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September 13, 2018

Mr. David Thomas  
245 Market Street, Room 1054D  
San Francisco, CA 94105

**RE: Minor Project Modification #9 for the Fulton-Fitch Mountain Reconductoring Project**

Dear Mr. Thomas,

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) Fulton-Fitch Mountain Reconductoring Project (A. 15-12-005). On December 18, 2017, the CPUC issued a decision to adopt the Final IS/MND and grant PG&E a Permit to Construct the project (Decision D.17-12-012). The CPUC adopted the mitigation measures (MMs) and applicant proposed measures (APMs) identified in the IS/MND as conditions of project approval, as well as a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) to ensure compliance with the MMs and APMs pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081.6 and § 15097 of the CEQA Guidelines (Section 4 of the Final IS/MND).

A detailed Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, and Reporting Plan (MMCRP) was developed for the project with direct participation with PG&E staff. The MMCRP defines specific procedures that are part of the adopted program including the Minor Project Refinement (MPR) process, which requires PG&E to obtain CPUC authorization for any deviations from the approved project.

On September 11, 2018, PG&E submitted MPR #9 requesting CPUC authorization to use an alternate access route between Pole Locations 53 and 54. A copy of the MPR request materials are enclosed as Attachment 1. The CPUC conducted a CEQA consistency review for MPR #9 following the procedures set forth in the MMCRP. A completed review form and summary of findings is provided in Attachment 2. This letter serves to inform you that the CPUC has reviewed and approved PG&E's request for MPR #9 on the basis that no new or substantially greater impacts would occur. Mitigation identified in the IS/MND would avoid or reduce significant impacts to less-than-significant levels.

Please direct any questions related to this matter to me at 415-703-1966 or [lisa.orsaba@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:lisa.orsaba@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Orsaba".

Lisa Orsaba

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cc: Aaron Lui, Project Manager, Panorama Environmental, Inc.  
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Attachment 2: CPUC Review of MPR #9

**Attachment 1: PG&E Request for MPR #9**

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## Part A: Request Description

### MPR Request

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Request Number: 9  
Date Requested: September 11, 2018  
Proposed Duration/  
Timing of Use: September 1, 2018 to January 31, 2018  
Daytime hours  
Location: Access to Pole 54  
Attached Map?  Yes  No

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### Proposed Action(s)

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This minor project refinement serves as a request from PG&E to add a new access route from Pole 53 to Pole 54, joining with access route A25. This new route would extend from Pole 53 northwest approximately 729 feet to the existing access route located at 38.560927°, -122.784229°. This access route would replace existing approved access route A26 through Foothill Regional Park.

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### Purpose(s)

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This proposed access route, an existing footpath, would allow project access from Pole 53, north to Poles 54 and 55.

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## Part B: Existing Conditions

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Existing Land Uses: North Slope Cismontane Woodland  
Surrounding Land Uses: woodland, grasslands, public open space  
Sensitive Receptors within 500 feet: There are no sensitive receptors within 500 feet of the access route.  
Environmental Recourses within 500 feet: There are water features within 500 feet that could potentially support California red-legged frog during breeding and non-breeding stages. Mitigation considerations are discussed below in Part E.  
Has landowner approval been granted?  Yes  No  N/A  
Landowner: Foothill Regional Park

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### Surveys

*List any new survey reports under Part D, attach a copy, and describe relevant survey details under the applicable resource category listed in the Part E.*

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**Biological Resources.** Were all sites associated with the proposed action(s) surveyed for biological resources with the potential to occur in the area? If so, were survey results positive or negative? Were surveys completed during the appropriate timing and season to detect resources? If not, describe under the applicable resource category in Part E.

The proposed access route is within the survey area for biological surveys conducted previously. In addition, a vegetation survey was conducted by PG&E on September 6, 2018. The vegetation community for this access route is consistent with the surrounding surveyed areas, classified as North Slope Cismontane Woodland. Preconstruction surveys and review of the area would be required, as specified in applicable APMs and MMs.

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**Cultural Resources.** Were all sites associated with the proposed action(s) surveyed for cultural resources (records search and pedestrian survey)? If so, were survey results positive or negative?

The proposed access route is entirely within the overhead transmission alignment and was included in 2011 cultural resources surveys; no resources were observed.

