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Oakley Generating Station

Biological Resources Construction Completion Memo

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Introduction

On May 18, 2011, the California Energy Commission (CEC) approved and licensed the Oakley Generating Station (OGS), an electrical generating facility with a gross nominal generating capacity of 624 megawatts (MW). The facility site is at 5550 Bridgehead Road in Oakley, on a 21.95-acre parcel that was formerly part of a larger 210-acre parcel owned by the Chemours Company (Chemours) at 6000 Bridgehead Road. The project site is located at the western city limits of the City of Oakley, adjacent to the eastern city limits of the City of Antioch in Contra Costa County.

The facility was designed to tie into the regional electrical grid at Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) Contra Costa Substation in Antioch, California. Power would be transmitted to the grid through a 230-kV generation tie-line connecting to the substation, located 2.4 miles to the southwest of the OGS. The project would replace the existing 60-kV line, located within an existing 80-foot-wide PG&E easement, with a 230-kV line.

Construction of the project commenced on June 10, 2011. Initial efforts included installation of a small concrete foundation for the emergency diesel generator, clearing and grading of the power block area, creation of drainage facilities (grassy swales) around the power block perimeter, installation of a construction power pole, and creation of a storm water detention pond. Fill removed from the power block area was transferred to temporary storage piles within the Chemours (formerly DuPont) property. By agreement with Chemours, the remaining soil stockpile will be transferred to Chemours for use in the remediation of the former DuPont industrial property and its re-development activities. Project construction was suspended in September 2011. No additional site- or project-related features were constructed.

A site meeting with CEC staff personnel and a Department of Fish and Wildlife representative was conducted on July 19, 2018. The purpose of the meeting was to go over site closure and to make sure that the site is stable and that all construction debris was removed. During the site visit remnant orange protective fencing was observed throughout the project site and CEC staff stated that the orange fencing will need to be removed.

Methods

On July 24, 2018 Richard Crowe, the OGS CEC Designated Biologist (DB) removed all orange fencing from the OGS site. The fencing and related debris was gathered up and placed in plastic trash bags that were properly disposed of in a municipal refuse container for collection. Minimal ground disturbance occurred as the orange fencing was hand removed from the OGS site by the DB.

Summary

The OGS site is stable and construction debris has been removed. There will be no additional construction or ground disturbance associated with the OGS project and CCGS has petitioned the CEC to terminate the OGS's license. All required tasks associated with biological resources construction monitoring for this project have been completed.