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September 25, 2023

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Subject: Incidental Take Permit Amendment No. 1 for the Line 7055 Recoat and Anode

Install Project (2081-2023-009-04)

Dear Erika Esparza:

Enclosed you will find an electronic copy of Amendment No. 1 for the incidental take permit for the above referenced Project, which has been digitally signed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). Please read the amendment carefully, sign the acknowledgement, and return the original **no later than 30 days from CDFW signature**, and prior to initiation of ground-disturbing activities. You may return a hard copy of the permit via mail to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Habitat Conservation Planning Branch, CESA Permitting
Post Office Box 944209
Sacramento, California 94244-2090

Alternatively, you may return an electronic copy of the permit with digital signature to CESA@wildlife.ca.gov. Digital signatures shall comply with Government Code section 16.5. Digital signatures facilitated by CDFW will be automatically returned.

You are advised to keep the amendment in a secure location and distribute copies to appropriate project staff responsible for ensuring compliance with the conditions of approval of the permit. Note that you are required to comply with certain conditions of approval prior to initiation of ground-disturbing activities. Additionally, a copy of the permit and amendment must be maintained at the project work site and made available for inspection by CDFW staff when requested.

The amendment will not take effect until the signed acknowledgement is received by CDFW. If you wish to discuss these instructions or have questions regarding the amendment, please contact Shaelyn Latronica, Environmental Scientist, at shaelyn.latronica@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Julie A. Vance Regional Manager

Enclosure

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AMENDMENT NO. 1
(A Major Amendment)
California Endangered Species Act
Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2023-009-04
Southern California Gas Company
Line 7055 Recoat and Anode Install Project in Kern County

INTRODUCTION

On March 23, 2023, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) issued Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2023-009-04 (ITP) to Southern California Gas Company (Permittee) authorizing take of Giant kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys ingens*; GKR) and San Joaquin antelope squirrel (Ammospermophilus nelsoni; SJAS) (collectively, the Covered Species) associated with and incidental to the Line 7055 Recoat and Anode install Project (Project) in Kern County, California. The Project as described in the ITP originally issued by CDFW includes prevention of pipeline failure and distribution of cathodic protection to protect the integrity at four sites, eTS 44429, 44431, 44432. 38145, along the existing high pressure natural gas pipeline 7055 located near the community of Derby Acres within Kern County. The Project will be completed to ensure compliance with Federal and State pipeline safety regulations. These regulations are required by the California Public Utilities Commissions General Order 112E, which incorporates the Department of Transportation regulations in the code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Part 192, Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipeline, as well as the California Department of Water Resources California Well Standards Bulletins 74-81 and 74-90, to ensure a safe and constant supply of natural gas to customers.

CDFW issued the ITP as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.). CDFW has determined that this Project, is statutorily exempt from CEQA because it is an action "necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency." (Pub. Resources Code, § 21080, subd. (b)(4).). In issuing the ITP, CDFW found, among other things, that Permittee's compliance with the Conditions of Approval of the ITP would fully mitigate impacts to the Covered Species and would not jeopardize the continued existence of the Covered Species.

On July 12, 2023, CDFW received an official request from the Permittee and the corresponding fee payment on June 16, 2023, for a Major Amendment to the ITP to remove 3 projects and the associated activities within work areas eTS 44429, eTS 44431, and eTS 44432, to remove a Covered Species, and to update the ITP mitigation strategy. The request for the removal of the above referenced projects is to avoid delays

due to permitting issues and lack of available Coles Levee Ecosystem Preserve (CLEP) mitigation credits to fulfil compensatory mitigation requirements. SoCal Gas intends to pursue a new ITP to conduct the activities of the above removed work areas. Due to the removal of work areas eTS 44429, eTS 44431, and eTS 44432 the Permittee will no longer need take coverage for giant kangaroo rat (GKR; *Dipodomys ingens*). The remaining work area, eTS 38145, does not have any known occurrences of GKR; thus, all GKR Conditions of Approval will be removed from the ITP via this amendment. SoCal Gas submitted an additional request to the Major Amendment on August 8, 2023, to extend the expiration date of the ITP by six months due to the time needed for ITP Amendment issuance.

This Major Amendment No. 1 (Amendment No. 1) makes the following changes to the existing ITP:

First, Amendment No. 1 removes Project activities, locations, and habitat impacts associated with work areas eTS 44429, 44431, and 44432.

Second, Amendment No. 1 removes GKR as a Covered Species.

Third, Amendment No. 1 updates the Conditions of Approval to reflect the removal of GKR as a Covered Species.

Fourth, Amendment No. 1 recalculates Project impacts based on the revised Project description and an updated assessment of Covered Species populations.

Fifth, Amendment No. 1 updates the Habitat Management (HM) Lands requirement based upon the revised Project description.

Sixth, Amendment No. 1 extends the expiration date of the ITP from September 30, 2023, to March 30, 2024.

AMENDMENT

The ITP is amended as follows (amended language in **bold italics**; deleted language in strikethrough):

1. The first paragraph in the section entitled "II. Effective Date and Expiration Date of this ITP" on page 1 shall be amended to read as follows:

This ITP shall become effective when signed by all parties and received by CDFW as described in the Notices section of this ITP. Unless renewed by CDFW, this ITP and its authorization to take the Covered Species shall expire on **September 30, 2023**. *March 30, 2024*.

2. The first, second, third, and fourth paragraph in the section entitled "III. Project Location" on page two shall be amended to read as follows: The Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) Line 7055 Recoat And Anode Install Project (Project) is located near the community of Derby Acres within Kern County, California (Figure 1). The Project is comprised of four separate Work Areas: eTS 44429, eTS 44431, eTS 44432, and one Work Area: eTS 38145. The Work Areas are Area is defined as the discrete zones zone where Project-related activities, including staging areas, will actively occur for the Project.

The eTS 44429 Work Area is located approximately 4 miles northeast of Derby Acres, northeast of State Route (SR) 33, and along Reserve Road. The approximate center of the site is located at latitude 35.263684°N, longitude 119.527953°W. This Work Area is within the West Elk Hills United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle map, within Township 31 South, Range 23 East, and Section 5, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (Figure 2).

The eTS 44431 Work Area is located approximately 2 miles southeast of Derby Acres and northeast of SR 33. The approximate center of the site is located at latitude 35.237895°N, longitude -119.566150°W. This Work Area is within the Fellows USGS 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle map on Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 183117004, within Township 31 South, Range 22 East, and Section 13, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (Figure 3).

The eTS 44432 Work Area is located approximately 2 miles southeast of Derby Acres along SR 33. The approximate center of the site is located at latitude 35.223894°N, longitude -119.572459°W. This Work Area is within the Fellows USGS 7.5- minute topographic quadrangle map, within Township 31 South, Range 22 East, and Section 14, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (Figure 4).

3. The first, second, third, fourth, fifth, tenth, and eleventh paragraph in the section entitled "IV. Project Description" on pages 2 and 3, shall be amended to read as follows:

The purpose of the Project is to *install a deep well anode, rectifier, and* remote monitoring unit (RMU) to prevent pipeline failure and distribute cathodic protection current to protect the integrity at four (4) sites one site along the existing high-pressure natural gas pipeline 7055 (Line 7055). Cathodic protection is a common technique that is used to control corrosion of a metal surface by connecting it to a metal that is more easily corroded to act as the anode of the electrochemical cell. The work performed will ensure compliance with federal and State pipeline safety regulations. Natural gas pipeline

maintenance is required by the California Public Utilities Commission General Order 112 E, which incorporates the Department of Transportation regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 49, Part 192, Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipeline, as well as the California Department of Water Resources California Well Standards Bulletins 74-81 and 74-90, to ensure a safe and constant supply of natural gas to customers.

eTS 44429, 44431, and 44432 Work Areas

This Project includes maintenance repairs to two approximately 50-foot sections at the eTS 44429 and eTS 44432 Work Areas and one 200-foot section at the eTS 44431 Work Area of Line 7055. The Project will begin with vegetation removal and preparation of each Work Area, including the staging areas. The exact location of the pipeline would be confirmed by hand digging approximately three to four potholes prior to excavation activities with heavy equipment. The pipeline will then be exposed by excavating an approximately 75-foot long by 12-foot wide by six-foot deep trench at the eTS 44429 and eTS 44431 Work Areas and an approximately 225-foot long by 12-foot wide by 6-foot deep trench at the eTS 44431 Work Area.

Excavations at the eTS 44429 and eTS 44432 Work Areas will displace approximately 200 cubic yards of excavated soil (spoils) and excavations at the eTS 44431 Work Area will displace approximately 600 cubic yards of spoils. Spoils will be stockpiled adjacent to the trench within the designated staging area at each Work Area. Once the pipeline is exposed within each Work Area, it will undergo asbestos abatement to remove any potentially harmful asbestoscontaining material. The pipeline surface will be cleaned of dirt and debris, a visual inspection performed, then the surface prepared for recoating. The exposed pipeline segment will be recoated with fusion-bonded epoxy or similar material. To prevent pipeline failure, the integrity of the pipe will then be further inspected using wave and b-scan inspection equipment as well as portable hand and pipe latching equipment.

If anomalies are detected during inspection of the pipeline within each Work Area, they may be remedied by either soft padding the affected area using hand tools or by installing a "wedding band", welding a metal sleeve over the anomaly in the existing pipeline. Next, approximately four (4) 60-pound interference anodes will be installed adjacent to the pipeline. The anodes will be electrically bonded to the pipe via three #8 wires and connected to the existing Fink Head Test Station, a small metal-plated terminal used for monitoring electric currents and potential, or similar equipment. Finally, composite Micarta material may be installed between SoCalGas and other intersecting gathering pipelines as an insulating feature. Excavations will then be backfilled by hand and using heavy equipment primarily with the native excavated spoils. Should the native soil not

provide suitable bedding for the pipeline, imported clean fill may be used. Any excess spoils may be collected using suitable equipment (i.e., vacuum truck) and hauled to the nearest landfill for disposal.

Project activities within the eTS 44429, 44431, and 44432 Work Areas are anticipated to result in approximately 30,928 square feet (0.71 acre), 15,246 square feet (0.35 acre), and 8,276 square feet (0.19 acre) of temporary disturbance, respectively. These temporary disturbance areas will be returned to pre-project conditions, as feasible, following completion of work activities and will be allowed to revegetate naturally.

In total, the Project will occur within an area of approximately 1.4 acres 0.15 acre, of which 0.36-0.13 acre is comprised of existing disturbed/developed areas and/or roadways and 1.04 acres 0.02 acre is comprised of annual grassland and saltbush scrub land cover types. The staging areas identified within each the Work Area will be used for parking heavy equipment and crew vehicles, storing materials necessary to complete the repairs, storing spoils piles, and for ingress and egress to the trench location and Work Area. Access to the four Work Areas Work Area will be from existing paved and dirt access roads off SR 33. These existing roads will not require grading or improvements.

Equipment to be used may include the following: a tracked excavator, front-end loader, backhoe, water truck, vacuum truck, reach lift/forklift, dump truck, skid-steer loader, compactor, trailer-mounted hydro pump, semi-trailers for equipment hauling, X-Ray truck, towable air compressor, portable restrooms, job site containers/trailers (as needed), water tanker, mud pit tank, drill rig, backhoe, pole truck with auger, utility trucks, crew trucks, work trucks, and hand tools. The exact equipment that is used may be substituted based on availability at the time of construction; however, the substituted equipment would be of similar size and specification. Project activities at each the Work Area are expected to last approximately one to two months from mobilization to completion.