**Jurisdictional Waters.** Were all sites associated with the proposed action(s) surveyed for hydrologic resources? If so, were survey results positive or negative?

The proposed access route was included in the original biological resources study area for the project, and the proposed route does not cross any potentially jurisdictional features.

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### Part C: Permits, Agency Approvals, and Environmental Protection Measures

List any new permits or agency approvals under Part D, attach a copy, and describe relevant details under the applicable resource category listed in Part E.

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Have all required permits, permit amendments/authorizations, or agency approvals been issued by resource agencies with applicable jurisdiction? Describe if necessary.

Yes

Would the proposed action(s) conflict with permit conditions or agency approvals? Describe if necessary.

No

Would the proposed action(s) conflict with project applicant proposed measures or mitigation measures listed in Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)? Describe if necessary.

No

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### Part D: Attached Materials

List any attached materials (e.g. surveys, maps, photos, memos, agency authorizations, etc.) below. Materials should be attached to the end of this form.

Figure 1: Map

Photos 1 and 2: Photos of the proposed route

Table 1: Vegetation Restoration info

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### Part E: Final IS/MND Consistency Summary

Complete the Final IS/MND Consistency Summary below and answer the consistency questions for each resource category. Include a description and justification below each resource category as necessary. The consistency questions were developed using the CEQA Checklist provided in the Final IS/MND. Refer to the Final IS/MND for the details on the project impact evaluation.

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Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
Aesthetics (e.g., damage scenic resources or vistas, degrade the existing visual character of the site and its surroundings, or create sources of light or glare)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

There are no sensitive receptors within 500 ft. of the proposed access route, and the route will be cited to limit disturbance to trees in the area. Therefore, the proposed access route would not result in any

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impacts to aesthetics that haven't already been discussed in the ISMND. The proposed access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on aesthetics.

**Agriculture and Forestry Resources (e.g., convert Farmland to nonagricultural use, or create a conflict with existing agricultural zoning or a Williamson Act)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The proposed access route would be placed on an existing foot path through Foothill Regional Park and would include limited vegetation clearing. The proposed access route would not result in the conversion of farmland to non-agricultural use. The proposed access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on agriculture or forestry resources.

**Air Quality (e.g. produce additional emissions, or expose sensitive receptors to additional pollutants)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant*

The proposed access route would result in similar impacts as the permitted route and could result in the creation of fugitive dust during construction. APM AIR-1 would ensure that impacts from fugitive dust would be minimized and impacts to air quality would remain less than significant. The proposed access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on air quality.

**Biological Resources (e.g., cause an adverse effect to sensitive or special-status species, or impact riparian, wetland, or any other sensitive habitat, or conflict with local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The proposed access route is located within the same area as the Project analyzed in the IS/MND. The proposed access route would be placed on an existing foot path through Foothill Regional Park and would include limited vegetation clearing. Mitigation measures from the IS/MND would apply to work at this location, and the proposed access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on biological resources.

**Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources (e.g., cause adverse change to a historical, archeological, or tribal cultural resource)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

No grading, new excavations or digging would be performed along the access route. The proposed access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on cultural or tribal resources.

**Geology and Soils (e.g., cause or expose people or structures to geologic or soil hazards, including erosion or loss of topsoil)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The proposed access route would not require any earthmoving activities and would not result in the loss of topsoil or increase erosion. The access route would be restored following construction and would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on geology and soils.

**Greenhouse Gas Emissions (e.g., generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant*

The proposed access route would not result in an increase in the level of equipment use and run time of equipment and would be consistent with the estimates provided in the ISMND. APM AIR-2 and APM GHG-2 would ensure that any impacts from emissions would remain less than significant. The proposed

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access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on greenhouse gas emissions.

**Hazards and Hazardous Materials (e.g., create or increase the exposure of people or structures to hazardous materials or wildland fires, involve the use of additional hazardous materials or equipment, or interfere with an adopted emergency plan)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

Hazardous materials (such as fuels and oils) may be transported across the access route and would be consistent with the types of materials analyzed in the IS/MND. The proposed access route does not contain any known hazardous material sites. The access route could pose a fire risk; however, this risk is consistent with other work areas in the vicinity and throughout the project within oak woodlands. APM HM-3, APM HM-4, MM Hazards-1, and MM Hazards-2 would ensure that impacts from hazards and hazardous materials are less than significant, with mitigation. The proposed access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on hazards and hazardous materials.

