| .CENTRAL VALLEY NATURAL GAS STORAGE PROJECT | VARIANCE REQUEST FORM | central gas storage uc |
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| | | Variance | |
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| Date Required: | July 25, 2011 | Request No.: | No. 3 – PG&E Power Line |
| | | | West side of McAusland Road, |
| | | | just north of Southam and |
| Date Submitted: | July 12, 2011 | Location: | McAusland Road intersection |
| Property | Torres | | APN 912-110-048 (Torres) |
| Owner(s): | Glassgow | Parcel No.: | APN 012-110-095 (Glassgow) |
| | | Sensitive | |
| Current Land Use: | Road shoulder | Resources: | None |

Variance from: To provide power to the compressor station, CVGS originally planned to connect to the existing 12-kilovolt (kV) PG&E overhead line along Highway 45 via Dodge Road. Instead, PG&E has proposed a connection to their existing 12kV overhead line along Southam Road starting with their existing pole at the north-east corner of the McAusland and Southam Road intersection. The new overhead line would route northwards along the west side of McAusland to the proposed electric meter location.

The attached diagram shows the proposed location of the four (4) new poles that would be installed along the west side of McAusland Road. The proposed Southam Road connection (described in this variance request) requires four less poles than the Dodge Road connection (described in the PEA and approved as part of the MND).

Description and Justification for Variance: The Southam Road 12-kV line allows better utilization of existing overhead lines thus reducing the quantity of new cable, pole additions, and associated work zones. Additional details are provided below.

Pole Specifications. The wooden poles will be 45-feet-tall and will be the same height as other poles in the area. The poles will be blend into the character of the area and no aesthetic impacts are anticipated.

Construction Technique. The four poles will be installed using an auger to dig an approximately 18-inch wide, 4- to 6-foot deep hole. After the pole is installed, the hole will be backfilled with soil and aggregate base material. The electrical wire will then be strung along the top of the poles. The total disturbance area required to install the poles is a 5-foot by 5-foot area.

Groundwater/Hydrology. There is a potential for groundwater to be encountered during excavation of the hole. However, no dewatering of the hole is anticipated.

Appropriate measures outlined in the project SWPPP will be implemented during pole installation.

Traffic Control. The traffic plan that was prepared for the project and approved by Colusa County covers construction activities along McAusland Road. This road is currently being used to access the compressor station, remote well pad, and observation well construction areas. The measures outlined in the traffic plan will be implemented during installation of the PG&E poles. No road closure is proposed during installation of the poles.

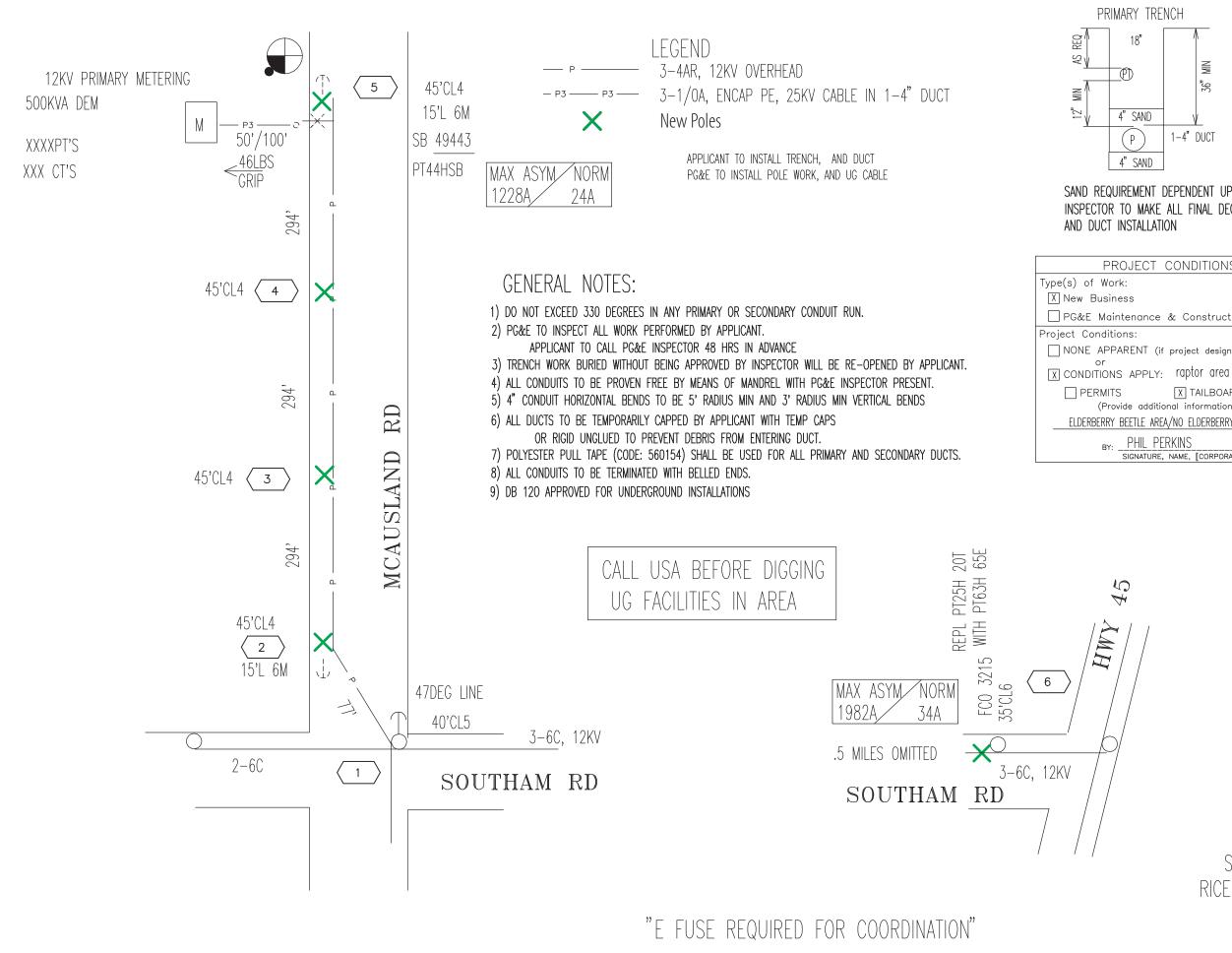
Cultural Resources. The poles are located within the cultural resources survey area (conducted for the PEA and Section 106 report). No cultural resources were found during previous surveys and therefore, no cultural resource monitoring is required.

Biological Resources. The poles will be installed within a graded, compacted road shoulder. No biological resources occur within this work area. A biological survey was conducted on June 28, 2011 and confirmed that no sensitive biological resources occur within the road shoulder area. The results of the biological survey are contained within a technical memorandum provided with this variance request form. Additional preconstruction surveys will be conducted prior to the installation of the poles.

Site Conditions/Comments: The proposed pole locations occur in a graded, unvegetated road shoulder.

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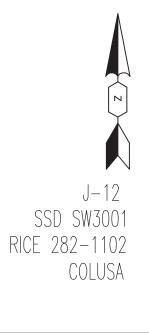
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