4. The section entitled "V. Covered Species Subject to Take Authorization Provided by this ITP" on page 5, shall be amended to read as follows:

Covered Species Subject to Take Authorization Provided by this ITP: This ITP covers the following species:

Name

1.Giant kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys ingens*; GKR)

2.-1. San Joaquin antelope squirrel (*Ammospermophilus nelsoni*; SJAS)

Endangered⁴
Threatened⁵

These This species and only these this species are is the "Covered Species" for the purposes of this ITP.

5. The first, second, and third paragraph in the section entitled "VI." Impacts of the Taking on Covered Species" on page 6, shall be amended to read as follows:

Project activities and their resulting impacts are expected to result in the incidental take of individuals of the Covered Species. The activities described above expected to result in incidental take of individuals of the Covered Species include: clearing; grubbing; removing vegetation; excavating/trenching; stockpiling soil; eleaning/removing existing pipeline coating; cutting pipeline section; repairing/replacing pipeline section; welding; installing new fusion-bonded epoxy pipeline coating or similar material; installing interference anodes and junction box; drilling the anode well and installing anode wires; augering electrical distribution pole; installing overhead power line; reburying pipeline; compacting soil; heavy equipment operation; materials and equipment laydown and storage; transporting construction materials and other Project-related traffic; site recontouring; and other activities described in the Project Description section of this ITP (Covered Activities).

Incidental take of individuals of the Covered Species in the form of mortality ("kill") may occur as a result of Covered Activities such as burrow collapse that results in crushing or suffocation of underground individuals during vegetation removal, grubbing, excavation, and compaction; entombment of individuals from deposition of stockpiled material, or spoils over occupied burrows; entrapment and burial within uncovered excavations; crushing by equipment; and vehicle/equipment strikes from Project-related traffic during construction activities. Incidental take of individuals of the Covered Species in the form of pursue, catch, capture may also occur from the Covered Activities through entrapment in trenches and excavations, uncovering Covered Species through the excavation of burrow systems, by corralling Covered Species into a confined area when barrier fencing is constructed around the Project Area, and when individuals of the Covered Species are relocated out of harm's way as required by this ITP. The areas area where authorized take of the Covered Species is expected to occur are is the four Work Areas Work Area eTS 38145 and access roads (collectively, the Project Area).

The Project is expected to cause the permanent loss of 0.00014 acre and the temporary loss of 1.04 acres 0.15 acre of habitat for the Covered Species. Impacts of the authorized taking also include adverse impacts to the Covered Species related to temporal losses, increased habitat fragmentation and edge effects, and the Project's incremental contribution to cumulative impacts (indirect impacts). These impacts include: stress resulting from noise and vibrations from

ground disturbance, equipment operation, and traffic; stress resulting from capture and relocation; increased exposure or stress from disorientation; introduction or spread of invasive species; and long-term effects due to displacement from preferred habitat, loss of foraging habitat, changes in drainage patterns that favor different vegetative growth, increased pollution, increased competition for food and space, loss of burrowing habitat used for shelter, reproduction, and escape cover, and increased vulnerability to disease and predation. Individuals displaced due to habitat loss and degradation may be unable to survive in adjacent areas if these areas are at carrying capacity or are unsuitable for colonization. Authorized take of the Covered Species is expected to occur throughout the entire Project Area.

6. Condition of Approval entitled "3.11 Delineation of Property Boundaries" on page 9 shall be amended to read as follows:

<u>Delineation of Property Boundaries</u>. Before starting Covered Activities, Permittee shall clearly delineate the boundaries of each-*the* Work Area where the Covered Activities will occur, with fencing, stakes, or flags along any part of the route in active construction. Permittee shall restrict all Covered Activities to within the fenced, staked, or flagged Work Area. Permittee shall maintain all fencing, stakes, and flags until the completion of Covered Activities in the Work Area and remove all property delineation materials immediately upon completion.

7. The Condition of Approval entitled "3.12 Delineation of Habitat" on page 9 shall be amended to read as follows:

<u>Delineation of Habitat.</u> Permittee shall clearly delineate habitat of the Covered Species within each the Work Area with posted signs, posting stakes, flags, and/or rope or cord, and place fencing as necessary to minimize the disturbance of Covered Species' habitat. All habitat delineation materials shall be removed and properly disposed of immediately upon completion of Covered Activities in the Work Area.

8. The Condition of Approval entitled "4.3. GKR Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan" on page 11, shall be amended to read as follows:

GKR Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan. Permittee shall submit a GKR Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan to CDFW prior to beginning Covered Activities. Burrow excavation and relocation activities shall not proceed until this plan has been approved in writing by CDFW's Regional Representative. The GKR Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan shall include, but not be limited to, timing; detailed description of trapping methodology; detailed description of the burrow excavation methods; release location(s); detailed release methods (i.e.,

soft release or another method); artificial burrow design and installation methods; and identification of a wildlife rehabilitation center or veterinary facility capable of and willing to treat injured GKR. Only the Designated Biologist is authorized to capture, handle, and relocate GKR. Once the GKR Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan is approved by in writing by CDFW, it shall be used for all GKR mortality reduction and relocation activities for the duration of this ITP. Any proposed changes to the CDFW-approved GKR Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan shall be submitted in writing to CDFW and approved by CDFW in writing prior to implementation of any proposed GKR Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan modifications. [INTENTIONALLY DELETED]

9. The Condition of Approval entitled "4.8. Monthly Compliance Report" on pages 12 and 13, shall be amended to read as follows:

Monthly Compliance Report. The Designated Representative or Designated Biologist shall compile the observation and inspection records identified in Conditions of Approval 4.6 and 4.7 above into a Monthly Compliance Report and submit it to CDFW along with a copy of the MMRP table with notes showing the current implementation status of each mitigation measure. Monthly Compliance Reports shall also include an accounting of the number of acres that have been permanently and temporarily disturbed by the Project, both for the prior month, and the total since ITP issuance, if applicable; the number of acres of habitat disturbance anticipated to occur in the Project Area during the coming month, if applicable; a summary of all pre-activity surveys and compliance monitoring conducted during the previous month; and the activities authorized under the Covered Activities which occurred during the previous month. Monthly Compliance Reports shall be submitted via e-mail to CDFW's Regional Representative, CDFW's Regional Office, and Headquarters CESA Program no later than the fifth (5th) day of each month following commencement of Covered Activities. At the time of this ITP's approval, the CDFW Regional Representative is Sarah Bahm (Sarah.Bahm@wildlife.ca.gov) Shaelyn Latronica (Shaelyn.Latronica@wildlife.ca.gov), the CDFW Regional Office e-mail is R4CESA@wildlife.ca.gov and Headquarters CESA Program e-mail is CESA@wildlife.ca.gov. CDFW may at any time increase the timing and number of compliance inspections and reports required under this provision depending upon the results of previous compliance inspections. If CDFW determines the reporting schedule must be changed, CDFW will notify Permittee in writing of the new reporting schedule.

10. The Condition of Approval entitled "5.6 Vehicle Parking" on page 14, shall be amended to read as follows:

<u>Vehicle Parking.</u> Permittee shall not allow vehicles to park on top of Covered Species burrows, except within designated staging areas for which burrows have been excavated per <u>Conditions Condition</u> of Approval <u>5.23 and </u>5.26. Vehicles left overnight shall be located at least 50 feet from all Covered Species burrows.

11. The Condition of Approval entitled "5.7. Vehicle and Equipment Inspection" on page 15, shall be amended to read as follows:

<u>Vehicle and Equipment Inspection</u>. Workers shall inspect for Covered Species under vehicles and equipment every time before the vehicles and equipment are moved. If a Covered Species is present, the worker shall notify the Designated Biologist and wait for the Covered Species to move unimpeded to a safe location. Alternatively, the Designated Biologist shall move the Covered Species out of harm's way outside of the Work Area and in compliance with the approved GKR and SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plans Plan required in Conditions Condition of Approval 4.3 and 4.4 above.

12. The Condition of Approval entitled "5.10. Materials Inspection" on page 15, shall be amended to read as follows:

<u>Materials Inspection</u>. Workers shall thoroughly inspect all construction pipe, culverts, or other similar structures with a diameter of one inch or greater that are stored for one or more overnight periods for the Covered Species before the structure is subsequently moved, buried, or capped. If during inspection, a Covered Species is discovered inside a pipe, culvert, or similar structure, workers shall notify the Designated Biologist and wait for the Covered Species to move unimpeded to a safe location before moving and utilizing the structure.

Alternatively, the Designated Biologist shall move the Covered Species out of harm's way outside of the Work Area and in compliance with the approved GKR and SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plans Plan required in Conditions Condition of Approval 4.3 and 4.4 above.

13. The Condition of Approval entitled "5.11. Excavation Inspection" on pages 15 and 16, shall be amended to read as follows:

Excavation Inspection. The Designated Biologist and/or Designated Monitor shall inspect all trenches, open holes, sumps, and other excavations within the Work Area at the beginning and end of each day for trapped animals. All trenches, holes, sumps, and other excavations with sidewalls steeper than a 1:1 (45 degree) slope shall be covered when workers or equipment are not actively

working in the excavation, which includes cessation of work overnight, or shall have an escape ramp of earth or a non-slip material with a less than 1:1 (45 degree) slope. To prevent inadvertent entrapment of the Covered Species, the Designated Biologist and/or Designated Monitor shall oversee the covering of all trenches, holes, sumps, or other excavations with sidewalls greater than 1:1 (45 degree) slope of any depth with barrier material (such as hardware cloth) at the close of each working day such that animals are unable to dig or squeeze under the barrier and become entrapped. The outer two feet of excavation cover shall conform to solid ground so that gaps do not occur between the cover and the ground and secured with soil staples or similar means to prevent gaps. Each morning, end of each day (including weekends and any other non-work days unless temporary exclusion fencing completely surrounds each the Work Area), and immediately before trenches, holes, sumps, or other excavations are back-filled, the Designated Biologist and/or Designated Monitor shall thoroughly inspect them for Covered Species. Designated Biologist and/or Designated Monitor shall also thoroughly inspect any trenches, holes, sumps, or other excavations that are covered long-term at the beginning of each working day to ensure inadvertent entrapment has not occurred and shall make any necessary repairs to the cover. If any worker discovers a Covered Species has become trapped, Permittee shall cease all Covered Activities in the vicinity and notify the Designated Biologist immediately. Project workers and the Designated Biologist shall allow the Covered Species to escape unimpeded if possible before Covered Activities are allowed to continue. Alternatively, the Designated Biologist shall move the Covered Species out of harm's way outside of the Work Area and in compliance with the approved GKR and SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plans Plan required in Conditions Condition of Approval 4.3 and 4.4 above.

14. The Condition of Approval entitled "5.12. Pipes and other Structures Entrapment Prevention" on page 16, shall be amended to read as follows:

<u>Pipes and other Structures Entrapment Prevention</u>. Permittee shall ensure that all pipes, hoses, conduit, culverts, or similar materials stockpiled or installed in each-the Work Area are capped or otherwise enclosed at the ends to prevent entry by Covered Species. Permittee shall not leave any permanent pipes, conduit, electrical cabinets, or similar materials or structures open where Covered Species may enter them and become trapped. The Designated Biologist and/or Designated Monitor shall thoroughly inspect all such materials for Covered Species before they are moved, buried, or capped. If a Covered Species is discovered inside such material, that section of material shall not be moved until the animal has escaped of its own accord. If a Covered Species inside such materials does not vacate of its own accord within a reasonable

timeframe, CDFW shall be contacted and Permittee shall get written concurrence prior to proceeding with eviction of the Covered Species.