**Hydrology and Water Quality (e.g., degrade water quality, discharge waste or sediment, deplete groundwater, alter the existing drainage pattern, create additional runoff water or polluted runoff, place structures in a 100-year flood hazard area, or expose people or structures to a significant risk involving flooding)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The proposed access route does not cross any water features; however, SEW 22 is approximately 20 feet west of the proposed route. Implementation of MM Hydrology-1 and MM Hydrology-2 would ensure that a Stormwater Pollution and Prevention Plan is prepared and implemented, and any impacts to water quality would remain less than significant, with mitigation. The proposed route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on hydrology and water quality.

**Land Use (e.g., conflict with a land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project, or conflict with a habitat conservation plan)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

Like the approved access route, the proposed access route is located on Foothill Regional Park land and would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on land use and planning.

**Noise (e.g., expose sensitive receptors to additional noise or vibration)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

Activities associated with access route use area are consistent with those discussed in the IS/MND. The proposed access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on noise.

**Paleontological Resources (e.g., cause adverse change to a paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

No grading, new excavations or digging would be performed. The proposed access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on paleontological resources.

**Population and Housing (e.g., induce substantial population growth in an area, or displace substantial numbers of people or housing)?**

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*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant*

The proposed access route would not result in any impacts to population and housing and would be consistent with the analysis of the ISMND. The proposed access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on population and housing.

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**Recreation (e.g., increases the use of, or cause adverse effects to, parks or other recreational facilities)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The proposed access route is located on an existing footpath within Foothill Regional Park. Impacts analyzed in the ISMND for recreation include physical deterioration of trails, and temporary closure of trails and park entrances for safety purposes. The following measures would be implemented to ensure that impacts to recreation resources remain less than significant: APM REC-1, MM Recreation-1, MM Recreation-2, MM Biology-7, MM Traffic-1, and MM Traffic-2. Consistent with the use of other regional park trails, preconstruction conditions of the footpath will be photo documented prior to use by the project. With these measures, impacts from the proposed access route would not increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on recreation.

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**Transportation and Traffic (e.g., increase traffic congestion or degrade performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation, or increase hazards due to a design feature)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The proposed access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on transportation and traffic.

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**Utilities and Public Services (e.g., result in construction of new, or expansion of existing, water facilities, stormwater drainage facilities, require additional water entitlements, or creation of new solid waste disposal needs)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The proposed access route would not include the construction of new, or expand existing, water facilities, stormwater drainage facilities, require additional water entitlements, or creation of new solid waste disposal needs.

