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**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION  
 PETITION TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL  
 LAYDOWN AND PARKING AREA  
 FOR THE OAKLEY GENERATING STATION  
 (09-AFC-4C)**

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A petition has been filed with the California Energy Commission by Contra Costa Generating Station LLC requesting to modify the Oakley Generating Station (OGS). The 624 megawatt project was certified by the Energy Commission on May 18, 2011, and is currently under construction and is 10 percent complete. The facility is located in Contra Costa County.

### **DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS**

The purpose of this modification is to include an additional 4.64 acres of laydown and parking area adjacent to the OGS power block site. The additional laydown and staging areas are within the DuPont site and have been previously disturbed.

The location of the proposed 4.64-acre additional laydown/parking area, which would be used primarily for construction contractor parking and occasional temporary supplementary equipment laydown or assembly, and the 0.56-acre plot located between 5th Street and Stockpile 1, which would be used for staging vehicle movement along the proposed access route, are identified on the attached map. The additional laydown/parking area is almost entirely paved, with some small portions of gravel or hard-packed dirt.

Access to the new parking/laydown area would be from Bridgehead Road along an approximately 1,400-foot portion of an existing paved road designated by DuPont as 5th Street, which travels along the northern border of the power block site. The proposed 0.56-acre temporary vehicle staging area is located between the proposed access route along 5th Street and Stockpile 1. This area was formerly used by DuPont as a truck wash station.

The proposed modification will reduce vehicle trip lengths and provide a laydown area and staging area closer to the powerblock area.

The applicant is also working with the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy to amend the project description to reflect this change in the agreement for coverage of the OGS under the East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Communities Conservation Plan, and is working with the State Water Resources Control Board to amend the project's Construction Drainage, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan/Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan to account for the new laydown area.

### **ENERGY COMMISSION STAFF REVIEW AND DETERMINATION**

Pursuant to section 1769(a)(2), Title 20, California Code of Regulations, "(w)here staff determines that there is no possibility that the modifications may have a significant effect on the environment, and if the modifications will not result in a change or deletion of a condition

adopted by the commission in the final decision or make changes that would cause the project not to comply with any applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, or standards, no commission approval is required...”

Energy Commission staff has determined that approval by the full Commission is not required and the proposed modifications meet the criteria for approval at the staff level because:

- The modification will not have any significant effect on the environment;
- Existing conditions of certification are sufficient to cover the proposed modification without changes to, or deletions of, any conditions of certification; and
- The project as modified will maintain full compliance with applicable LORS.

Any person may file a written objection to staff’s determination within 14 days of the date of this notice, **October 7, 2011**, on the grounds that the project modification does not meet the criteria set forth in Section 1769(a)(2). All objections must be in writing and must be sent either by U.S. mail, e-mail, or other document delivery service to **Craig Hoffman**, Compliance Project Manager, at the address shown below:

California Energy Commission  
c/o Craig Hoffman  
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Comments may be submitted by fax to (916) 654-3882, or by e-mail at **choffman@energy.state.ca.us**. If no substantive objection is received in writing, the requested project modifications will be deemed approved.