15. The Condition of Approval entitled "5.13. Covered Species Observation" on page 16, shall be amended to read as follows:

Covered Species Observations. All workers shall inform the Designated Biologist if the Covered Species is seen within or near the Project Area during implementation of any Covered Activity. All work in the vicinity of the Covered Species, which could harm the animal, shall cease until the Covered Species moves from the Project Area of its own accord or the Designated Biologist moves the Covered Species out of harm's way outside of the Project Area and in compliance with the approved GKR and SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plans Plan required in Conditions Condition of Approval 4.3 and 4.4 above.

16. The Condition of Approval entitled "5.14. Delineation of Environmentally sensitive Areas" on pages 16 and 17, shall be amended to read as follows:

Delineation of Environmentally Sensitive Areas. Permittee shall clearly delineate Environmentally Sensitive Areas before Covered Activities commence in each the Work Area. Environmentally Sensitive Areas shall be marked with brightly-colored markers visible to workers with posted signs, posting stakes, flags, and/or rope or cord, and place fencing as necessary to minimize the disturbance of Covered Species. Environmentally Sensitive Areas are defined as all areas that warrant special protection and no-disturbance exclusion buffer, as defined in Conditions Condition of Approval 5.19 and 5.25. Permittee shall maintain Environmentally Sensitive Area markers in good repair for the duration of the Covered Activities in each the Work Area within the Project Area and all markers shall be removed and properly disposed of immediately upon completion of Covered Activities in the Work Area. No Covered Activities are allowed within Environmentally Sensitive Areas except per Conditions of Approval 5.16, 5.17, 5.18, and 5.20.and 5.18.

17. The Condition of Approval entitled "5.15. Vegetation Removal" on page 17, shall be amended to read as follows:

<u>Vegetation Removal</u>. Permittee shall remove any woody vegetation (e.g., shrubs) that will be disturbed within each *the* Work Area by cutting/clipping the vegetation at the base of the plants under the supervision of Designated Biologist using hand tools within each *the* Work Area to encourage Covered Species to move out of the area.

- 18. The Condition of Approval entitled "5.16. Covered Species Pre-Activity Surveys and Burrow Mapping" on page 17, shall be amended to read as follows:
 - Covered Species Pre-Activity Surveys and Burrow Mapping. The Designated Biologist(s) shall perform pre-activity surveys for Covered Species no more than 10 calendar days prior to beginning Covered Activities in each the Work Area. The pre-activity surveys shall cover the Work Area and 50 feet beyond the limits of the Work Area to identify and flag all potential burrows used by Covered Species, whether they appear active or inactive. Permittee shall provide the pre-activity surveys results and burrow map in a written report to CDFW's Regional Representative at least three (3) calendar days prior to beginning Covered Activities in each the Work Area within the Project Area. The Pre-Activity Survey report shall include, but not be limited to, methodology, date, time and duration of survey, results, a discussion and map of the locations of each potential Covered Species burrow, and an estimated date of Covered Species relocation as described in Conditions—Condition of Approval 4.3 and 4.4.
- 19. The Condition of Approval entitled "5.17. Temporary Exclusion Fencing" on page 17, shall be amended to read as follows:
 - Temporary Exclusion Fencing. Permittee shall install trenchless Temporary Exclusion Fencing around the perimeter of each the Work Area immediately following surveys to flag all potential Covered Species burrows in accordance with Condition of Approval 5.16 above and immediately prior to GKR relocation in accordance with Condition of Approval 5.20 below. Prior to installation of fencing, Permittee shall submit for review and approval in writing by CDFW an Exclusion Fencing Plan which shall include, but not be limited to, the fencing material, design, installation methods, access gates, and a map of installation locations.
- 20. The Section entitled "GKR-Specific Measures" on page 18, shall be amended to read as follows:

GKR-Specific Measures

5.19. GKR Burrow Avoidance. The Designated Biologist shall establish a no-disturbance buffer of 50 feet or greater around suspected or known to be occupied GKR burrows and precincts within and adjacent to each Work Area, identified in the Covered Species Burrow Map Survey report required by Condition of Approval 5.16. If the 50-foot no-disturbance buffer cannot be established, live trapping, relocation, and burrow excavation shall occur in accordance with Conditions of Approval 5.20, 5.21, 5.22 and 5.23 below.[INTENTIONALLY DELETED]

- 5.20. GKR Relocation. The Designated Biologist shall live trapped for one (1) night within each Work Area where potential GKR burrows detected by the Designated Biologist cannot be avoided per Condition of Approval 5.19 immediately following exclusion fencing installation and prior to commencing Covered Activities within the Work Area. The Designated Biologist shall relocate any captured GKR to the CDFW-approved release site identified in the GKR Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan (Condition of Approval 4.3). The Designated Biologist shall relocate any haystacks, seed caches, and seed stores with the associated individual lived-trapped GKR by placing those materials at the release location with that individual. [INTENTIONALLY DELETED]
- 5.21. GKR January 1 August 31 Trapping Constraints. To reduce the amount of time a pregnant or lactating/nursing female may be in a trap, the Designated Biologist shall ensure that all traps set from January 1 through August 31 for the relocation of GKR be set no more than one (1) hour prior to sunset and closed no more than one (1) hour after sunrise. The Designated Biologist shall check all traps set during this time period when females may be pregnant or lactating/nursing for occupancy at least every two (2) hours between sunset and sunrise. [INTENTIONALLY DELETED]
- 5.22. GKR Weather Constraints for Trapping. The Designated Biologist shall close all traps for GKR during the threat of inclement weather, such as the National Weather Service prediction of a 30 percent or greater chance of precipitation that can be independently verified by both CDFW and the Permittee. Additionally, the Designated Biologist shall close all traps for GKR if the air temperature exceeds 105 degrees Fahrenheit during the trapping period (e,g., at night). The Designated Biologist shall place batting or other appropriate insulating material and additional food in each open trap if the air temperature during the trapping period is predicted to drop below 50 degrees Fahrenheit. The Designated Biologist shall replace this material with new material after each time a capture occurs in a given trap. The Designated Biologist shall cease trapping if captured animals are found to be lethargic or otherwise are showing signs of a decrease in body temperature. [INTENTIONALLY DELETED]
- 5.23. GKR Burrow Excavation. Immediately following completion of live trapping activities conducted to address Condition of Approval 5.20 and prior to commencing Covered Activities within each Work Area, the Designated Biologist, or individuals under the direct supervision of

the Designated Biologist, shall fully excavate by hand all potential GKR burrows within the Work Area to be disturbed by Covered Activities. The Designated Biologist shall relocate any GKR encountered during burrow excavation to the CDFW-approved release site(s) identified in the GKR Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan (Condition of Approval 4.3). Haystacks, seed caches, and seed stores found with a GKR during excavation shall be relocated with the associated individual GKR and shall be placed with the relocated individual. [INTENTIONALLY DELETED]

- 5.24. Protection of GKR Food Stores. Where impacts occur that do not warrant relocation of GKR as directed by the GKR Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan required in Condition of Approval 4.3, Permittee shall leave undisturbed any GKR food stores, including but not limited to, haystacks, seed caches, or other stockpiled forage. If avoidance is not feasible, the Designated Biologist shall implement measures to keep the food stores intact, including temporary relocation of the food stores (only during daytime; seeds must be returned to original location prior to sunset), cover the seeds with plywood to allow temporary vehicle or foot-traffic access, or implement other measures developed in consultation with CDFW. [INTENTIONALLY DELETED]
- 21. The Condition of Approval entitled "5.25. SJAS Burrow Avoidance" on page 19, shall be amended to read as follows:
 - <u>SJAS Burrow Avoidance</u>. The Designated Biologist shall establish a no-disturbance buffer of 50 feet or greater around suspected or known to be occupied SJAS burrows within <u>each</u> the Work Area. If the 50-foot no-disturbance buffer cannot be established, burrow excavation shall occur in accordance with Condition of Approval 5.26 below.
- 22. The Condition of Approval entitled "5.26. SJAS Burrow Excavation" on page 19, shall be amended to read as follows:
 - SJAS Burrow Excavation. Immediately following GKR Relocation activities conducted to address Condition of Approval 5.20 and prior *Prior* to beginning Covered Activities within the Work Area, the Designated Biologist, or an individual under the direct supervision of the Designated Biologist, shall fully excavate by hand any potential SJAS burrows present within the portion of the Work Area to be disturbed by Covered Activities. Any SJAS encountered during burrow excavation shall be allowed to escape out of harm's way to the adjacent natural habitat or relocated by the Designated Biologist to the CDFW-approved release site identified in the SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan

- (Condition of Approval 4.4). Any dormant, lactating/nursing female, or dependent juvenile SJAS encountered shall be collected by the Designated Biologist and relocated to an artificial burrow installed at the CDFW-approved release site.
- 23. The second and third paragraph of the Condition of Approval entitled "6. Habitat Management Land Acquisition" on page 20, shall be amended to read as follows:
 - To meet this requirement, the Permittee shall use existing Covered Species credits from its balance of 2.85 conservation credits from the Coles Levee Ecosystem Preserve (CLEP) (Condition of Approval 6.1). provide the permanent protection and perpetual management of 0.17 acre of HM lands or provide at least 0.17 Covered Species credits from a CDFW approved mitigation bank prior to initiating Covered Activities.
 - 6.1. Covered Species Credits. Prior to initiating Covered Activities, the Permittee shall: (1) assign 1.14 acre of Covered Species credits from CLEP; and (2) provide CDFW with a copy of the mitigation or conservation credit certificate issued by CLEP and a credit ledger or similar document from CLEP verifying credits have been assigned to this Project. A copy of the credit certificate shall be kept at the Project Area while conducting Covered Activities.
 - 6.1. Covered Species Credits. If the Permittee elects to purchase Covered Species credits to complete compensatory mitigation obligations, then Permittee shall purchase at least 0.17 acre of Covered Species credits from a CDFW-approved mitigation or conservation bank prior to initiating Covered Activities, or no later than 18 months from the issuance of this ITP if Security is provided pursuant to Condition of Approval 7 below. Prior to purchase of Covered Species credits, Permittee shall obtain CDFW approval to ensure the mitigation or conservation bank is appropriate to compensate for the impacts of the Project. Permittee shall submit to CDFW a copy of the Bill of Sale(s) and Payment Receipt prior to initiating Covered Activities or within 18 months from issuance of this ITP if Security is provided.
 - 6.2. <u>Habitat Management Lands and Acquisition Protection</u>. If the Permittee elects to provide for the acquisition, permanent protection, and perpetual management of HM lands to complete compensatory mitigation obligations, then the Permittee shall:
 - 6.2.1. <u>Fee Title</u>. Transfer fee title of the HM lands to CDFW pursuant to terms approved in writing by CDFW.

Alternatively, CDFW, in its sole discretion, may authorize a governmental entity, special district, non-profit organization, for-profit entity, person, or another entity to hold title to and manage the property provided that SoCalGas, organization, entity, or person meets the requirements of Government Code sections 65965-65968, as amended.

