

## **Attachment 1: Project Description**

### **Need For Project and Interested Agencies**

To provide safe and reliable electric service, and to maintain the mandated clearance levels to comply with federal and state regulatory requirements for public safety and fire prevention, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) requests authorization to conduct routine vegetation management (VM) along the Essex Junction – Orick 60 kilovolt (kV) transmission line.

The proposed scope of work includes the removal of 85 trees at 80 locations. These locations are all on land within the Coastal Zone (CZ) managed by the Humboldt County Local Coastal Program (LCP) – North Coast Segment within Humboldt County and are subject to the requirements of PG&E's Multiple Region Habitat Conservation Plan (MRHCP).

This work also occurs within either the Harry A. Merlo State Recreation Area, or Humboldt Lagoons State Park, both of which are operated by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR). The representative parks have been notified of the proposed scope of work. Work conducted on CDPR property will be conducted in compliance with the Near-Term Process for Utility Right of Way Maintenance Activities between PG&E and CDPR.

Locations 205, 219, 221, 224, 227, and 229 through 233 are on land managed by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) within the Right-of-Way (ROW) of Highway 101. PG&E is coordinating with Caltrans to obtain a site-specific permit for the scope of work proposed at those locations.

A summary of PG&E's Land Rights to perform this proposed scope of work and associated Land Documents can be found as **Attachment 8**.

### **Permit Application Attachments**

The following attachments are included with this Coastal Development Permit Application:

- **Attachment 1:** Project Description
- **Attachment 2:** Tree Data Table; Work Areas and Scope of Work
- **Attachment 3:** Tree Data Table; Parcel APNs and Addresses
- **Attachment 4:** Figure Map Sets
  - o Topographic Map
  - o Project Aerial Maps, with State Park Boundaries, Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) Coastal Zone Jurisdiction and National Wetland Inventory (NWI) Data
- **Attachment 5:** Project Location Google Earth KMZ (*digital*)
- **Attachment 6:** Project Biological Constraints Report (BCR)
- **Attachment 7:** Project Cultural Resources Constraints Report (CRCR) Summary (**Not for General Distribution**)
- **Attachment 8:** Summary of PG&E's Land Rights (with associated Land Documents)
- **Attachment 9:** PG&E's Vegetation Management Activity Specific Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (A-ESCP)
- **Attachment 10:** Multi-region Habitat Conservation Plan (MRHCP) General Field Protocols and Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- **Attachment 11:** County of Humboldt Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form

### **Scope of Work and Equipment**

See **Attachments 2 and 3** for data tables with further information on the scope of work and affected parcels. See **Attachment 4** for Topographic and Aerial Maps depicting the work locations. **Attachment 5** is digital and is a Google Earth KMZ for all work locations.

Equipment to be utilized for this project will include hand and gas-powered tools (chainsaws, hand saws, pruners, chipper, and lift truck where accessible). No ground disturbance in the form of excavation is associated with this work. No herbicide has been prescribed for this scope of work.

Tree crews will use existing roads to bring vehicles and equipment close to the work areas. Vehicles and equipment will remain on existing roads and trees will be accessed on foot.

Debris will either be lopped and scattered to reduce fire risk, stacked and left on-site, or removed from the job site when wood management takes place.

### **Environmental Reviews**

A biological constraints review performed for this project by a qualified biologist is included in **Attachment 6: Project Biological Constraints Report (BCR)**. An analysis of cultural resources in the vicinity of the project is included in **Attachment 7: Project Cultural Resources Constraints Report (CRCR) Summary**. The cultural summary is confidential and not for general distribution.

Per the BCR (**Attachment 6**), work areas are within a variety of habitats including oak woodland, mixed conifer, redwood forest, riparian habitat, ruderal or landscaped area, and other (i.e. paved roadways, etc.). Several vegetation types and plan communities are found at the work areas including north coastal forest, northern coastal scrub, and riparian woodland. Following the vegetation management activities, the temporary work areas will retain their habitat and visual characteristics.

PG&E performs the VM scope of work under the guidelines of the PG&E's Vegetation Management Activity Specific Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (A-ESCP) which is included as **Attachment 9**. The A-ESCP is utilized to prevent the discharge of pollutants, including sediment, and the contamination of soil during VM activities to limit negative impacts to the environment and aquatic life.

PG&E will implement their standard VM BMPs and avoidance and mitigation measures (AMMs) in accordance with the MRHCP as noted in the BCR and included as **Attachment 10**. These practices will minimize impacts such that no risk of substantial adverse impacts is anticipated.