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## **F-3: Realignment Cultural Resources Letter Report**



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Dear Maggie,

This letter details a brief survey undertaken by Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc. on a short realignment segment of PG&E Gas Pipeline 406 west of the town of Yolo, Yolo County, CA. The area immediately east of the survey area was previously surveyed by Garcia and Associates in 2007 (Decantes 2007). Prior to the Garcia and Associates survey, a records search was conducted which included the current survey area. This records search did not reveal any previously recorded sites, nor was there any record of previous surveys in the area. Furthermore, no cultural resources were identified during the Garcia and Associates survey. However, Decantes (2007) notes that several irrigation ditches were encountered but were not recorded since their age was indeterminate and they appeared to still be in use.

The short realignment section (approximately 675 meters) was surveyed March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in two transects spaced 10 meters apart for a total areal coverage of approximately five acres. Visibility over the southern half of the survey area was limited by new growth of crops (Attachment 1a). The vegetation limited visibility to small open patches and the area between crop rows. In addition, the ground surface that was visible had been heavily disturbed by farming activities. The northern half of the survey area had been recently plowed and therefore visibility was very good.

No prehistoric resources were discovered during survey. An irrigation ditch was recorded, but it is unclear whether this ditch is historic or modern in age (Attachment 1b). The ditch is marked on the enclosed map (Attachment 2). If historical research (which is planned as part of upcoming survey of the PG&E line 406 alternative routes) determines that the irrigation ditch is historic, then a primary record form will be submitted to the Northwest Information Center at Sonoma State University.

Please contact me with any questions at 530-756-3941 or [adie@farwestern.com](mailto:adie@farwestern.com).

Sincerely,

Adrian Whitaker  
Project Director

Attachments: photographs of project area and ditch; map of project area

**ATTACHMENT 1. PHOTOGRAPHS FROM SURVEY AREA**



Photograph 1a: Irrigation ditch (looking east)



Photograph 2a: Survey area north of the irrigation ditch

ATTACHMENT 2. MAP OF THE SURVEY AREA WITH IRRIGATION DITCH MARKED



- Project Centerline
- ▨ Survey Coverage
- Irrigation Ditch