- 6.2.2. Conservation Easement. If CDFW does not hold fee title to the HM lands, CDFW shall act as grantee for a conservation easement over the HM lands or shall, in its sole discretion, approve a non-profit entity, public agency, or Native American tribe to act as grantee for a conservation easement over the HM lands provided that the entity, agency, or tribe meets the requirements of Civil Code section 815.3. If CDFW elects not to be named as the grantee for the conservation easement. CDFW shall be expressly named in the conservation easement as a thirdparty beneficiary. The Permittee shall obtain CDFW written approval of any conservation easement before its execution or recordation. No conservation easement shall be approved by CDFW unless it complies with Civil Code sections 815-816, as amended, and Government Code sections 65965-65968, as amended and includes provisions expressly addressing Government Code sections 65966(i) and 65967(e). Because the doctrine of merger could invalidate the conservation interest, under no circumstances can the fee title owner of the HM lands serve as grantee for the conservation easement.
- 6.2.3. HM Lands Approval. Obtain CDFW written approval of the HM lands before acquisition and/or transfer of the land by submitting, at least three months before acquisition and/or transfer of the HM lands, documentation identifying the land to be purchased or property interest conveyed to an approved entity as mitigation for the Project's impacts on Covered Species;
- 6.2.4. <u>HM Lands Documentation</u>. Provide a recent preliminary title report, Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, and other necessary documents (please contact CDFW for document list). All documents conveying the HM lands and all conditions of title are subject to the approval of CDFW, and

- if applicable, the Wildlife Conservation Board and the Department of General Services;
- 6.2.5. Land Manager. Designate both an interim and long-term land manager approved by CDFW. The interim and long-term land managers may, but need not, be the same. The interim and/or long-term land managers may be the landowner or another party. Documents related to land management shall identify both the interim and long-term land managers. Permittee shall notify CDFW of any subsequent changes in the land manager within 30 days of the change. If CDFW will hold fee title to the mitigation land, CDFW will also act as both the interim and long-term land manager unless otherwise specified. The grantee for the conservation easement cannot serve as the interim or long-term manager without the express written authorization of CDFW in its sole discretion.
- 6.2.6. Start-up Activities. Provide for the implementation of start-up activities, including the initial site protection and enhancement of HM lands, once the HM lands have been approved by CDFW. Start-up activities include, at a minimum: (1) preparing a final management plan for CDFW approval (see https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=1373
 86&inline) (2) conducting a baseline biological assessment and land survey report within four months of recording or transfer; (3) developing and transferring Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data if applicable; (4) establishing initial fencing; (5) conducting litter removal; (6) conducting initial habitat restoration or enhancement, if applicable; and (7) installing signage;
- 6.2.7. Interim Management (Initial and Capital). Provide for the interim management of the HM lands. The Permittee shall ensure that the interim land manager implements the interim management of the HM lands as described in the final management plan and conservation easement approved by CDFW. The interim management period shall be a minimum of three years from the date of HM land acquisition and protection and full funding of the Endowment and includes expected management following start-up activities. Interim management period activities

described in the final management plan shall include fence repair, continuing trash removal, site monitoring, and vegetation and invasive species management.

Permittee shall either (1) provide Security to CDFW for the minimum of three years of interim management that the land owner, Permittee, or land manager agrees to manage and pay for at their own expense, (2) establish an escrow account with written instructions approved in advance in writing by CDFW to pay the land manager annually in advance, or (3) establish a short-term enhancement account with CDFW or a CDFW-approved entity for payment to the land manager.

6.3. Endowment Fund. If the Permittee elects to provide for the acquisition, permanent protection, and perpetual management of HM lands to complete compensatory mitigation obligations, then the Permittee shall ensure that the HM lands are perpetually managed, maintained, and monitored by the long-term land manager as described in this ITP, the conservation easement, and the final management plan approved by CDFW. After obtaining CDFW approval of the HM lands, Permittee shall provide longterm management funding for the perpetual management of the HM lands by establishing a long-term management fund (Endowment). The Endowment is a sum of money, held in a CDFW-approved fund that is permanently restricted to paying the costs of long-term management and stewardship of the mitigation property for which the funds were set aside, which costs include the perpetual management, maintenance, monitoring, and other activities on the HM lands consistent with this ITP, the conservation easement, and the management plan required by Condition of Approval 6.3.5. Endowment as used in this ITP shall refer to the endowment deposit and all interest, dividends, other earnings, additions and appreciation thereon. The Endowment shall be governed by this ITP, Government Code sections 65965-65968, as amended, and Probate Code sections 18501-18510, as amended.

After the interim management period, Permittee shall ensure that the designated long-term land manager implements the management and monitoring of the HM lands according to the final management plan. The long-term land manager shall be obligated to manage and monitor the HM lands in perpetuity to

preserve their conservation values in accordance with this ITP, the conservation easement, and the final management plan. Such activities shall be funded through the Endowment.

6.3.1. <u>Identify an Endowment Manager</u>. The Endowment shall be held by the Endowment Manager, which shall be either CDFW or another entity qualified pursuant to Government Code sections 65965-65968, as amended.

Permittee shall submit to CDFW a written proposal that includes: (i) the name of the proposed Endowment Manager; (ii) whether the proposed Endowment Manager is a governmental entity, special district, nonprofit organization, community foundation, or congressionally chartered foundation; (iii) whether the proposed Endowment Manager holds the property or an interest in the property for conservation purposes as required by Government Code section 65968(b)(1) or, in the alternative, the basis for finding that the Project qualifies for an exception pursuant to Government Code section 65968(b)(2); and (iv) a copy of the proposed Endowment Manager's certification pursuant to Government Code section 65968(e).

Within thirty days of CDFW's receipt of Permittee's written proposal, CDFW shall inform Permittee in writing if it determines the proposal does not satisfy the requirements of Fish and Game Code section 2081(b)(3) and, if so, shall provide Permittee with a written explanation of the reasons for its determination. If CDFW does not provide Permittee with a written determination within the thirty-day period, the proposal shall be deemed consistent with Section 2081(b)(3).

6.3.2. Calculate the Endowment Funds Deposit. After obtaining CDFW written approval of the HM lands, long-term management plan, and Endowment Manager, Permittee shall prepare an endowment assessment (equivalent to a Property Analysis Record (PAR)) to calculate the amount of funding necessary to ensure the long-term management of the HM lands (Endowment Deposit Amount). Note that the endowment for the easement holder should not be included in this calculation. The Permittee shall submit to CDFW for

review and approval the results of the endowment assessment before transferring funds to the Endowment Manager.

- 6.3.2.1. <u>Capitalization Rate and Fees</u>. Permittee shall obtain the capitalization rate from the selected Endowment Manager for use in calculating the endowment assessment and adjust for any additional administrative, periodic, or annual fees.
- 6.3.2.2. <u>Endowment Buffers/Assumptions</u>. Permittee shall include in the endowment assessment assumptions the following buffers for endowment establishment and use that will substantially ensure long-term viability and security of the Endowment:
 - 6.3.2.2.1. 10 Percent Contingency. A 10 percent contingency shall be added to each endowment calculation to hedge against underestimation of the fund, unanticipated expenditures, inflation, or catastrophic events.
 - 6.3.2.2.2. <u>Three Years Delayed Spending</u>. The endowment shall be established assuming spending will not occur for the first three years after full funding.
 - 6.3.2.2.3. Non-annualized Expenses. For all large capital expenses to occur periodically but not annually such as fence replacement or well replacement, payments shall be withheld from the annual disbursement until the year of anticipated need or upon request to Endowment Manager and CDFW.
- 6.3.3. <u>Transfer Long-term Endowment Funds</u>. Permittee shall transfer the long-term endowment funds to the Endowment Manager upon CDFW approval of the Endowment Deposit Amount identified above.

6.3.4. Management of the Endowment. The approved Endowment Manager may pool the Endowment with other endowments for the operation, management, and protection of HM lands for local populations of the Covered Species but shall maintain separate accounting for each Endowment. The Endowment Manager shall, at all times, hold and manage the Endowment in compliance with this ITP, Government Code sections 65965-65968, as amended, and Probate Code sections 18501-18510, as amended.

Notwithstanding Probate Code sections 18501-18510, the
Endowment Manager shall not make any disbursement from the
Endowment that will result in expenditure of any portion of the
principal of the endowment without the prior written approval of
CDFW in its sole discretion. Permittee shall ensure that this
requirement is included in any agreement of any kind governing
the holding, investment, management, and/or disbursement of the
Endowment funds.

Notwithstanding Probate Code sections 18501-18510, if CDFW determines in its sole discretion that an expenditure needs to be made from the Endowment to preserve the conservation values of the HM lands, the Endowment Manager shall process that expenditure in accordance with directions from CDFW. The Endowment Manager shall not be liable for any shortfall in the Endowment resulting from CDFW's decision to make such an expenditure.

- 6.4. Reimburse CDFW. Permittee shall reimburse CDFW for all reasonable costs incurred by CDFW related to issuance and monitoring of this ITP, including, but not limited to transaction fees, account set-up fees, administrative fees, title and documentation review and related title transactions, costs incurred from other state agency reviews, and overhead related to transfer of HM lands to CDFW.
- 7. Security: The Permittee may proceed with Covered Activities only after the Permittee has ensured funding (Security) to complete any activity required by Condition of Approval 6 that has not been completed before Covered Activities begin. Permittee shall provide Security as follows:

- 7.1. <u>Security Amount</u>. The Security shall be in the amount of \$25,325.00. This amount is based on cost estimates identified by CDFW for purchase of one (1) Covered Species bank credit (minimum purchase amount) from a CDFW-approved conservation bank with an authorized service area that includes the Project.
- 7.2. <u>Security Form</u>. The Security shall be in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit (see Attachment 3) or another form of Security approved in advance in writing by CDFW's Office of the General Counsel.
- 7.3. <u>Security Timeline.</u> The Security shall be provided to CDFW before Covered Activities begin or within 30 days after the effective date of this ITP, whichever occurs first.
- 7.4. <u>Security Holder</u>. The Security shall be held by CDFW or in a manner approved in advance in writing by CDFW.
- 7.5. <u>Security Transmittal</u>. Permittee shall transmit it to CDFW with a completed Mitigation Payment Transmittal Form (see Attachment 4) or by way of an approved instrument such as an escrow agreement, irrevocable letter of credit, or other.
- 7.6. <u>Security Drawing</u>. The Security shall allow CDFW to draw on the principal sum if CDFW, in its sole discretion, determines that the Permittee has failed to comply with the Conditions of Approval of this ITP.
- 7.7. <u>Security Release</u>. The Security (or any portion of the Security then remaining) shall be released to the Permittee after CDFW has conducted an on-site inspection and received confirmation that all secured requirements have been satisfied, as evidenced by:
 - Written documentation of the acquisition of the HM lands;
 - Copies of all executed and recorded conservation easements:
 - Written confirmation from the approved Endowment Manager of its receipt of the full Endowment; and
 - Timely submission of all required reports.

Even if Security is provided, the Permittee must complete the required acquisition, protection and transfer of all HM lands and record any required conservation easements no later than 24 months from the

effective date of this ITP. CDFW may require the Permittee to provide additional HM lands and/or additional funding to ensure the impacts of the taking are minimized and fully mitigated, as required by law, if the Permittee does not complete these requirements within the specified timeframe.

24. The last paragraph under the section entitled "XII. Notices" on page 22, shall be amended to read as follows:

Unless Permittee is notified otherwise, CDFW's Regional Representative for purposes of addressing issues that arise during implementation of this ITP is:

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- 25. The third paragraph of the section entitled "XIV. Findings Pursuant to CESA" on page 23, shall be amended to read as follows:
 - (2) Impacts of the taking on Covered Species will be minimized and fully mitigated through the implementation of measures required by this ITP and as described in the MMRP. Measures include: (1) permanent habitat protection; (2) establishment of avoidance zones; (3) worker education; and (4) Monthly Compliance Reports. CDFW evaluated factors including an assessment of the importance of the habitat in the Project Area, the extent to which the Covered Activities will impact the habitat, and CDFW's estimate of the acreage required to provide for adequate compensation. Based on this evaluation, CDFW determined that the protection and management in perpetuity of 1.14 acres 0.17 acre of compensatory habitat that is contiguous with other protected Covered Species habitat and/or is of higher quality than the habitat being destroyed by the Project, along with the minimization, monitoring, reporting, and funding requirements of this ITP minimizes and fully mitigates the impacts of the taking caused by the Project;
- 26. The section entitled "XV. Attachments" on page 24, shall be amended to read as follows:

FIGURE 1 Project Regional Location Map

FIGURE 2	eTS 44429 Work Area Detailed Overview
	Map[INTENTIONALLY DELETED]
FIGURE 3	eTS 44431 Work Area Detailed Overview
	Map[INTENTIONALLY DELETED]
FIGURE 4	eTS 44432 Work Area Detailed Overview
	Map[INTENTIONALLY DELETED]
FIGURE 5	eTS 38145 Work Area Detailed Overview Map
FIGURE 6	eTS 38145 Work Area Project Components
ATTACHMENT 1	Revised Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting
	Program
ATTACHMENT 2	Biologist Resume Form
ATTACHMENT 3	Letter of Credit Form
ATTACHMENT 4	Mitigation Payment Transmittal Form

27. Attachment 1 (Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program) of the ITP is replaced by Attachment 1 of this Amendment (Revised Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program). All terms and conditions of the ITP and MMRP that are not expressly amended herein remain in effect and must be implemented and adhered to by the Permittee.

