1.0 PROJECT AND AGENCY INFORMATION

1.1 PROJECT TITLE

Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Line 114, Line 114-1, and Line SP4Z Pipeline Decommissioning Project (Project)

1.2 LEAD AGENCY AND PROJECT SPONSOR

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1.3 PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed Project is located across the San Joaquin River between Sherman Island and the city of Oakley (City). The northern landing of the crossing is located in Sacramento County while the southern landing of the crossing is located in Contra Costa County. The county boundary lines are located at the approximate centerline of the river. Refer to Section 2, Project Description, for further details on the Project location.

1.4 ORGANIZATION OF MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is intended to provide the CSLC, as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), and other responsible agencies with the information required to exercise their discretionary responsibilities with respect to the proposed Project. The document is organized as follows:
Section 1 provides the Project background, Agency and Applicant information, Project Objectives and anticipated agency approvals, and a summary of the public review and comment process.

Section 2 describes the proposed Project including its location, layout, equipment, and facilities. Section 2 also provides an overview of the Project’s operations and schedule.

Section 3 provides the Initial Study (IS), including the environmental setting, identification and analysis of potential impacts, and discussion of various Project changes and other measures that, if incorporated into the Project, would mitigate or avoid those impacts, such that no significant effect on the environment would occur. The IS was conducted by the CSLC pursuant to section 15063 of the State CEQA Guidelines.¹

Section 4 includes an environmental justice analysis and discussion consistent with CSLC Policy.

Section 5 presents the Mitigation Monitoring Program (MMP).

Section 6 presents information on report preparation and references.

Appendices. The appendices include specifications, technical data, and other information supporting the analysis presented in this MND.
- Appendix A: Project Execution Plan (Longitude 123)
- Appendix B: Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Calculations
- Appendix C: Fugro Desktop Study (2006)
- Appendix D: Biological Reconnaissance Report

1.5 PROJECT BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The subject submarine pipelines are Line 114, Line 114-1, and Line SP4Z, which cross the San Joaquin River between Sherman Island and the City. The pipelines were deactivated in 2006 and multiple survey events (Fugro 2006, Fugro 2014) have shown them to be exposed on the riverbed and suspended over the Stockton Deep Water Channel near the north landing of the crossing (offshore Sherman Island). Navigational hazard signs are located at both landings. The Project is intended to decommission and largely remove the three deactivated pipelines, an associated reinforced concrete valve pit at Sherman Island, and navigational hazard signs at both landings that would no longer be necessary after the pipelines have been removed.

¹ The State “CEQA Guidelines” are found in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, commencing with section 15000.
1.6 PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT

Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15072 and 15073, a lead agency must issue a proposed MND for a minimum 30-day public review period. Local and State agencies and the public will have the opportunity to review and comment on the document. Responses to written comments received by the CSLC during the 30-day public review period will be incorporated into the proposed Final MND.

In accordance with State CEQA Guidelines section 15074, subdivision (b), the CSLC will review and consider the proposed Final MND, together with any comments received during the public review process, prior to taking action on approval of the MND and the Project.

1.7 APPROVALS AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

The CSLC’s authority is set forth in Division 6 of the California Public Resources Code and it is regulated by the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, sections 1900-2970. The CSLC has authority to issue leases or permits for the use of sovereign lands held in the public trust, including all ungranted tidelands, submerged lands, and the beds of navigable lakes and waterways, as well as certain residual and review authority for tidelands and submerged lands legislatively granted in trust to local jurisdictions (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 6301, 6306). All tidelands and submerged lands, granted or ungranted, as well as navigable lakes and waterways, are subject to the protections of the Common Law Public Trust. As general background, the State of California acquired sovereign ownership of all tidelands and submerged lands and beds of navigable lakes and waterways upon its admission to the United States in 1850. The State holds these lands for the benefit of all people of the State for statewide Public Trust purposes, which include but are not limited to waterborne commerce, navigation, fisheries, water-related recreation, habitat preservation, and open space. On tidal waterways, the State's sovereign fee ownership extends landward to the mean high tide line, except for areas of fill or artificial accretion. For the proposed Project, the CSLC has received an application to remove and partially abandon three pipelines associated with Lease No. PRC 5438.1E.

The CSLC must comply with CEQA when it undertakes an activity defined by CEQA as a "project" that must receive some discretionary approval (i.e., the CSLC has the authority to deny the requested lease, permit, or other approval), which may cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment. CEQA requires the CSLC to identify the significant environmental impacts of its actions and to avoid or mitigate those impacts, if feasible.
In addition to the CSLC, the Project is subject to the review and approval of other Federal, State and local entities with statutory and/or regulatory jurisdiction over various aspects of the Project (see Table 1-1).

**Table 1-1. Other Agencies with Review/Approval over Project Activities**

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