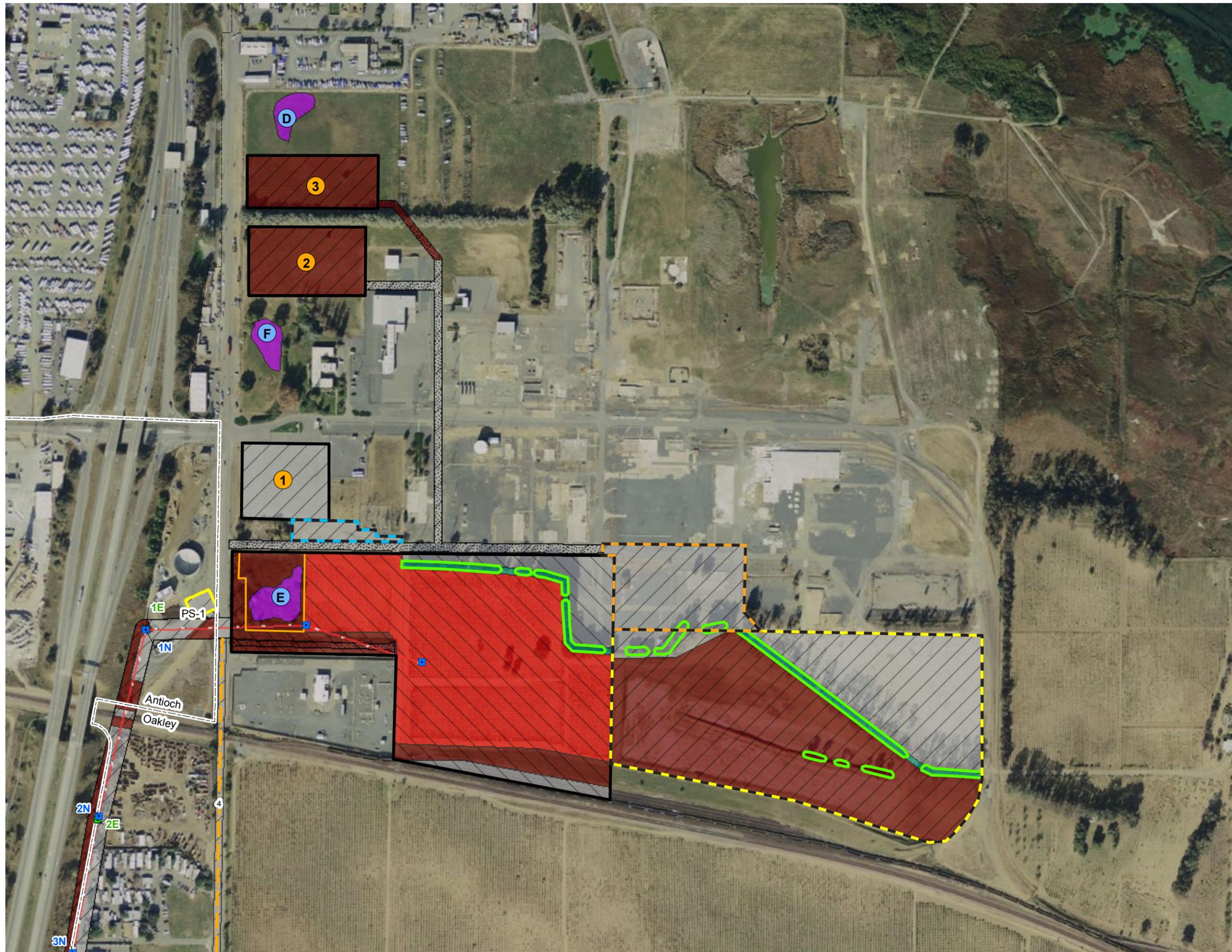
For further information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact the Energy Commission Public Adviser’s Office, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at [publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us). News media inquiries should be directed to the Energy Commission Media Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us).

If you have questions about this notice, please contact **Craig Hoffman** at (916) **654-4781**, or by fax or e-mail using the above information.

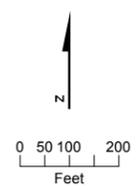
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- LEGEND**
- Existing 60 kV Tower Locations
  - New 230 kV Tower Locations
  - Existing 230 kV Tower Location (40' Extension to be Added)
  - Proposed 230 kV Transmission Line
  - Sanitary Sewer Force Main
  - Wetland E Conservation Easement
- Land Cover Habitat Survey**
- Non-native Woodland
  - Ruderal
  - Urban
  - Vineyard
  - Wetland
- Disturbance Areas**
- ESA Fencing
  - Temporary Impacts
  - Permanent Impacts
  - Existing Construction Laydown Area
  - New Construction Laydown Area
  - Staging Area (Former Truck Wash Area)
  - Pull Site
  - City Limits
  - Soil Stockpile Area
  - Wetland Area



**Figure 1**  
**OGS Permanent and Proposed Temporary Disturbance Areas**  
 Oakley Generating Station  
 Oakley, California