FINDINGS

Issuance of Amendment No. 1 will decrease the amount of take of the Covered Species compared to the Project as originally approved; it is not expected that Amendment No. 1 will increase Project impacts on these species (i.e., "impacts of taking" as used in Fish and Game Code Section 2081, subd. (b)(2)).

<u>Discussion:</u> Amendment No. 1 reflects a change in the number of individuals which will be impacted by Project activities, however, the disturbance and amount of take on Covered Species will be reduced from 1.04 acres to 0.15 acre by removing GKR as a Covered Species and removing work areas eTS 44429, eTS 44431, and eTS 44432 from the Project ITP.

Issuance of Amendment No. 1 does not affect CDFW's previous determination that issuance of the ITP, as amended, meets and is otherwise consistent with the permitting criteria set forth in Fish and Game Code section 2081, subdivisions (b) and (c).

<u>Discussion</u>: CDFW determined in March 2023 that the Project, as approved, met the standards for issuance of an ITP under CESA. This determination included findings that, among other things, the impacts of the taking would be minimized and fully mitigated and that the Project would not jeopardize the continued existence of the Covered Species. Those findings are unchanged with respect to Amendment No. 1 because the Project and ITP, as amended: (1) will decrease the amount of take or impacts to the Covered

Species or Covered Species habitat, and (2) will remove the measures that will be undertaken to minimize and mitigate previously authorized impacts on GKR - the removed Covered Species. Permittee's continued adherence to and implementation of the avoidance and minimization measures set forth in the ITP's Conditions of Approval and MMRP will minimize and fully mitigate impacts of the taking on the Covered Species.

None of the factors that would trigger the need for subsequent or supplemental environmental analysis of the Project under Public Resources Code section 21166 or California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15162 and 15163, exist as a result of Amendment No. 1.

<u>Discussion</u>: CDFW issued the ITP in March 2023 as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.). CDFW has determined that this Project, is statutorily exempt from CEQA because it is an action "necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency." (Pub. Resources Code, §21080, subd. (b)(4).). As a result, CDFW finds that no additional subsequent or supplemental environmental review is required by CEQA as part of CDFW's approval of Amendment No. 1.

CDFW finds that Amendment No. 1 is a Major Amendment, as defined in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 783.6, subdivision (c)(5).

<u>Discussion</u>: Amendment No. 1 removes GKR as a Covered species along with the associated Conditions of Approval, removes work areas eTS 44429, eTS 44431, and eTS 44432 along with their Project activities, updates the compensatory mitigation strategy to reflect the Project impacts after the removal of the above referenced Work Areas, and extends the expiration date of the ITP from September 30, 2023 to March 30, 2024. As described above, these changes decrease the amount of take of Covered Species and Project impacts to Covered Species habitat. The removal of the above referenced Work Areas reduces the Project area and impacts associated with the removed Project activities. Therefore, Amendment No. 1 will significantly modify the scope or nature of the permitted Project or activity, and the minimization, mitigation, or monitoring measures in the ITP. CDFW has determined that the change to the ITP constitutes a Major Amendment as defined in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 783.6, subdivision (c)(5).

The authorization provided by Amendment No. 1 is not valid until Permittee signs and dates the acknowledgement below, and returns one of the duplicate originals of Amendment No. 1 by registered first class mail to CDFW at:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Planning Branch Attention: CESA Permitting Program Post Office Box 944209 Sacramento, California 94244-2090

Alternatively, the Permittee shall e-mail the digitally signed Amendment No. 1 to CESA@wildlife.ca.gov. Digital signatures shall comply with Government Code section 16.5. Digital signatures facilitated by CDFW will be automatically returned.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A1-1 ATTACHMENT 1 Revised Mitigation Monitoring and

Reporting Program

Attachment A1-2 ATTACHMENT 3 Letter of Credit Form

Attachment A1-3 ATTACHMENT 4 Mitigation Payment Transmittal Form

APPROVED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH ND WILDLIFE

on	9/25/2023	Julie Vance
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Julie A. Vance Regional Manager Central Region

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The undersigned: (1) warrants that they are acting as a duly authorized representative of the Permittee, (2) acknowledges receipt of the original ITP and Amendment No. 1, and (3) agrees on behalf of the Permittee to comply with all terms and conditions of the ITP, as amended.

By: Erika E	•	Date:	9/28/2023
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Printed Name:	Erika Esparza	Title:	Project Manager

Attachment A1-1						
ATTACHMENT 1 Revised Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program						

Attachment 1

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REVISED MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM (MMRP) CALIFORNIA ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

INCIDENTAL TAKE PERMIT NO. 2081-2023-009-04

PERMITTEE: Southern California Gas Company

PROJECT: Line 7055 Recoat and Anode Install Project

PURPOSE OF THE MMRP

The purpose of this revised MMRP is to ensure that the impact minimization and mitigation measures required by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for the above-referenced Project are properly implemented, and thereby to ensure compliance with section 2081(b) of the Fish and Game Code and section 21081.6 of the Public Resources Code. A table summarizing the mitigation measures required by CDFW is attached. This table is a tool for use in monitoring and reporting on implementation of mitigation measures, but the descriptions in the table do not supersede the mitigation measures set forth in the California Incidental Take Permit (ITP) and in attachments to the ITP, and the omission of a permit requirement from the attached table does not relieve the Permittee of the obligation to ensure the requirement is performed.

OBLIGATIONS OF PERMITTEE

Mitigation measures must be implemented within the time periods indicated in the table that appears below. Permittee has the primary responsibility for monitoring compliance with all mitigation measures and for reporting to CDFW on the progress in implementing those measures. These monitoring and reporting requirements are set forth in the ITP itself and are summarized at the front of the attached table.

VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE, EFFECTIVENESS

CDFW may, at its sole discretion, verify compliance with any mitigation measure or independently assess the effectiveness of any mitigation measure.

TABLE OF MITIGATION MEASURES

The following items are identified for each mitigation measure: Mitigation Measure, Source, Implementation Schedule, Responsible Party, and Status/Date/Initials. The Mitigation Measure column summarizes the mitigation requirements of the ITP. The Source column identifies the ITP condition that sets forth the mitigation measure. The Implementation Schedule column shows the date or phase when each mitigation measure will be implemented. The Responsible Party column identifies the person or agency that is primarily responsible for implementing the mitigation measure. The Status/Date/Initials column shall be completed by the Permittee during preparation of each Status Report and the Final Mitigation Report, and must identify the implementation status of each mitigation measure, the date that status was determined, and the initials of the person determining the status.

	Mitigation Measure	Source	Implementatio n Schedule	Responsible Party	Status / Date / Initials		
BEI	EFORE DISTURBING SOIL OR VEGETATION						
1	Designated Representative. Before starting Covered Activities, Permittee shall designate a representative (Designated Representative) responsible for communications with CDFW and overseeing compliance with the ITP. Permittee shall notify CDFW in writing before starting Covered Activities of the Designated Representative's name, business address, and contact information, and shall notify CDFW in writing if a substitute Designated Representative is selected or identified at any time during the term of the ITP.	ITP Condition # 3.1	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities/ Entire Project	Permittee			
2	Designated Biologist(s) and Designated Monitor(s). Permittee shall submit to CDFW in writing the name, qualifications, business address, contact information, and references with contact information of Designated Biologist(s) and Designated Monitor(s) using the Biologist Resume Example (Attachment 2) or another format containing the same information. This information shall be submitted for CDFW review and approval before starting Covered Activities. The Designated Monitor(s) shall assist the Designated Biologist(s) in compliance monitoring under direction/supervision of the Designated Biologist(s). Designated Monitor responsibilities will be restricted to specific Conditions of Approval, indicated by the Permittee or Designated Representative at the time their qualifications are submitted for review. Permittee shall ensure that the Designated Biologist(s) and Designated Monitor(s) are knowledgeable and experienced in the Covered Species' biology, natural history, collecting and handling, small mammal burrow excavation experience, and monitoring construction activities following the Conditions of Approval of an ITP for the Covered Species. The Designated Biologist(s) and Designated Monitor(s) shall be responsible for monitoring Covered Activities to help minimize and fully mitigate or avoid the incidental take of individual Covered Species and to minimize disturbance of Covered Species' habitat. Permittee shall obtain CDFW approval of the Designated Biologist(s) and Designated Monitor(s) in writing before starting Covered Activities and shall also obtain approval in advance, in writing, if the Designated Biologist(s) or Designated Monitor(s) must be changed.	ITP Condition # 3.2	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities/ Entire Project	Permittee			
3	Education Program. Permittee shall conduct an education program for all persons employed or otherwise working in the Project Area before performing any work. The program shall consist of a presentation from the Designated Biologist that includes a discussion of the biology and general behavior of the Covered Species, information about the distribution and habitat needs of the Covered Species, sensitivity of the Covered Species to human activities, its status pursuant to CESA including legal protection, recovery efforts, penalties for violations and Project-specific protective measures described in the ITP. Permittee shall prepare and distribute wallet-sized cards or a fact sheet handout containing this information for workers to carry in the Project Area. Permittee shall provide interpretation for non-English speaking workers, and the same instruction shall be provided to any new workers before they are authorized to perform work in the Project Area. Upon completion of the program, employees shall sign a form stating they attended the program and understand all protection measures.	ITP Condition # 3.4	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities / Entire Project	Permittee			
4	<u>Trash Abatement</u> . Permittee shall initiate a trash abatement program before starting Covered Activities and shall continue the program for the duration of the Project. Permittee shall ensure that trash and food items are contained in animal-proof containers and removed, ideally at daily intervals but at least once a week, to avoid attracting opportunistic predators such as ravens, coyotes, and feral dogs.	ITP Condition # 3.6	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities / Entire Project	Permittee			