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Figure 1: Map

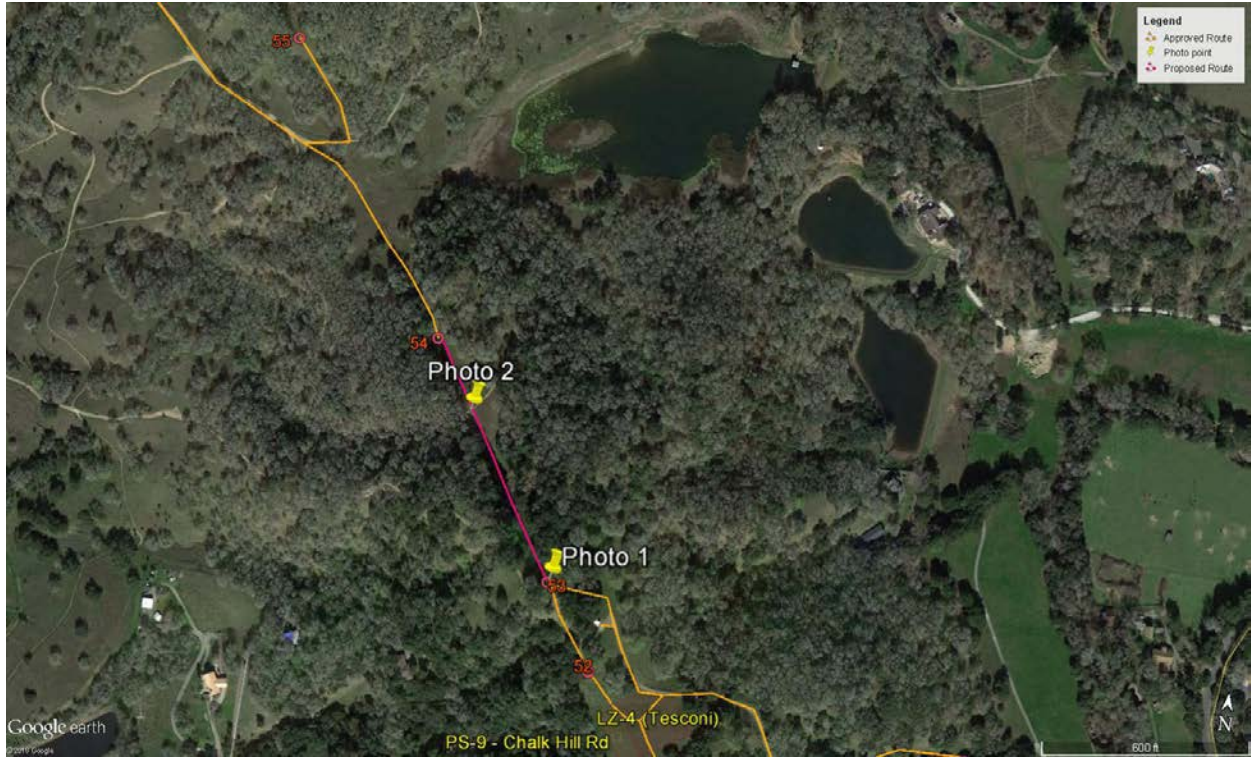


Photo 1. Looking northwest.



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Photo 2. Looking southeast.



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Table 1: Vegetation Restoration Information

Work area	Vegetation Community	Herbaceous Stratum					Shrub/Tree Stratum					Impact Area (sq ft)	Notes
		Percent Cover	Dominant Species	Percent Cover Native Species	Noxious Weed Species	Percent Cover Noxious Weeds	Percent Canopy Cover	Dominant Species	Percent Cover Native Species	Noxious Weed Species	Percent Cover Noxious Weeds		
MPR 9 Access Route	North Slope Cismontane Woodland	95	<i>Avena fatua</i> <i>Briza maxima</i> <i>Bromus hordeaceus</i>	5	<i>Bromus diandrus</i> <i>Cynosurus echinatus</i>	10	60	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i> <i>Quercus garryana</i>	65	N/A	N/A	8,748 sq ft.	

**Attachment 2: CPUC Review of MPR #9**



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## Part A: Request Description

### MPR Request

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Request Number:	09
Date Requested:	September 11, 2018
Proposed Duration/ Timing of Use:	September 1, 2018 to January 31, 2018 Daytime hours
Location:	Access to Pole 54
Attached Map?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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### Proposed Action(s)

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PG&E proposes to add a new access route from Pole 53 to Pole 54, joining with access route A25. This new route would extend from Pole 53 northwest approximately 729 feet to the existing access route located at coordinates: 38.560927, -122.784229. The access route will utilize an existing footpath and no grading activities will occur. Only vegetation clearing will be required.

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### Purpose(s)

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The proposed access route would allow project access from Pole 53, north to Poles 54 and 55. This access route would replace approved access route A26 through Foothill Regional Park. A26 does not connect to the public right-of-way and extending the route would require a modification to the study area. The proposed route provides alternative ground access to Poles 54 and 55 within the IS/MND study area.

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## Part B: Existing Conditions

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Existing Land Uses:	Sonoma County Regional Park within the Town of Windsor
Surrounding Land Uses:	Sonoma County Regional Park within the Town of Windsor
Sensitive Receptors within 500 feet:	There are no sensitive receptors within 500 feet of the access route.
Environmental Recourses within 500 feet:	There are water features within 500 feet that could potentially support California red-legged frog during breeding and non-breeding stages. Mitigation considerations are discussed below in Part E.
Has landowner approval been granted?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Landowner:	Foothill Regional Park

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### Surveys

*List any new survey reports under Part D, attach a copy, and describe relevant survey details under the applicable resource category listed in the Part E.*

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**Biological Resources.** Were all sites associated with the proposed action(s) surveyed for biological resources with the potential to occur in the area? If so, were survey results positive or negative? Were surveys completed during the appropriate timing and season to detect resources? If not, describe under the applicable resource category in Part E.

