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NOTICE OF PREPARATION

On December 28, 2001, a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR for the proposed Wild Goose Gas Storage, Inc. Expansion Project was mailed out to agencies listed under Appendix C. A copy of the NOP and cover letter is presented as Appendix B.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The persons/agencies listed below were consulted by the report authors during preparation of the environmental analysis for the following EIR sections.

Agriculture

Groves, Jessica. Natural Resources Conservation District. Regarding agriculture resources.

Ikle, Judith. Environmental Review, California Public Utilities Commission. Regarding agriculture resources.

Krug, Harry. Colusa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. Regarding agriculture resources.

Langle, Brooke. Associate, Essex Environmental. Regarding agriculture resources analysis.

Mendoza, Louie. Butte County Agricultural Commissioner's Office. Regarding agriculture resources.

Numa, Sharon. Important Farmlands Mapping, California Department of Conservation. Regarding agriculture resources.

Nordstrom, James. Williamson Act Mapping. California Department of Conservation. Regarding Williamson Act properties.

Zoller, Wayne. Colusa County Assessor's Office. Regarding Williamson Act properties along pipeline route.

Air Quality

Krug, Harry. Colusa County Agriculture Commission. Regarding air quality mitigation and regulation in Colusa County.

Matlock, Larry. Sutter County / Feather River Air Quality Management District. Regarding air quality mitigation and regulation in Sutter County.

Stuart, Rick. Glenn County Agriculture Commission. Regarding air quality mitigation and regulation in Glenn County.

Williams, Gail. Butte County Air Quality Management District. Regarding air quality regulations and policies in Butte County.

Biology

Aubrey, Craig. US Fish & Wildlife Service. Regarding adequacy of giant garter snake mitigation measure and USFWS concerns over the Sacramento spittail fish.

Dadey, Kathleen. USEPA – Region 9. Regarding EPA's concerns on the proposed mitigation measures to compensate for wetlands loss.

Day, George. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. Regarding agency concerns about the project.

Vendlinski, Tim. Wetlands Regulatory Office, USEPA – Region 9. Regarding EPA's concerns on the proposed mitigation measures to compensate for wetlands loss.

Geology and Hazards

Sydnor, Robert. California Geological Survey (CGS, formerly California Department of Conservation Division of Mines and Geology). Regarding requirements for analysis that the CGS may recommend and sources of data for the project area.

Harwood, David S. U. S. Geological Survey (retired). Regarding his geologic mapping in the project area and his recollections about the relative activity level for the Willows fault.

Parker, Tim. Central District DWR. Regarding the DWR program of well evaluations extending south toward the project area and the availability of information.

Hydrology

Bailey, Gary. Reclamation District 1004 Regarding agency concerns about the project and water quality issues.

Bultema, Don. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Regarding agency concerns about the project and water quality issues.

Clark, Robert. Reclamation District 2047. Regarding agency concerns about the project and water quality issues.

Day, George. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. Regarding agency concerns about the project and water quality issues.

Favila, Jaime. Colusa County Department of Health and Human Services. Regarding agency concerns about the project and water quality issues.

Hendrick, Michael. California Department of Water Resources. Regarding agency concerns about the project and water quality issues.

Lopez, Gaye. Colusa Basin Drainage District. Regarding agency concerns about the project and water quality issues.

Messina, Lester. Glenn County Water Management Planning. Regarding agency concerns about the project and water quality issues.

Pennock, Ben. UC Davis. Regarding agency concerns about the project and water quality issues.

Tokunaga, Kevin. Glenn County Agriculture Commission. Regarding agency concerns about the project and water quality issues.

Warson, Jack. Butte County Department of Public Works. Regarding agency concerns about the project and water quality issues.

Wrysinki, Jon. Colusa County Department of Public Works. Regarding agency concerns about the project and water quality issues.

Land Use and Planning

Barrett, Robert. Director, Sutter County Public Works Department. Regarding Bi-County Congestion Management Plan and LOS standards in Sutter County.

Public Services and Socioeconomics

Wells, David. Maxwell Fire Department. Regarding public services and socioeconomics.

Utilities and Service Systems

Labuddy, Jerry. Ecol: Logic Engineering. Regarding City of Williams wastewater treatment facility level of service.

Price, Robert. City of Biggs Wastewater Treatment Facility. Regarding City of Biggs Wastewater Treatment Facility level of service.

Scheimer, Jim. City of Arbuckle Public Utility Department. Regarding City of Arbuckle Public Utility Department level of service.

Sousa, Rey. Oroville Sewage Commission. Regarding Oroville Sewage Commission level of service.

Sulik, Mark. City of Chico Water Pollution Control Plant. Regarding City of Chico Water Pollution Control Plant level of service.

Cumulative Impacts

Johanns, Kent. 2002. Planner, Colusa County Planning Department. Regarding cumulative impacts.

7.3 Public Involvement Process

NOTICING

The CPUC's environmental review team mailed scoping meeting announcements to 45 property owners near the study area and nine local and environmental organizations (the landowner mailer is appended to this document as Appendix O). Approximately 50 local, state, and federal government agencies were sent copies of the Notice of Preparation accompanied by a cover letter that announced the public meetings. (The agency cover letter is appended to this document as Appendix P). Public notices were placed in the *Chico Enterprise-Record* (Butte and Glenn counties), *Appeal-Democrat* (Yuba and Sutter counties), and *Oroville Mercury-Register* (Butte county) newspapers. The notices were published on December 28, 2001 and January 3, 2002. (A copy of the newspaper announcement is appended to this document as Appendix E).

PUBLIC MEETINGS

On January 8, 2002 the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) held two public scoping meetings on the proposed expansion of the Wild Goose Gas Storage Facility. The meetings were scheduled for 1:00 p.m. at the Agricultural Building in Colusa, Colusa County, California, and for 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Hall in Gridley, Butte County, California. The purpose of the meetings was to communicate to the public about the proposed expansion of the facility, describe the role of the CPUC in relation to the proposed expansion project, outline the environmental review process, and receive comments on the scope of the draft Environmental Impact Report.

Five members of the public, three agency representatives and three individuals representing the applicant attended the Colusa, California meeting. No members of the public or agency representatives attended the Gridley, California meeting.

COMMENTS ON THE NOP AND SCOPING PROCESS

A copy of the NOP, comment letters to the NOP, and the advertisement for the public meetings are presented under Appendices B, D, and E, respectively. Agency comment letters to the NOP were received from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board - Central Valley Region, the Native American Heritage Commission, the California State Lands Commission, Department of Transportation, and the Glenn County Public Works Department.

Questions and comments given during the scoping meeting are summarized in the Draft Environmental Impact Report Scoping Meeting Summary Report (see Appendix Q).