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5	<u>Dust Control</u> . Permittee shall implement dust control measures during Covered Activities to facilitate visibility for monitoring of the Covered Species by the Designated Biologist. Permittee shall keep the amount of water used to the minimum amount needed and shall not allow water to form puddles.	ITP Condition # 3.7	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities/ Entire Project	Permittee	
6	Delineation of Property Boundaries. Before starting Covered Activities, Permittee shall clearly delineate the boundaries of the Work Area where the Covered Activities will occur, with fencing, stakes, or flags along any part of the route in active construction. Permittee shall restrict all Covered Activities to within the fenced, staked, or flagged Work Area. Permittee shall maintain all fencing, stakes, and flags until the completion of Covered Activities in the Work Area and remove all property delineation materials immediately upon completion.	ITP Condition # 3.11	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities / Entire Project	Permittee	
7	<u>Delineation of Habitat.</u> Permittee shall clearly delineate habitat of the Covered Species within the Work Area with posted signs, posting stakes, flags, and/or rope or cord, and place fencing as necessary to minimize the disturbance of Covered Species' habitat. All habitat delineation materials shall be removed and properly disposed of immediately upon completion of Covered Activities in the Work Area.	ITP Condition # 3.12	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities / Entire Project	Permittee	
8	Notification Before Commencement. The Designated Representative shall notify CDFW before starting Covered Activities and shall document compliance with all pre-Project Conditions of Approval before starting Covered Activities.	ITP Condition # 4.1	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities	Permittee	
9	SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan. Permittee shall submit a SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan to CDFW prior to beginning Covered Activities. Burrow excavation activities shall not proceed until this plan has been approved in writing by CDFW's Regional Representative. The SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan shall include, but not be limited to, timing; detailed burrow excavation methods; release location(s); detailed release methods (i.e., soft release, hard release, or another method); artificial burrow design and installation methods (if needed); and identification of a wildlife rehabilitation center or veterinary facility capable of and willing to treat injured SJAS. Only the Designated Biologist is authorized to capture, handle, and relocate SJAS. Once the SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan is approved in writing by CDFW, it shall be used for all SJAS mortality reduction activities for the duration of the ITP. Any proposed changes to the CDFW-approved SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan shall be submitted in writing to CDFW and approved by CDFW in writing prior to implementation of any proposed SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan modifications.	ITP Condition # 4.4	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities	Permittee	
10	Geographic Information Systems Data Files. Before starting Covered Activities, the Permittee shall provide CDFW with Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data files for the temporary and/or permanent habitat impact areas authorized under the ITP for each Covered Species. If more than one Covered Species occurs in the same area, the Permittee shall provide one set of GIS data files for each species. If habitat for a Covered Species will be both temporarily and permanently impacted, the Permittee shall provide one set of GIS data files for each impact type. The Permittee shall provide any additional GIS data files for the Project or related Covered Species features within 30 days of CDFW's request. All GIS data files shall be provided in a format acceptable to CDFW.	ITP Condition # 4.5	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities	Permittee	

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11	Record of Covered Species Relocated. The Designated Biologist shall maintain a record of all Covered Species handled and observed. This information shall include for each animal: (1) the locations (Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates and maps) and time of capture and/or observation as well as release; (2) sex; (3) approximate age (adult/juvenile) and reproductive condition; (4) weight; (5) general condition and health, noting all visible conditions including gait and behavior, diarrhea, emaciation, salivation, hair loss, ectoparasites, and injuries; and (6) ambient temperature when handled and released. The Designated Biologist shall prepare a Relocation Summary and include it in the Monthly Compliance Report described in Condition of Approval 4.8. The Relocation Summary in the Final Mitigation Report described in Condition of Approval 4.10 shall include cumulative results, analysis of data collected, and conclusions.	ITP Condition # 4.7	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities / Entire Project	Designated Biologist	
12	<u>Delineation of Ingress and Egress Routes</u> . Permittee shall flag or otherwise clearly mark all access roads in the field from the paved road and vehicle operation shall be limited to these designated ingress and egress routes.	ITP Condition # 5.4	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities / Entire Project	Permittee	
13	Delineation of Environmentally Sensitive Areas. Permittee shall clearly delineate Environmentally Sensitive Areas before Covered Activities commence in the Work Area. Environmentally Sensitive Areas shall be marked with brightly colored markers visible to workers with posted signs, posting stakes, flags, and/or rope or cord, and place fencing as necessary to minimize the disturbance of Covered Species. Environmentally Sensitive Areas are defined as all areas that warrant special protection and no-disturbance exclusion buffer, as defined in Condition of Approval 5.25. Permittee shall maintain Environmentally Sensitive Area markers in good repair for the duration of the Covered Activities in the Work Area within the Project Area and all markers shall be removed and properly disposed of immediately upon completion of Covered Activities in the Work Area. No Covered Activities are allowed within Environmentally Sensitive Areas except per Conditions of Approval 5.16, 5.17, and 5.18.	ITP Condition # 5.14	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities / Entire Project	Permittee	
14	<u>Vegetation Removal</u> . Permittee shall remove any woody vegetation (e.g., shrubs) that will be disturbed within the Work Area by cutting/clipping the vegetation at the base of the plants under the supervision of Designated Biologist using hand tools within the Work Area to encourage Covered Species to move out of the area.	ITP Condition # 5.15	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities	Permittee	
15	Covered Species Pre-Activity Surveys and Burrow Mapping. The Designated Biologist(s) shall perform pre-activity surveys for Covered Species no more than 10 calendar days prior to beginning Covered Activities in the Work Area. The pre activity surveys shall cover the Work Area and 50 feet beyond the limits of the Work Area to identify and flag all potential burrows used by Covered Species, whether they appear active or inactive. Permittee shall provide the pre-activity surveys results and burrow map in a written report to CDFW's Regional Representative at least three (3) calendar days prior to beginning Covered Activities in the Project Area. The Pre-Activity Survey report shall include, but not be limited to, methodology, date, time and duration of survey, results, a discussion and map of the locations of each potential Covered Species burrow, and an estimated date of Covered Species relocation as described in Condition of Approval 4.4.	ITP Condition # 5.16	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities	Designated Biologist	

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16	Temporary Exclusion Fencing. Permittee shall install trenchless. Temporary Exclusion Fencing around the perimeter of the Work Area immediately following surveys to flag all potential Covered Species burrows in accordance with Condition of Approval 5.16. Prior to installation of fencing, Permittee shall submit for review and approval in writing by CDFW an Exclusion Fencing Plan which shall include, but not be limited to, the fencing material, design, installation methods, access gates, and a map of installation locations.	ITP Condition # 5.17	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities	Permittee	
17	Temporary Exclusion Fencing Installation. The Designated Biologist shall accompany the exclusion fence installation crew to ensure that Covered Species are not killed or injured during fence installation. The Designated Biologist shall ensure all small mammal burrow entrances are avoided (i.e., not covered) by fencing material during fence installation. The Designated Biologist shall ensure the Temporary Exclusion Fencing is sufficiently supported to maintain its integrity under all conditions such as wind and heavy rain for the duration of the Covered Activities in the Work Area. The Designated Biologist shall check the Temporary Exclusion Fence daily when Covered Activities are occurring within the Work Area and at least once weekly during periods of inactivity and maintain/repair the fence when necessary. Temporary Exclusion Fencing shall be removed immediately upon completion of Covered Activities to minimize habitat fragmentation caused by fencing.	ITP Condition # 5.18	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities	Designated Biologist	
18	SJAS Burrow Avoidance. The Designated Biologist shall establish a no-disturbance buffer of 50 feet or greater around suspected or known to be occupied SJAS burrows within the Work Area. If the 50-foot no-disturbance buffer cannot be established, burrow excavation shall occur in accordance with Condition of Approval 5.26.	ITP Condition # 5.25	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities / Entire Project	Designated Biologist	
19	SJAS Burrow Excavation. Prior to beginning Covered Activities within the Work Area, the Designated Biologist, or an individual under the direct supervision of the Designated Biologist, shall fully excavate by hand any potential SJAS burrows present within the portion of the Work Area to be disturbed by Covered Activities. Any SJAS encountered during burrow excavation shall be allowed to escape out of harm's way to the adjacent natural habitat or relocated by the Designated Biologist to the CDFW-approved release site identified in the SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan (Condition of Approval 4.4). Any dormant, lactating/nursing female, or dependent juvenile SJAS encountered shall be collected by the Designated Biologist and relocated to an artificial burrow installed at the CDFW approved release site.	ITP Condition # 5.26	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities	Designated Biologist	
20	Habitat Management Land Acquisition. Based on previous observations of the Covered Species documented within the vicinity of the Project Area, CDFW has determined that permanent protection and perpetual management of compensatory habitat is necessary and required pursuant to CESA to fully mitigate Project-related impacts of the taking on the Covered Species that will result with implementation of the Covered Activities. This determination is based on factors including an assessment of the importance of the habitat in the Project Area, the extent to which the Covered Activities will impact the Covered Species and habitat, and CDFW's estimate of the acreage required to provide for adequate compensation. To meet this requirement, the Permittee shall provide the permanent protection and perpetual management of 0.17 acre of HM lands or provide at least 0.17 Covered Species credits from a	ITP Condition # 6	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities	Permittee	

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21	Covered Species Credits If the Permittee elects to purchase Covered Species credits to complete compensatory mitigation obligations, then Permittee shall purchase at least 0.17 acre of Covered Species credits from a CDFW-approved mitigation or conservation bank prior to initiating Covered Activities, or no later than 18 months from the issuance of this ITP if Security is provided pursuant to Condition of Approval 7 below. Prior to purchase of Covered Species credits, Permittee shall obtain CDFW approval to ensure the mitigation or conservation bank is appropriate to compensate for the impacts of the Project. Permittee shall submit to CDFW a copy of the Bill of Sale(s) and Payment Receipt prior to initiating Covered Activities or within 18 months from issuance of this ITP if Security is provided.	ITP Condition # 6.1	Before commencing ground- or vegetation- disturbing activities	Permittee	
22	Security. The Permittee may proceed with Covered Activities only after the Permittee has ensured funding (Security) to complete any activity required by Condition of Approval 6 that has not been completed before Covered Activities begin. Permittee shall provide Security as follows: Security Amount. The Security shall be in the amount of \$25,325.00. This amount is based on cost estimates identified by CDFW for purchase of one (1) Covered Species bank credit (minimum purchase amount) from a CDFW-approved conservation bank with an authorized service area that includes the Project. Security Form. The Security shall be in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit (see Attachment 3) or another form of Security approved in advance in writing by CDFW's Office of the General Counsel. Security Timeline. The Security shall be provided to CDFW before Covered Activities begin or within 30 days after the effective date of this ITP, whichever occurs first. Security Holder. The Security shall be held by CDFW or in a manner approved in advance in writing by CDFW. Security Transmittal. Permittee shall transmit it to CDFW with a completed Mitigation Payment Transmittal Form (see Attachment 4) or by way of an approved instrument such as an escrow agreement, irrevocable letter of credit, or other. Security Drawing. The Security shall allow CDFW to draw on the principal sum if CDFW, in its sole discretion, determines that the Permittee has failed to comply with the Conditions of Approval of this ITP. Security Release. The Security (or any portion of the Security then remaining) shall be released to the Permittee after CDFW has conducted an on-site inspection and received confirmation that all secured requirements have been satisfied, as evidenced by: Written documentation of the acquisition of the HM lands; Copies of all executed and recorded conservation easements; Written confirmation from the approved Endowment Manager of its receipt of the full Endowment; and Timely submission of all required reports.	ITP Conditions # 7 – 7.7	Before commencing ground- or vegetation-disturbing activities	Permittee	
	additional HM lands and/or additional funding to ensure the impacts of the taking are minimized and fully mitigated, as required by law, if the Permittee does not complete these requirements within the specified timeframe.				

