

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Power Santa Clara Valley Project

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Project Location: San José Santa Clara
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Power Santa Valley Project (Project) consists of two new high-voltage direct current (HVDC) terminals, an approximately 11.8-mile underground transmission line connecting the new HVDC terminals, and an approximately 100-foot overhead transmission tie line to connect one of the new HVDC terminals to the existing PG&E San Jose B Substation. Since the Project's Grove HVDC Terminal site is directly adjacent to the PG&E Metcalf Substation modification area, the overhead Metcalf to Grove 500 kV transmission tie line from the LSPGC dead-end structure within the terminal site to a PG&E -owned dead-end structure inside the proposed PG&E Metcalf Substation modification area will only be approximately 200 feet long. Connection to the PG&E Metcalf and PG&E San Jose B substations will require PG&E to modify the existing PG&E Metcalf Substation and expand and upgrade the existing PG&E San Jose B Substation.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Implementation of the Project may result in potentially significant impacts related to the following CEQA topic areas:

- Cultural Resources: Construction activities would occur in proximity to four documented archaeological resources. In addition, due to access limitations, portions of the Project area have not been surveyed for cultural resources and are considered to have a high potential for containing buried archaeological deposits.
- Tribal Cultural Resources: Based on the archaeological sensitivity analysis, there is a high potential for unrecorded subsurface archaeological materials to be uncovered during proposed ground disturbing activities, particularly in areas that are undisturbed.

The Final EIR determined that the Project would have a less-than-significant impact, with or without implementation of mitigation measures, to the following CEQA topics areas: aesthetics; agriculture and forestry resources; air quality; biological resources; energy; geology and soils; greenhouse gas emissions; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; land use and planning; noise and vibration; mineral resources; population and housing; public services; recreation; transportation; utilities and service systems; and wildfire. By certifying the Final EIR and making a statement of overriding considerations and findings, mitigation measures to address significant impacts for each of the environmental topics have been adopted by the CPUC in its Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance, & Reporting Program.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Impacts on biological resources in Coyote Valley and Coyote Creek were identified areas of technical controversy. The public expressed concern for damage to wildlife corridors in the proposed Project area. In addition, implementation of the Project may result in potentially significant impacts on cultural resources and tribal cultural resources. These potential effects were addressed in the Final EIR. Public support for Alternative-Combination 1 and co-locating the Grove HVDC Terminal at the PG&E Metcalf Substation site was also addressed in the Final EIR.

Public and agency comments received on the Project's Draft EIR addressed the following potential effects:

- Coyote Valley being a critical habitat area that provides wildlife corridors and connectivity near the proposed Project site
- Increases in roadkill as a result of the proposed Project's location near Coyote Valley
- Impacts on the orchard in the proposed Project area
- Light pollution impacting migratory birds
- Impacts on the roots of woody riparian vegetation caused by proposed underground line placement
- Shallow groundwater in the proposed Project area
- Flooding in the Coyote Ranch area
- Special flood hazard areas crossing the Project alignment
- Increases in noise due to construction traffic
- Disturbance of trails near the proposed Project alignment
- Increase in wildfire risk near the proposed Project area

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety and Health, Mining and Tunneling Unit
California Department of Transportation
California Public Utilities Commission
California Office of Historic Preservation
California State Lands Commission
City of San José
Department of Toxic Substances Control
Native American Heritage Commission
Santa Clara County
Santa Clara Valley Transit Authority
Santa Clara Valley Water District
San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board
State Water Resources Control Board