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Subject: Fulton-Fitch Mountain Reconductoring Project, Application No. A.15-12-005,
Cultural resource P-49-001179 (CA-SON-1256)

CONCLUSION: P-49-001179 (CA-SON-1256) is eligible for listing on the California Register of Historic Resources (CRHR). A revised APM-CR-1 and PEA impact discussion are proposed.

DISCUSSION:

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¹ Stephanie Cimino, M. S., meets the Secretary of the Interior Standards for archaeology and architectural history.

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PG&E proposes to rewrite APM-CR-1 to reflect these findings as follows:

APM CR-1: Avoid Cultural Resources

Archaeological resource P-49-001179 (CA-SON-1256) will be avoided by staging trucks on the paved or graveled road shoulder and not on exposed soil within the site boundary. Should the boom trucks need to travel off the shoulder within the site boundary for any reason, PG&E will place rubber mats across the site surface to protect against any soil disturbance that could be caused by driving on the surface. PG&E will also establish a protection zone by flagging the site boundary along the roadway with exclusion fencing to ensure that no vehicles will inadvertently enter the site boundary without the above-mentioned protection measures. A qualified archaeologist will be on call to ensure implementation of this measure prior to and during construction.

This also affects the findings of *Section 3.5.4.3 Potential Impacts* in the Proponents Environmental Assessment. PG&E proposes the following changes to subsection (b) as follows:

b) Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5? *Less-than-Significant Impact*

CRHR eligible prehistoric site P-49-00179 (CA-SON-1256) is located within the staging area for two guard structure boom trucks. Implementation of APM-CR-1 will avoid impacts to the site by requiring trucks to remain on the road or road shoulder or installing protective mats for any vehicle access off of the paved road or graveled road shoulder, and flagging the site with exclusion fencing. With these measures, there will be no significant impacts to the site or adverse change to its significance. No other resources, including P-49-003449 through P-49-003469, Fulton Substation, Fitch Mountain Substation, FF-1, and FF-2, are considered eligible for listing on the NRHP or CRHR. Therefore, avoidance measures for these resources—such as an environmentally sensitive protective zone—are not necessary. The project will therefore result in a less-than-significant impact on archaeological resources. APM CR-2 will further minimize the less-than-significant potential project impacts in the unlikely event that archaeological resources are discovered.

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