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23	Designated Biologist(s)/Designated Monitor(s) Authority. To ensure compliance with the Conditions of Approval of the ITP, the Designated Biologist(s)/Designated Monitor(s) shall immediately stop any activity that does not comply with the ITP and/or order any reasonable measure to avoid the unauthorized take of an individual of the Covered Species. Permittee shall provide unfettered access to the Project Site and otherwise facilitate the Designated Biologist(s)/Designated Monitor(s) in the performance of his/her duties. If the Designated Biologist(s)/Designated Monitor(s) are unable to comply with the ITP, then the Designated Biologist(s)/Designated Monitor(s) shall notify the CDFW Regional Representative immediately. Permittee shall not enter into any agreement or contract of any kind, including but not limited to non-disclosure agreements and confidentiality agreements, with its contractors and/or the Designated Biologist(s)/Designated Monitor(s) that prohibit or impede open communication with CDFW, including but not limited to providing CDFW staff with the results of any surveys, reports, or studies or notifying CDFW of any non-compliance or take or injury of a Covered Species as a result of such agreement or contract may result in CDFW taking actions to prevent or remedy a violation of the ITP.	ITP Condition # 3.3	Entire Project	Permittee/ Designated Biologist	
24	Construction Monitoring Documentation. The Designated Biologist(s) and Biological Monitor(s) shall maintain construction-monitoring documentation on-site in either hard copy or digital format throughout the construction period, which shall include a copy of the ITP with attachments and a list of signatures of all personnel who have successfully completed the education program. Permittee shall ensure a copy of the construction-monitoring documentation is available for review at the Project site upon request by CDFW.	ITP Condition # 3.5	Entire Project	Designated Biologist	
25	<u>Erosion Control Materials</u> . Permittee shall prohibit use of erosion control materials potentially harmful to Covered Species and other species, such as monofilament netting (erosion control matting) or similar material, in potential Covered Species' habitat.	ITP Condition # 3.8	Entire Project	Permittee	
26	<u>Dogs</u> . Permittee shall prohibit domestic dogs from the Project Area and site access routes during Covered Activities, except those in the possession of authorized security personnel or local, State, or federal law enforcement officials.	ITP Condition # 3.9	Entire Project	Permittee	
27	<u>Wildfire Avoidance</u> . Permittee or Permittee's contractors shall minimize the potential for human-caused wildfires by carrying water or fire extinguishers and shovels in all Project-related vehicles and equipment. The use of shields, protective mats, or use of other fire preventative methods shall be used during grinding and welding to minimize the potential for fire. Personnel shall be trained regarding the fire hazard for wildlife as part of the worker education program described in Condition of Approval 3.4.	ITP Condition # 3.10	Entire Project	Permittee	
28	Project Access. Project-related personnel shall access the Project Area using existing routes and shall not cross Covered Species' habitat outside of or en route to the Project Area. Permittee shall restrict Project-related vehicle traffic to established roads, staging, and parking areas. Permittee shall ensure that vehicle speeds do not exceed 15 miles per hour to avoid Covered Species on or traversing the roads. If Permittee determines construction of routes for travel are necessary outside of the Project Area, the Designated Representative shall contact CDFW for written approval before carrying out such an activity. CDFW may require an amendment to the ITP, among other reasons, if additional take of Covered Species will occur as a result of the Project modification.	ITP Condition # 3.13	Entire Project	Permittee	
29	Staging Areas. Permittee shall confine all Project-related parking, storage areas, laydown sites, equipment storage, and any other surface-disturbing activities to the Project Area using, to the extent possible, previously disturbed areas. Additionally, Permittee shall not use or cross Covered Species' habitat outside of the marked Project Area unless provided for as described in Condition of Approval 3.13 of the ITP.	ITP Condition # 3.14	Entire Project	Permittee	

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30	Hazardous Waste. Permittee shall immediately stop and, pursuant to pertinent state and federal statutes and regulations, arrange for repair and clean up by qualified individuals of any fuel or hazardous waste leaks or spills at the time of occurrence, or as soon as it is safe to do so. Permittee shall exclude the storage and handling of hazardous materials from the Project Area and shall properly contain and dispose of any unused or leftover hazardous products off site.		Entire Project	Permittee	
31	CDFW Access. Permittee shall provide CDFW staff with reasonable access to the Project and mitigation lands under Permittee control and shall otherwise fully cooperate with CDFW efforts to verify compliance with or effectiveness of mitigation measures set forth in the ITP.		Entire Project	Permittee	
32	Rodenticide Use. Permittee shall prohibit the use of rodenticides in the Project Area.		Entire Project	Permittee	
33	Notification of Non-compliance. The Designated Representative or Designated Biologist shall immediately notify CDFW if the Permittee is not in compliance with any Condition of Approval of the ITP, including but not limited to any actual or anticipated failure to implement measures within the time periods indicated in the ITP and/or this MMRP. The Designated Representative or Designated Biologist shall follow up within 24 hours with a written report to CDFW describing, in detail, any non-compliance with the ITP and suggested measures to remedy the situation.		Entire Project	Permittee / Designated Biologist	
34	34 Compliance Monitoring. The Designated Biologist shall be onsite daily, for the duration of the day, when Covered Activities occur. The Designated Biologist shall conduct compliance inspections a minimum of weekly during any periods of inactivity after clearing, grubbing, grading, and exclusion fencing installation are completed. The Designated Biologist shall conduct compliance inspections to:		Entire Project	Permittee / Designated Biologist	
	(1) minimize incidental take of the Covered Species;				
	(2) prevent unlawful take of species;(3) check for compliance with all measures of the ITP;				
	(4) check all exclusion zones; and				
	(5) ensure that signs, stakes, and fencing are intact, and that Covered Activities are only occurring in the Project Area.				
	The Designated Representative or Designated Biologist shall prepare daily written observation and inspection records summarizing oversight activities and compliance inspections, observations of Covered Species and their sign, survey results, and monitoring activities required by the ITP.				

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35	Monthly Compliance Report. The Designated Representative or Designated Biologist shall compile the observation and inspection records identified in Conditions of Approval 4.6 and 4.7 into a Monthly Compliance Report and submit it to CDFW along with a copy of this MMRP table with notes showing the current implementation status of each mitigation measure. Monthly Compliance Reports shall also include an accounting of the number of acres that have been permanently and temporarily disturbed by the Project, both for the prior month, and the total since ITP issuance, if applicable; the number of acres of habitat disturbance anticipated to occur in the Project Area during the coming month, if applicable; a summary of all pre activity surveys and compliance monitoring conducted during the previous month; and the activities authorized under the Covered Activities which occurred during the previous month. Monthly Compliance Reports shall be submitted via e-mail to CDFW's Regional Representative, CDFW's Regional Office, and Headquarters CESA Program no later than the fifth (5th) day of each month following commencement of Covered Activities. At the time of the ITP's approval, the CDFW Regional Representative is Shaelyn Latronica (Shaelyn.Latronica@wildlife.ca.gov), the CDFW Regional Office e-mail is R4CESA@wildlife.ca.gov and Headquarters CESA Program e-mail is CESA@wildlife.ca.gov. CDFW may at any time increase the timing and number of compliance inspections and reports required under this provision depending upon the results of previous compliance inspections. If CDFW determines the reporting schedule must be changed, CDFW will notify Permittee in writing of the new reporting schedule.	ITP Condition # 4.8	Entire Project	Permittee	
36	<u>CNDDB Observations</u> . The Designated Biologist shall submit all observations of Covered Species to CDFW's California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) within 10 calendar days of the observation and the Designated Biologist shall include copies of the submitted forms with the next Monthly Compliance Report.		Entire Project	Designated Biologist	
37	Notification of Take or Injury. Permittee shall immediately notify the Designated Biologist if a Covered Species is taken or injured by a Project-related activity, or if a Covered Species is otherwise found dead or injured within the vicinity of the Project. The Designated Biologist or Designated Representative shall provide initial notification to CDFW by calling the Regional Office at (559) 243-4005 and by e mail to the CDFW Regional Representative. The initial notification to CDFW shall include information regarding the location, species, and number of animals taken or injured and the ITP Number. Following initial notification, Permittee shall send CDFW a written report within two calendar days. The report shall include the date and time of the finding or incident, location of the animal or carcass, and if possible provide a photograph, explanation as to cause of take or injury, and any other pertinent information.	ITP Condition # 4.11	Entire Project	Permittee / Designated Biologist	
38	<u>Designated Biologist On Site</u> . The Designated Biologist shall be on site for the duration of the day during all activities that may result in the take of Covered Species.	ITP Condition # 5.1	Entire Project	Designated Biologist	
39	Work Hours. Permittee shall confine all surface- or vegetation-disturbing activities to daylight hours (sunrise to sunset). Permittee shall ensure that all vehicle traffic necessary during nighttime hours shall be conducted with extra caution to minimize impacts to nocturnal species. Nightwork may only be permitted with written authorization from CDFW (email will suffice).	ITP Condition # 5.2	Entire Project	Permittee	
40	<u>Lighting.</u> Permittee shall not use temporary, fixed, exterior lighting, including motion-triggered security lighting, that casts light on Covered Species habitat beyond the footprint of the Project Area between sunset and sunrise unless authorized in writing from CDFW. Temporary, exterior, fixed lighting at the Project Area shall be turned on only when people are present. Permittee shall not install permanent lighting at the Project Area.	ITP Condition # 5.3	Entire Project	Permittee	
41	Equipment Fueling. Permittee shall ensure that all equipment fueling and equipment maintenance occur at least 100 feet from Covered Species burrows, unless approved in advance in writing by CDFW. Permittee shall ensure that sufficient spill containment and cleanup equipment shall be present at all fueling locations.	ITP Condition # 5.5	Entire Project	Permittee	

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42	<u>Vehicle Parking.</u> Permittee shall not allow vehicles to park on top of Covered Species burrows, except within designated staging areas for which burrows have been excavated per Condition of Approval 5.26. Vehicles left overnight shall be located at least 50 feet from all Covered Species burrows.	ITP Condition # 5.6	Entire Project	Permittee	
43	Vehicle and Equipment Inspection. Workers shall inspect for Covered Species under vehicles and equipment every time before the vehicles and equipment are moved. If a Covered Species is present, the worker shall notify the Designated Biologist and wait for the Covered Species to move unimpeded to a safe location. Alternatively, the Designated Biologist shall move the Covered Species out of harm's way outside of the Work Area and in compliance with the approved SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan required in Condition of Approval 4.4.		Entire Project	Permittee	
44	44 <u>Stockpiling Materials</u> . Permittee shall stockpile all materials and equipment in a manner that discourages Covered Species' use. In all locations, bundled or loose materials shall not be placed directly on the ground. These materials shall be elevated to discourage use by Covered Species.		Entire Project	Permittee	
45	Soil Stockpiles. Permittee shall ensure that soil stockpiles are placed where soil will not pass into any other "Waters of the State," in accordance with Fish and Game Code Section 5650. Permittee shall protect stockpiles to prevent soil erosion.		Entire Project	Permittee	
46	Materials Inspection. Workers shall thoroughly inspect all construction pipe, culverts, or other similar structures with a diameter of one inch or greater that are stored for one or more overnight periods for the Covered Species before the structure is subsequently moved, buried, or capped. If during inspection, a Covered Species is discovered inside a pipe, culvert, or similar structure, workers shall notify the Designated Biologist and wait for the Covered Species to move unimpeded to a safe location before moving and utilizing the structure. Alternatively, the Designated Biologist shall move the Covered Species out of harm's way outside of the Work Area and in compliance with the approved SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan required in Condition of Approval 4.4.	ITP Condition # 5.10	Entire Project	Permittee	

