

MINOR PROJECT REFINEMENT REQUEST FORM



Part A: Request Description

MPR Request

Request Number: 04
Date Requested: September 16, 2022
**Proposed Duration/
Timing of Use:** Upon approval through October 15, 2022
Daytime hours
Location: Pole 96 Anchor and guywire relocation
APN: 017-031-013-000
Attached Map? Yes No

Proposed Action(s)

PG&E proposes to re-locate the anchor and guywire associated with Pole 96. Due to unanticipated geotechnical considerations resulting in pole subsidence, PG&E proposes to replace the existing pole and to move the anchor and guy wire approximately 15 feet to the southwest, resulting in 100 square feet of vegetation removal. The resulting minor change in line angle would also necessitate trimming a small redwood tree north of the transmission line to maintain required clearance distance.

Pole 96 is located on land owned by Humboldt County in Eureka, California (APN: 017-031-013-000). The proposed pole and anchor locations are within the study area of the Final ISMND.

The scope of this minor project refinement is drilling a new anchor hole for a guywire. Existing unimproved access roads would provide ground access to the work area. The work area would be restored consistent with the project Habitat Restoration Plan and SWPPP.

Purpose(s)

PG&E replaced Pole 96 as part of the current project in August of 2022 but due to ground subsidence, it has sunk by approximately three feet, bringing the pole out of engineering standards. The proposed minor project refinement would allow greater support for the pole by means of a more stable pole base and a wider guywire angle.

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Part B: Existing Conditions

Existing Land Uses: Coastal Commercial

Surrounding Land Uses: Public facility, public lands

Sensitive Receptors within 500 feet: Redwood Acres Fairgrounds

Environmental Resources within 500 feet: No special status species, critical habitat, rare plants, or wetlands were identified
Mitigation considerations are discussed below in Part E.

Has landowner approval been granted? Yes No N/A

Landowner: APN: 017-031-013-000

Surveys

List any new survey reports under Part D, attach a copy, and describe relevant survey details under the applicable resource category listed in the Part E.

Biological Resources. Were all sites associated with the proposed action(s) surveyed for biological resources with the potential to occur in the area? If so, were survey results positive or negative? Were surveys completed during the appropriate timing and season to detect resources? If not, describe under the applicable resource category in Part E.

The pole, anchor, and guywire associated with Pole 96 re-location are located within the biological resources study area included in the Final ISMND. No special status species, critical habitat, rare plants, or wetlands were identified within the proposed pole, anchor, and guywire associated with Pole 96 re-location. The relocation would result in 100 square feet of vegetation removal. The resulting minor change in line angle would necessitate trimming a small redwood tree north of the transmission line to maintain required clearance distance. No additional vegetation clearing would be required.

Cultural Resources. Were all sites associated with the proposed action(s) surveyed for cultural resources (records search and pedestrian survey)? If so, were survey results positive or negative?

The pole, anchor, and guywire associated with Pole 96 re-location are located within the previously surveyed project area for the ISMND and no cultural resources were identified within the pole, anchor, and guywire associated with Pole 96 re-location boundary.

Jurisdictional Waters. Were all sites associated with the proposed action(s) surveyed for hydrologic resources? If so, were survey results positive or negative?

The proposed pole, anchor, and guywire associated with Pole 96 re-location do not cross water features.

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Part C: Permits, Agency Approvals, and Environmental Protection Measures

List any new permits or agency approvals under Part D, attach a copy, and describe relevant details under the applicable resource category listed in Part E.

Have all required permits, permit amendments/authorizations, or agency approvals been issued by resource agencies with applicable jurisdiction? Describe if necessary.

Yes

Would the proposed action(s) conflict with permit conditions or agency approvals? Describe if necessary.

No

Would the proposed action(s) conflict with project applicant proposed measures or mitigation measures listed in Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)? Describe if necessary.

No

Part D: Attached Materials

List any attached materials (e.g. surveys, maps, photos, memos, agency authorizations, etc.) below. Materials should be attached to the end of this form.

Attached:

MPR Figure 1

Part E: Final IS/MND Consistency Summary

Complete the Final IS/MND Consistency Summary below and answer the consistency questions for each resource category. Include a description and justification below each resource category as necessary. The consistency questions were developed using the CEQA Checklist provided in the Final IS/MND. Refer to the Final IS/MND for the details on the project impact evaluation.

Would the proposed action(s) result in a new impact, or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on:	No Change	Potentially Significant Change	N/A
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Aesthetics (e.g., damage scenic resources or vistas, degrade the existing visual character of the site and its surroundings, or create sources of light or glare)?

Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant

Approved work is already occurring in the area; therefore, the anchor and guywire relocation would not result in any impacts to aesthetics that have not already been discussed in the ISMND. The proposed anchor and guywire associated with Pole 96 re-location would result in 100 square feet of vegetation removal. The resulting minor change in line angle would necessitate trimming a small redwood tree north of the transmission line to maintain required clearance distance. However, as described in the ISMND, temporary work areas and staging areas will be restored in coordination with landowners, and in compliance with applicable resource agency permits, to re-establish pre-project conditions. The new work area will be restored consistent with the Habitat Restoration Plan and SWPPP. With the implementation of APM AE-2 and APM AE-4, the site will be designed to minimize visual impacts and will be allowed to return to its natural state after use; therefore, the refinement would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on aesthetics.

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Agriculture and Forestry Resources (e.g., convert Farmland to nonagricultural use, or create a conflict with existing agricultural zoning or a Williamson Act)?

Final IS/MND evaluation: No Impact

There are no agricultural or forestry lands in the project area.

Air Quality (e.g. produce additional emissions, or expose sensitive receptors to additional pollutants)?

Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant

Ground disturbance could result in the creation of fugitive dust during construction. APM AQ-1 would ensure that impacts from fugitive dust would be minimized and impacts to air quality would remain less than significant. The proposed refinement would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on air quality.

Biological Resources (e.g., cause an adverse effect to sensitive or special-status species, or impact riparian, wetland, or any other sensitive habitat, or conflict with local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources)?

Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant

The pole, anchor, and guywire associated with Pole 96 are located within the biological resources study area included in the Final ISMND. No special status species, critical habitat, rare plants, or wetlands were identified within the proposed pole, anchor, and guywire re-location. The anchor relocation would require 100 square feet of vegetation removal (Himalayan blackberry, native blackberry, and salmonberry). The resulting minor change in line angle would necessitate trimming a small redwood tree north of the transmission line to maintain required clearance distance. No additional vegetation clearing would be required.

No special status species, critical habitat, or rare plants were identified within the proposed refinement area. No further impacts to vegetation are expected.

APMs from the Final ISMND would apply to work at this location and would ensure that impacts on biological resources are less than significant. The following APMs would apply to the refinement: APM BIO-1 requires implementation of the Worker Environmental Awareness Program; APM BIO-2 requires general resource protection measures, including all refueling and maintenance of vehicles will be restricted to designated staging areas located at least 100 feet from any down-gradient aquatic habitat, unless otherwise isolated from habitat by secondary containment; APM BIO-3 requires preconstruction survey(s) for special-status species and sensitive biological resources areas; APM BIO-4 requires the identification and marking of sensitive biological resource areas; APM BIO-5 requires a biological monitor on-site during construction activities in sensitive biological resource areas; APM BIO-6 requires nesting bird avoidance and protection; APM BIO-7 requires special-status plant avoidance and protection; and APM BIO-8 requires special-status amphibian and reptile avoidance and protection. Further, disturbed areas will be restored consistent with the Habitat Restoration Plan and Project SWPPP after use. With implementation of APMs from the Final ISMND and BMPs contained in the Project SWPPP, the proposed pole, anchor, and guywire associated with Pole 96 re-location would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on biological resources.

Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources (e.g., cause adverse change to a historical, archeological, or tribal cultural resource)?

Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant

The proposed anchor and guywire re-location at Pole 96 would result in approximately 0.3 acre of temporary ground disturbance. No known cultural or paleontological resources are located at the site. While there is a possibility of inadvertent discovery of buried remains during implementation of the project, implementation of APM CUL-1, APM CUL-3, APM CUL-4, APM PALO-1, and APM PALEO-2, would reduce the potential for damage or destruction to archaeological and paleontological resources, and

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the proposed pole relocation would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on cultural or tribal resources.

Geology and Soils (e.g., cause or expose people or structures to geologic or soil hazards, including erosion or loss of topsoil)?

Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant

The proposed anchor and guywire associated with Pole 96 re-location would require similar depth, work area, and ground disturbance as the original location, approximately 0.3 acre of temporary disturbance, and could result in the loss of topsoil or increase erosion. With implementation of APM GEO-1 and APM GEO-2, construction in soft or loose soils will be minimized and slope instability will be reduced. Additionally, APM WQ-1 would require development and implementation of the Project SWPPP to minimize construction impacts on surface water and groundwater quality. The pole relocation area would be restored consistent with the Habitat Restoration Plan and Project SWPPP and would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on geology and soils.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions (e.g., generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment)?

Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant

The proposed anchor and guywire relocation would not result in an increase in the level of equipment use and run time of equipment and would be consistent with the estimates provided in the ISMND. APM GHG-1 would ensure that any impacts from emissions would remain less than significant. The pole relocation would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on greenhouse gas emissions.

Hazards and Hazardous Materials (e.g., create or increase the exposure of people or structures to hazardous materials or wildland fires, involve the use of additional hazardous materials or equipment, or interfere with an adopted emergency plan)?

Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant

Hazardous materials (such as fuels and oils) may be stored, handled, or used, and would be consistent with the types of materials analyzed in the ISMND. The proposed pole relocation does not contain any known hazardous material sites. The routine use of hazardous materials could result in an accidental spill, which could pose a significant impact to the public; however, APM HAZ-1 and APM HAZ-2 and APM HAZ-3 would ensure that impacts from hazards and hazardous materials are less than significant. The proposed pole relocation would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on hazards and hazardous materials.

Hydrology and Water Quality (e.g., degrade water quality, discharge waste or sediment, deplete groundwater, alter the existing drainage pattern, create additional runoff water or polluted runoff, place structures in a 100-year flood hazard area, or expose people or structures to a significant risk involving flooding)?

Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant

No wetlands or water features are located along or adjacent to the anchor and guywire relocation. Implementation of APM WQ-1 and APM WQ-2 would ensure that any impacts to water quality would remain less than significant. The proposed anchor relocation would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on hydrology and water quality.

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Land Use (e.g., conflict with a land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project, or conflict with a habitat conservation plan)?

Final IS/MND evaluation: No Impact

The proposed anchor and guywire relocation would be temporary and would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on land use and planning.

Mineral Resources (e.g., result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resources that would be of value to the region and the residents of the State or result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan)?

Final IS/MND evaluation: No Impact

The proposed anchor and guywire relocation is not located in a mineral resource area, no significant mineral deposits are present, and would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on mineral resources.

Noise (e.g., expose sensitive receptors to additional noise or vibration)?

Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant

Activities associated with the proposed anchor and guywire relocation are consistent with those discussed in the Final ISMND. As the pole relocation is adjacent to a park, noise-reducing construction practices specified in APM NOI-1 would be implemented during construction activities. APM NOI-2 would notify residents of nighttime construction if required. Both APMs will be implemented to reduce impacts to noise sensitive receptors. The proposed pole relocation would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on noise.

Population and Housing (e.g., induce substantial population growth in an area, or displace substantial numbers of people or housing)?

Final IS/MND evaluation: No Impact

The proposed anchor and guywire relocation would not result in any impacts to population and housing, and would be consistent with the analysis of the ISMND. The proposed pole relocation would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on population and housing.

Public Services (e.g., result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities)?

Final IS/MND evaluation: No Impact

The proposed anchor and guywire relocation would not require closures of any roadway, or additional construction workers, or permanent relocation of construction workers. The proposed pole relocation would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on public services.

Recreation (e.g., increases the use of, or cause adverse effects to, parks or other recreational facilities)?

Final IS/MND evaluation: Less Than Significant

The proposed anchor and guywire relocation is located adjacent to the Redwood Acres Fairgrounds; however, the relocation is approximately 15 feet southwest from the original location and was originally analyzed in the ISMND. With implementation of APM REC-1, PG&E will coordinate with the operators of Redwood Acres Fairgrounds during project construction activities to minimize any potential construction impacts from the project, the proposed pole relocation would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on recreation.

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Transportation and Traffic (e.g., increase traffic congestion or degrade performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation, or increase hazards due to a design feature)?

Final IS/MND evaluation: Less than Significant

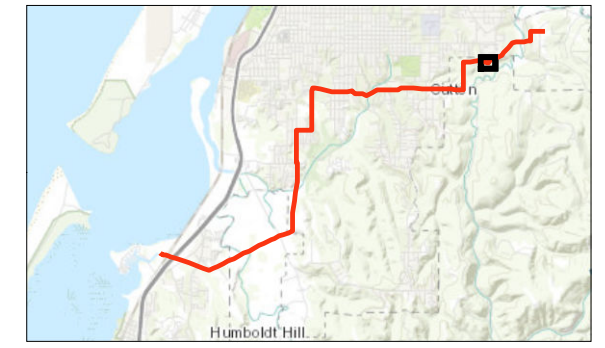
The proposed anchor and guywire relocation would not result in a new impact or increase the severity of a previously analyzed impact on transportation and traffic.

Utilities and Service Systems (e.g., exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board)?

Final IS/MND evaluation: No Impact

The proposed anchor and guywire relocation would not include the construction of new, or expand existing, water facilities, stormwater drainage facilities, require additional water entitlements, or creation of new solid waste disposal needs.

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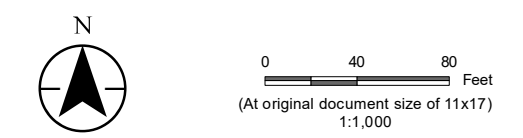


- Guywire and Anchor
- Redwood Tree to be Trimmed
- Pole
- Humboldt Bay-Humboldt #1 60kv Power Line
- Access Route**
- Humboldt Bay-Humboldt #1 60kV
- Existing Paved Road
- Overland Access

Notes

1. Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 10N
2. Data Sources: Stantec, PGandE
3. Background: Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community

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Project Location
Humboldt County, CA

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PG&E Humboldt Bay-Humboldt #1 60kV
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Pole 96 - Anchor Move and Tree Trimming

