



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WILD GOOSE PHASE 3 GAS STORAGE EXPANSION PROPOSED BY WILD GOOSE STORAGE, LLC APPLICATION No. A.09-04-021 (FILED APRIL 24, 2009)

To: All Interested Parties/Readers of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report
From: Eric Chiang, California Public Utilities Commission, EIR Project Manager
Subject: **Notice of Availability and Public Meetings**
Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the Wild Goose Phase 3 Expansion
Date: June 7, 2010

On April 24, 2009, Wild Goose Storage, LLC (Wild Goose) filed Application No. A.09-04-021 with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) for the Wild Goose Phase 3 Gas Storage Expansion (Phase 3 Expansion). The Phase 3 Expansion follows the Phase 2 expansion of the facility, which was approved in 2002.

The CPUC, as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) for consideration of the Phase 3 Expansion. The CPUC will hold a public meeting to explain the Phase 3 Expansion, discuss the identified impacts that would result from the Phase 3 Expansion, and receive comments on the Draft SEIR from the public. The public meeting will be held:

- Tuesday, June 29, 2010, 7 p.m.: City of Gridley Council Chambers, 685 Kentucky St, Gridley, CA 95948

The meeting will include a presentation of the findings of the Phase 3 Expansion Draft SEIR and public comment session. Written comments, which must be postmarked by July 21 to ensure that they are considered in the Final SEIR, may be submitted to the address below, faxed to 415-981-0801 or emailed to wildgoose3@ene.com.

California Public Utilities Commission
Attention: Eric Chiang c/o Ecology and Environment
130 Battery Street #400
San Francisco, CA 94111

A. Phase 3 Expansion Description and Location

The Wild Goose Gas Storage Project involves past initial development and expansion, and potential future development, of a depleted and formerly abandoned underground natural gas field (the Wild Goose Gas Field, or field). The Wild Goose Gas Storage Project consists of the initial development between April 1997 and April 1999 (the Base Project) and a later expansion (Phase 2 Expansion) of the Wild Goose Gas Storage Facility (Wild Goose Facility). The Base Project was approved by the CPUC through CPCN Decision 97-06-091. Decision 02-07-036 approved the Phase 2 Expansion. To evaluate the Base Project under CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration were prepared in 1997; for the Phase 2 Expansion, the Wild Goose Storage, Inc. Expansion Project Environmental Impact Report (2002 EIR) was prepared; the EIR was certified in 2002.

For the Phase 3 Expansion, Wild Goose is proposing to expand its existing natural gas storage facility beyond the capabilities currently certified to more fully use the injection, withdrawal, and storage capacity of the most suitable natural gas storage reservoirs in the field, resulting in a cumulative total of approximately 650 million cubic feet per day (MMcfd) of injection, 1,200 MMcfd of withdrawal, and 50 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of storage capacity. The Phase 3 Expansion would increase the physical footprint and current operations at the Wild Goose Facility, and would consist of the following four components:

1. Construction, operation, and maintenance of an expansion to the Remote Facility Site (RFS) in Butte County;
2. Reconductoring of up to 6 miles of electrical distribution line east of the RFS, by PG&E, in Butte County;
3. Modifications to the Delevan Interconnect Site in Colusa County; and
4. PG&E's installation of up to three new hot tapped pipeline connections between the Wild Goose Connection Pipeline and PG&E Lines 400 and 401, near the location of the Delevan Interconnect Site (in Colusa County), to increase permitted storage and operational capacity.

B. Environmental Impacts from the Phase 3 Expansion

The Draft SEIR has identified no significant and unavoidable adverse impacts from the Phase 3 Expansion. Potentially significant impacts to Air Quality and Biological Resources that would result from construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed Phase 3 Expansion were identified. With mitigation, impacts on Air Quality and Biology would be less than significant. All other project impacts were determined to be less than significant, or can be reduced to a less than significant level with the implementation of the mitigation measures proposed in the Draft SEIR. No portion of the Phase 3 Expansion would be located on a hazardous materials site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

C. Public Review Period/Draft SEIR Information

The CPUC will receive comments on the Draft SEIR starting June 7, 2010 and ending July 21, 2010. A telephone hotline for project information has been established at (877) 551-3669. Faxes may be sent to (415) 981-0801. Email comments may be sent to wildgoose3@ene.com. Written comments may be sent to:

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Information about the Phase 3 Expansion, including the full text of the Draft SEIR and the Final SEIR, will be posted on the Internet at www.cpuc.ca.gov/Environment/info/ene/wild%20goose_phase%203/Wild_Goose_3.html. This site is used to post all public documents during the environmental review process and to announce upcoming public meetings.

Phase 3 Expansion CEQA documents, including this Draft SEIR and the Final SEIR, will be made available upon their release to the public at the following locations:

List of Repositories for Wild Goose Phase 3 Expansion Draft SEIR

Location	Address	Phone Number
Butte County		
Gridley Library	299 Spruce Street Gridley, CA 95948	(530) 846-3323
Colusa County		
Maxwell Branch Library	34 Oak Street Maxwell, CA 95955	(530) 438-2250