The proposed access route is within the survey area for biological surveys identified in the IS/MND. In addition, a vegetation survey was conducted by PG&E on September 6, 2018 as required by MM Biology-2. The vegetation community for the access route is consistent with the surrounding surveyed areas, classified as North Slope Cismontane Woodland. No special-status species were observed, but potential suitable habitat is present. Additional wildlife clearance surveys would occur as specified in applicable APMs and MMs.

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**Cultural Resources.** Were all sites associated with the proposed action(s) surveyed for cultural resources (records search and pedestrian survey)? If so, were survey results positive or negative?

The proposed access follows the overhead transmission alignment and is within the cultural resources survey area identified in the IS/MND; no resources were observed.

**Jurisdictional Waters.** Were all sites associated with the proposed action(s) surveyed for hydrologic resources? If so, were survey results positive or negative?

An inventory of hydrologic features and jurisdictional waters was completed where the proposed access route is located and for the surrounding area; the proposed route does not cross any potential jurisdictional features.

**Part C: Permits, Agency Approvals, and Environmental Protection Measures**

List any new permits or agency approvals under Part D, attach a copy, and describe relevant details under the applicable resource category listed in Part E.

Have all required permits, permit amendments/authorizations, or agency approvals been issued by resource agencies with applicable jurisdiction? Describe if necessary.

Yes

Would the proposed action(s) conflict with permit conditions or agency approvals? Describe if necessary.

No

Would the proposed action(s) conflict with project applicant proposed measures or mitigation measures listed in Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)? Describe if necessary.

No

**Part D: Attached Materials**

List any attached materials (e.g. surveys, maps, photos, memos, agency authorizations, etc.) below. Materials should be attached to the end of this form.

Refer to PG&E request for MPR #9.

**Part E: Final IS/MND Consistency Summary**

Complete the Final IS/MND Consistency Summary below and answer the consistency questions for each resource category. Include a description and justification below each resource category as necessary. The consistency questions were developed using the CEQA Checklist provided in the Final IS/MND. Refer to the Final IS/MND for the details on the project impact evaluation.

Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
<b>Aesthetics (e.g., damage scenic resources or vistas, degrade the existing visual character of the site and its surroundings, or create sources of light or glare)?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation</i>			
The proposed access route would involve the same activities as the original access route analyzed in the IS/MND. The use of the proposed access route by project equipment would be temporary and limited to the duration of construction. The proposed access route would not result in any impacts to aesthetics beyond those addressed in the IS/MND. The proposed access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on aesthetics.			

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**Agriculture and Forestry Resources (e.g., convert Farmland to nonagricultural use, or create a conflict with existing agricultural zoning or a Williamson Act)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The proposed access route is within a regional park. The area does not support active agriculture operations; however, the land within the park is designated by the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program as Grazing Land. The proposed access route would involve the same types of impacts to agriculture as those analyzed in the IS/MND, including temporary land disturbance during construction. Following construction, the access route would be restored and returned to its current land use. The proposed access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on agriculture or forestry resources.

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**Air Quality (e.g. produce additional emissions, or expose sensitive receptors to additional pollutants)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant*

The proposed access route would involve similar activities as the original route analyzed in the IS/MND and would not involve an increase in equipment operation or dust generation. There are no sensitive receptors within 500 feet of the proposed access route. APM Air-1 and APM Air-2 would adequately reduce air quality impacts associated with the proposed access route. The proposed access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on air quality.

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**Biological Resources (e.g., cause an adverse effect to sensitive or special-status species, or impact riparian, wetland, or any other sensitive habitat, or conflict with local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The proposed access route is located within the IS/MND study area. The proposed access route would be placed on an existing foot path through Foothill Regional Park and would include vegetation clearing (e.g., mowing, tree trimming, and tree removal) in woodland areas that may provide suitable habitat for special-status species identified in the IS/MND. Potential impacts to special-status species were analyzed in the IS/MND and the resulting mitigation would reduce or avoid any significant impacts, including those associated with the proposed access route. The proposed access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on biological resources.

