's playground, and a natural creek area. Nathanson Park is about 0.8 acres and the nature area is

about 2.0 acres. Madera Park is located immediately adjacent to the north of the transmission line corridor on Leveroni Road between Harrington Drive and Fryer Creek Drive. Madera Park is part of about 2.9 acres set aside for open space. Madera Park is oriented toward picnicking and passive recreational activities and also includes a Class 1 bike path on the east side of Fryer Creek, with a bridge crossing to the bike path on the west side of the creek (City of Sonoma, 1995).

Trails

Sonoma County

Highway 116 is a designated state bicycle touring route in Sonoma County. Adobe Road and Highway 116 (from Adobe Road to Arnold Drive) is a designated Class III bikeway (Sonoma County PRMD, 1989).

City of Sonoma

The City of Sonoma has a variety of multi-purpose paths which function as combination bicycle, jogging, par-course, and walking trails. Within the vicinity of the Proposed Project, the City has Class 1 bike paths from Third Street West and Arroyo Way to Leveroni Road (along Fryer Creek), in Hertenstein Park, connecting to the Fryer Creek path, and in Carter Park extending south to Leveroni Road along Fryer Creek.

2.14.2 Regulatory Context

Sonoma County General Plan

The Open Space (OS) Element in the Sonoma County General Plan (1989) provides the following goals and objectives that could be applicable to the Proposed Project:

- Goal OS-7: Establish a countywide park and trail system which meets future recreational needs of the county's residents while protecting agricultural uses. The emphasis of the trail system should be near urban areas and on public lands.

- Objective OS-7.1: Provide for adequate parklands and trails primarily in locations that are convenient to urban areas to meet the outdoor recreation needs of the population, while not affecting agricultural uses.

- Goal OS-8: Establish a Bikeways Network that provides a safe and supportive environment for bicyclists in Sonoma County, recognizing that bicycling is a viable mode of transportation and popular form of recreation.

In addition, the Sonoma County General Plan Public Facilities Element provides a standard of 2.5 acres of parkland per 1,000 persons (Sonoma County PRMD, 1989).

City of Sonoma General Plan

The City of Sonoma General Plan does not contain any recreation policies that would be applicable to the Proposed Project (City of Sonoma, 1995).

2.14.3 Recreation Impacts and Mitigation Measures

a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated: *less than significant impact with mitigation incorporated*.

Proposed Project

Increases in demand for recreational facilities are typically associated with substantial increases in population. As further described in Section 2.12, *Population and Housing*, the Proposed Project would require an average of 38 workers, which would not result in a substantial increased demand for recreational facilities or adversely affect City of Sonoma or Sonoma County park/population standards.

Temporary alteration of parks and recreation facilities due to the project would not likely constitute a substantial adverse physical impact to the provision of or need for new or physically altered public parks. However, project construction activities could result in temporary disruptions to existing recreational facilities, including the Madera Park and the Fryer Creek bike path, which cross the transmission line corridor (at Leveroni Road). Nevertheless, implementation of mitigation measures specified below would lessen the potential impacts of temporary alterations to these areas to a less than significant level.

Impact 2.14-1: Construction activities could result in temporary adverse impacts to the Madera Park and the Fryer Creek bike path, which terminates at Leveroni Road. This would be a less than significant impact with implementation of Mitigation Measures 2.14-1a and 2.14-1b.

Mitigation Measure 2.14-1a: Construction activities that occur along Leveroni Road from Harrington Drive to Fryer Creek Drive shall only occur during the weekdays or as otherwise permitted by the City of Sonoma. PG&E and/or its contractor(s) shall ensure that Madera Park and the Fryer Creek bike path are fully accessible during weekends, as well as any holidays observed by the City of Sonoma. PG&E shall prepare a work plan to implement this measure and shall provide the work plan to CPUC staff for approval prior to the start of construction. Compliance with this measure shall be monitored by the CPUC mitigation monitor.

Mitigation Measure 2.14-1b: PG&E shall provide signage that alerts bicyclists to walk their bicycles through the construction area. PG&E shall also provide notices to local residents of any planned disruption to Madera Park and/or the Fryer Creek bike path (properties within 300 feet of Madera Park). The notices and signage shall include the following details:

- Expected dates of Madera Park and/or Fryer Creek bike path disruption.
- Description and map of temporary relocation of park facilities.
- Name and phone numbers of persons to contact at PG&E and the City of Sonoma.

The notices shall be sent to residents and signage posted at least 14 days in advance of any planned construction activities along Leveroni Road between Harrington Road and Fryer Creek Drive. The CPUC mitigation monitor shall verify the posting of signage and notification prior to construction.

Significance after Mitigation: Less than significant.

Mitigation Measure 2.1-1

Implementation of Mitigation Measure 2.1-1 would not result in any additional impacts to recreational facilities as described in Impact 2.14-1, above.

b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment: *no impact*.

The Proposed Project does not include any plans for the addition of any recreational facilities nor would it require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in any adverse physical effects on the environment from construction or expansion of additional recreational facilities.

References – Recreation

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