

REFERRAL AGENCY COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Referral Agency	Response	Recommendation	Location
County Building Inspection Division			
County Public Works Land Use Division	✓	Conditional Approval	Attached
County Environmental Health	✓	Approval	On file
California Coastal Commission			
McKinleyville Community Services District (CSD)	✓	Approval	On file
Orick CSD			
County Service Area #4 FPD			
Humboldt Bay Fire			
Arcata FPD			
California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)	✓	No comments	On file
CALFIRE			
Caltrans District #1	✓	Conditional approval	Attached
California State Parks			
Northwest Information Center (NWIC)	✓	Further information and study required	On file (confidential)
Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria	✓	Inadvertent Discovery Protocol	On file (confidential)
Big Lagoon Rancheria			
Blue Lake Rancheria	✓	Outside of Area of Concern	On file (confidential)
Trinidad Rancheria	✓	Comments	On file (confidential)
Wiyot Tribe			
Yurok Tribe			
North Coast RWQCB			
Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E)			



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LAND USE DIVISION INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Portia Saucedo, Planner, Planning & Building Department

FROM: Kenneth Freed, Assistant Engineer 

DATE: 07-17-2023

RE: **PG&E; APN 501-201-034 et al, APPS# PLN-2023-18263**

The Department of Public Works issues Annual Encroachment Permits to utility companies. PG&E obtains an Annual Encroachment Permit yearly from this Department and is responsible to comply with the terms of the encroachment permit.

Below is an excerpt from the permit that explains some of the items required of the applicant. Applicant shall provide documentation that item #6 has been completed for this Department to sign off on the work performed in the County road right of way.

(1) **Online Notification of Work:** Any work authorized under this Annual Encroachment Permit shall require notifying the Department of Public Works PRIOR to commencement of work - per County Code Section 411-11 (k) and (l).

Emergency Work Notification: Website notification shall also be used to notify the Department of work initiated due to an emergency. The COUNTY shall be notified of all emergency work performed within 48 hours.

Reporting is done online: humboldt.gov/notificationform

(2) **During tree work operations, Permittee shall be responsible to keep the County road surface and drainage system clear of organic debris at all times.** The road shall be maintained in passable condition throughout the tree work operations. Leaving cuttings, logs, rounds, stacked wood, chips and mulch shall not be allowed within 100 feet of the roadway.

(3) **Warning and flagging of motorists at work locations shall be conducted AT ALL TIMES by properly trained personnel.** Traffic control staff must be able to effectively communicate oral instructions to the public. See Annual Encroachment permit for traffic control standards.

(4) Traffic control shall be conducted in a manner that provides the least inconvenience to motorists as possible. Emergency vehicles shall be allowed to pass through the controlled areas at all times. One travel lane shall be available for through traffic at all times. Permittee shall notify the

Department of Public Works 48 hours prior to conducting any traffic control that requires closures of both travel lanes for longer than 5 minutes. Closure of both travel lanes for longer than 5 minutes requires prior written approval by the Director of Public Works. The California Highway Patrol and the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office shall also be notified of any traffic control that requires closure of both travel lanes at least 48 hours in advance.

(5) Hours of operation shall be Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), during daylight hours for a maximum of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. during the longer daylight season. Weekend operation may be acceptable to the County, provided the request is forwarded for review to the County a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours in advance and the County agrees to the weekend operation.

(6) **That portion of County right of way utilized during the tree work operations shall be restored to like or better condition upon completion of tree work operations.** Permittee shall clean and shape existing drainage ditch line upon completion of project, if disturbed. Permittee shall be responsible for any and all damages to the roadway caused by the tree work operations within the County right of way. Any damage to existing County road improvements (i.e., adjacent curb and gutter, drainage structures, road surface, etc.) shall be repaired or replaced by Permittee to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works. Damages will be reported promptly to the Department of Public Works.

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PG&E Vegetation Management
Application# PLN-2023-18263

Ms. Portia Saucedo
Planning & Building Department
County of Humboldt
3015 H Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Ms. Saucedo:

Thank you for giving Caltrans the opportunity to comment on the Coastal Development Permit application for the proposed PG&E Vegetation Management project. The project proposes to remove 27 trees at 27 locations along PG&E's Arcata, Trinidad, Big Lagoon and Orick 12 kV distribution lines. The proposed work is parallel to US Route 101 between Orick and Arcata. We offer the following comments:

The project referral indicates that all trees to be removed are located outside of State highway right of way. There may be access issues on trees 20, 21, 25, 26, and 27 that may require crews to access the trees from the shoulder of Hwy 101. This activity will require a site-specific encroachment permit to park and stage equipment within Caltrans controlled access ROW. This can likely be issued as a single permit that covers all of the locations that are needed to access the trees.

Any work within State right-of-way will require an Encroachment Permit from Caltrans. Encroachment permit applications are reviewed for consistency with State standards and are subject to Department approval. To streamline the permit review process, applicants are advised to consult with our Permit staff prior to submitting an application. Requests for permit applications can be sent to: Caltrans District 1 Permits Office, P.O. Box 3700, Eureka, CA 95502-3700, or requested by phone at (707) 445-6389. For additional information, the Caltrans Encroachment Permit Manual and Standard Application is available online at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/>.

Please contact me at (707) 684-6879, or by email at <jesse.robertson@dot.ca.gov> for further assistance with this review.

Sincerely,

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District 1 Caltrans

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e-copy: Heidi Quintrell, Chief, Caltrans District 1 Encroachment Permits