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**Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources (e.g., cause adverse change to a historical, archeological, or tribal cultural resource)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The access route is within the cultural survey area identified in the IS/MND; no resources were found. No grading would occur along the access route; therefore, it is unlikely that previously unrecorded resources would be encountered. The proposed access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on cultural or tribal resources.

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**Geology and Soils (e.g., cause or expose people or structures to geologic or soil hazards, including erosion or loss of topsoil)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The proposed access route would not require any earthmoving activities and would not result in the loss of topsoil or increase erosion. The access route would be restored following construction and would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on geology and soils.

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**Greenhouse Gas Emissions (e.g., generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant*

The proposed access route would not result in an increase in the level of equipment use and run time of equipment and would be consistent with the estimates provided in the IS/MND. APM AIR-2 and APM

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GHG-2 would ensure that any impacts from emissions would remain less than significant. The proposed access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on greenhouse gas emissions.

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**Hazards and Hazardous Materials (e.g., create or increase the exposure of people or structures to hazardous materials or wildland fires, involve the use of additional hazardous materials or equipment, or interfere with an adopted emergency plan)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

Small amounts of hazardous materials (e.g., fuels and oils) may be transported across the access route and would be consistent with the types of materials analyzed in the IS/MND. The access route and surrounding work areas are located within and adjacent to vegetation. Construction within and near dry vegetation poses a fire risk; however, this risk is consistent with other work areas in the vicinity and throughout the project. APM HM-3, APM HM-4, MM Hazards-1, and MM Hazards-2 would ensure that impacts from hazards and hazardous materials are less than significant. The proposed access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on hazards and hazardous materials.

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**Hydrology and Water Quality (e.g., degrade water quality, discharge waste or sediment, deplete groundwater, alter the existing drainage pattern, create additional runoff water or polluted runoff, place structures in a 100-year flood hazard area, or expose people or structures to a significant risk involving flooding)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The proposed access route does not cross any water features; however, SEW 22 is approximately 20 feet west of the proposed route. Implementation of MM Hydrology-1 and MM Hydrology-2 would ensure that the Stormwater Pollution and Prevention Plan developed for the project is implemented, and any impacts to water quality would remain less than significant. The proposed route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on hydrology and water quality.

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**Land Use (e.g., conflict with a land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project, or conflict with a habitat conservation plan)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The proposed access route is located within Foothill Regional Park and would not conflict with existing land use or zoning designations. No new impact or increase in severity of a previously analyzed impact would occur on land use and planning.

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**Noise (e.g., expose sensitive receptors to additional noise or vibration)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

Equipment operating on the access route would generate noise levels that are consistent with those evaluated in the IS/MND. The proposed access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact associated with noise.

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**Paleontological Resources (e.g., cause adverse change to a paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The access route is located within a geological unit with known high paleontological sensitivity. No grading would occur along the access route; therefore, it is unlikely that paleontological resources would be encountered. Any unanticipated discoveries would be mitigated through implementation of MM Paleontology-2. The proposed access route would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on paleontological resources.

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**Population and Housing (e.g., induce substantial population growth in an area, or displace substantial numbers of people or housing)?**



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*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant*

The proposed access route would have no effect on population and housing.

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**Recreation (e.g., increases the use of, or cause adverse effects to, parks or other recreational facilities)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The proposed access route follows an existing footpath within Foothill Regional Park. The footpath is not identified as an official trail on park maps; therefore, it is considered an informal trail (<https://parks.sonomacounty.ca.gov/Visit/Foothill-Regional-Park/Park-Map/>). The following measures would be implemented to ensure that impacts to the park and trails remain less than significant: APM REC-1, MM Recreation-1, MM Recreation-2, MM Biology-7, and MM Traffic-2. Existing conditions of the footpath must be documented as specified MM Recreation-1. Implementation of these measures would ensure impacts from the proposed access route would not increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on recreation.

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**Transportation and Traffic (e.g., increase traffic congestion or degrade performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation, or increase hazards due to a design feature)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The proposed access route would have no effect on traffic and transportation.

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**Utilities and Public Services (e.g., result in construction of new, or expansion of existing, water facilities, stormwater drainage facilities, require additional water entitlements, or creation of new solid waste disposal needs)?**

*Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant with Mitigation*

The proposed access route would have no effect on utilities and public services.

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