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47	Excavation Inspection. The Designated Biologist and/or Designated Monitor shall inspect all trenches, open holes, sumps, and other excavations within the Work Area at the beginning and end of each day for trapped animals. All trenches, holes, sumps, and other excavations with sidewalls steeper than a 1:1 (45 degree) slope shall be covered when workers or equipment are not actively working in the excavation, which includes cessation of work overnight, or shall have an escape ramp of earth or a non-slip material with a less than 1:1 (45 degree) slope. To prevent inadvertent entrapment of the Covered Species, the Designated Biologist and/or Designated Monitor shall oversee the covering of all trenches, holes, sumps, or other excavations with sidewalls greater than 1:1 (45 degree) slope of any depth with barrier material (such as hardware cloth) at the close of each working day such that animals are unable to dig or squeeze under the barrier and become entrapped. The outer two feet of excavation cover shall conform to solid ground so that gaps do not occur between the cover and the ground and secured with soil staples or similar means to prevent gaps. Each morning, end of each day (including weekends and any other non-work days unless temporary exclusion fencing completely surrounds the Work Area), and immediately before trenches, holes, sumps, or other excavations are back filled, the Designated Biologist and/or Designated Monitor shall thoroughly inspect them for Covered Species. Designated Biologist and/or Designated Monitor shall also thoroughly inspect any trenches, holes, sumps, or other excavations that are covered long term at the beginning of each working day to ensure inadvertent entrapment has not occurred and shall make any necessary repairs to the cover. If any worker discovers a Covered Species has become trapped, Permittee shall cease all Covered Activities in the vicinity and notify the Designated Biologist immediately. Project workers and the Designated Biologist shall allow the Covered Species to	ITP Condition # 5.11	Entire Project	Designated Biologist	
48	Pipes and other Structures Entrapment Prevention. Permittee shall ensure that all pipes, hoses, conduit, culverts, or similar materials stockpiled or installed in the Work Area are capped or otherwise enclosed at the ends to prevent entry by Covered Species. Permittee shall not leave any permanent pipes, conduit, electrical cabinets, or similar materials or structures open where Covered Species may enter them and become trapped. The Designated Biologist and/or Designated Monitor shall thoroughly inspect all such materials for Covered Species before they are moved, buried, or capped. If a Covered Species is discovered inside such material, that section of material shall not be moved until the animal has escaped of its own accord. If a Covered Species inside such materials does not vacate of its own accord within a reasonable timeframe, CDFW shall be contacted and Permittee shall get written concurrence prior to proceeding with eviction of the Covered Species.	ITP Condition # 5.12	Entire Project	Permittee / Designated Biologist	
49	Covered Species Observations. All workers shall inform the Designated Biologist if the Covered Species is seen within or near the Project Area during implementation of any Covered Activity. All work in the vicinity of the Covered Species, which could harm the animal, shall cease until the Covered Species moves from the Project Area of its own accord or the Designated Biologist moves the Covered Species out of harm's way outside of the Project Area and in compliance with the approved-SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan required in Condition of Approval 4.4.	ITP Condition # 5.13	Entire Project	Permittee	
50	Covered Species Injury. If a Covered Species is injured as a result of Project related activities, the Designated Biologist shall immediately take it to a CDFW approved wildlife rehabilitation or veterinary facility. Permittee shall identify the facility before starting Covered Activities. Permittee shall bear any costs associated with the care or treatment of such injured Covered Species. The Permittee shall notify CDFW of the injury to the Covered Species immediately by telephone and e-mail followed by a written incident report as described in Condition of Approval 4.11. Notification shall include the name of the facility where the animal was taken.	ITP Condition # 5.27	Entire Project	Permittee / Designated Biologist	

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51	Refuse Removal. Upon completion of Covered Activities, Permittee shall remove from the Project Area and properly dispose of all temporary fill and construction refuse, including, but not limited to, broken equipment parts, wrapping material, cords, cables, wire, rope, strapping, twine, buckets, metal or plastic containers, and boxes.	ITP Condition # 3.17	Post-construction	Permittee	
52	Final Mitigation Report. No later than 30 days after completion of all mitigation measures, Permittee shall provide CDFW with a Final Mitigation Report via e-mail in the method as described in Condition of Approval 4.8. The Designated Biologist shall prepare the Final Mitigation Report which shall include, at a minimum: (1) a summary of all Monthly Compliance Reports; (2) a copy of the table in this MMRP with notes showing when each of the mitigation measures was implemented; (3) all available information about Project-related incidental take of the Covered Species; (4) information about other Project impacts on the Covered Species; (5) beginning and ending dates of Covered Activities; (6) an assessment of the effectiveness of the ITP's Conditions of Approval in minimizing and fully mitigating Project impacts of the taking on Covered Species; (7) recommendations on how mitigation measures might be changed to more effectively minimize take and mitigate the impacts of future projects on the Covered Species; and (8) any other pertinent information.	ITP Condition # 4.10	Post-construction	Permittee	
53	CDFW accepts the Final Mitigation Report as complete.	ITP Condition # 4.10	Post-construction	CDFW	

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Beneficiary:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Planning Branch Post Office Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 94244-2090 Attn: HCPB Contract Coordinator

Amount: U.S. \$[dollar number] [(dollar amount)]

Expiry: [Date] at our counters

Dear Sirs:

- At the request and on the instruction of our customer, [name of applicant]
 ("Applicant"), we, [name of financial institution] ("Issuer"), hereby establish in
 favor of the beneficiary, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife ("CDFW"),
 this irrevocable standby letter of credit ("Credit") in the principal sum of U.S.
 \$[dollar number] [(dollar amount)] ("Principal Sum").
- We are informed this Credit is and has been established for the benefit of CDFW pursuant to the terms of the incidental take permit for the [name of project] issued by CDFW to the Applicant on [date] (No. [number]) ("Permit").
- We are further informed that pursuant to the Permit, the Applicant has agreed to complete certain mitigation requirements in the Permit ("Mitigation Requirements").
- 4. We are finally informed that this Credit is intended by CDFW and the Applicant to serve as a security device for the performance by the Applicant of the Mitigation Requirements.
- 5. CDFW shall be entitled to draw upon this Credit only by presentation of a duly executed Certificate for Drawing ("Certificate") in the same form as Attachment A,

- which is attached hereto, at our office located at [name and address of financial institution].
- 6. The Certificate shall be completed and signed by an Authorized Representative of CDFW as defined in paragraph 12 below. Presentation by CDFW of a completed Certificate may be made in person or by registered mail, return receipt requested, or by overnight courier.
- Upon presentation of a duly executed Certificate as above provided, payment shall be made to CDFW, or to the account of CDFW, in immediately available funds, as CDFW shall specify.
- 8. If a demand for payment does not conform to the terms and conditions of this Credit, we shall give CDFW prompt notice that the demand for payment was not effected in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Credit, state the reasons therefore, and await further instruction.
- 9. Upon being notified that the demand for payment was not effected in conformity with the Credit, CDFW may correct any such non-conforming demand for payment under the terms and conditions stated herein.
- 10. All drawings under this Credit shall be paid with our funds. Each drawing honored by us hereunder shall reduce, *pro tanto*, the Principal Sum. By paying to CDFW an amount demanded in accordance herewith, we make no representations as to the correctness of the amount demanded.
- 11. This Credit will be cancelled upon receipt by us of Certificate of Cancellation, which: (i) shall be in the form of Attachment B, which is attached hereto, and (ii) shall be completed and signed by an Authorized Representative of CDFW, as defined in paragraph 12 below.
- 12. An Authorized Representative shall mean the Director of CDFW; the General Counsel of CDFW; a Regional Manager of CDFW; or the Branch Chief of CDFW's Habitat Conservation Planning Branch.
- 13. This Credit shall be automatically extended without amendment for additional periods of one year from the present or any future expiration date hereof, unless at least sixty (60) days prior to any such date, we notify CDFW in writing by registered mail, return receipt requested, or by overnight courier that we elect not to consider this Credit extended for any such period.
- 14. Communications with respect to this Credit shall be in writing and addressed to us at [*name and address of financial institution*], specifically referring upon such writing to this credit by number. The address for notices with respect to this Credit shall be: (i) for CDFW: Department of Fish and Wildlife, Habitat

Conservation Planning Branch, Post Office Box 944209, Sacramento, CA 94244-2090, Attn: HCPB Contract Coordinator; and (ii) for the Applicant: [name and address of applicant].

- 15. This Credit may not be transferred.
- 16. This Credit is subject to the International Standby Practices 1998 ("ISP 98"). As to matters not covered by the ISP 98 and to the extent not inconsistent with the ISP 98, this credit shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Uniform Commercial Code, Article 5 of the State of California.
- 17. This Credit shall, if not canceled, expire on [expiration date], or any extended expiration date.
- 18. We hereby agree with CDFW that documents presented in compliance with the terms of this Credit will be duly honored upon presentation, as specified herein.
- 19. This Credit sets forth in full the terms of our undertaking. Such undertaking shall not in any way be modified, amended or amplified by reference to any document or instrument referred to herein or in which this Credit is referred to or to which this Credit relates and any such reference shall not be deemed to incorporate herein by reference any document or instrument.

[Name of financial institution]

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Name:	
Title:	
Telephone: _	

<u>ATTACHMENT A</u>

CERTIFICATE FOR DRAWING

[Date]

[Name and address of financial institution]

Re: Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. [number issued by financial institution]

The undersigned, a duly Authorized Representative of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife ("CDFW"), as defined in paragraph 12 in the above-referenced standby letter of credit ("Credit"), hereby certifies to the Issuer that:

- 1. [Insert one of the following statements: "In the opinion of CDFW, the Applicant has failed to complete the Mitigation Requirements referenced in paragraph 3 of the Credit." or "As set forth in paragraph 13, the Issuer has informed CDFW that the Credit will not be extended and the Applicant has not provided CDFW with an equivalent security approved by CDFW to replace the Credit."]
- 2. The undersigned is authorized under the terms of the Credit to present this Certificate as the sole means of demanding payment on the Credit.
- CDFW is therefore making a drawing under the Credit in amount of U.S.
 \$______.
- 4. The amount demanded does not exceed the Principal Sum of the Credit.

Therefore, CDFW has executed and delivered this Certificate as of this ____day of [month], [year].

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[Insert one of the following: "Director" or "General Counsel" or "Regional Manager, [Name of Regional Office]" or "Chief, Habitat Conservation Planning Branch"]

ATTACHMENT B

CERTIFICATE FOR CANCELLATION

[CDFW Letterhead]

[Date]

[Name and address of financial institution]

Re: Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No. [number issued by financial institution]

The undersigned, a duly Authorized Representative of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife ("CDFW"), as defined in the paragraph 12 in the above-referenced Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit ("Credit"), hereby certifies to the Issuer that:

- [Insert one of the following statements: "The Applicant has presented documentary evidence of full compliance with the Mitigation Requirements referenced in paragraph 3 of the Credit." or "The Applicant has provided CDFW with an equivalent security approved by CDFW to replace the Credit."]
- 2. CDFW therefore requests the cancellation of the Credit.

Therefore, CDFW has executed and delivered this Certificate for Cancellation as of this ____ day of [*month*], [*year*].

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[Insert one of the following: "Director" or "General Counsel" or "Regional Manager, [Name of Regional Office]" or "Chief, Habitat Conservation Planning Branch"]

	Attachment A1-3	
ATTACHMENT 4	Mitigation Payment Transmittal Form	

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State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

MITIGATION PAYMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

1. DATE:

DFW 1057 (REV.05/18/21)

Project Applicant Instructions: Please fill out and attach this form to payment. For conservation banks, also attach the Bill(s) of Sale for credits sold. One form may be used for multiple transactions, BUT YOU MUST USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH CHECK YOU TRANSMIT. Make sure to include Project Name, Project Tracking Number, and ASB Mitigation Tracking Number (if available) on the attached payment type.

2. FROM:

I. DAIL	Name
TO: Regional Manager	Mailing Address
Region Office Address	City, State, Zip
	Telephone Number/FAX Number
3. RE: Project Name as appears on permit/agreem	cont
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4. AGREEMENT/ACCOUNT INFORMATION: (check the	e applicable type)
·	NCCP ☐ 1802 Agreement ☐ 1600 Agreement ☐ Other
	1000 Agreement Gottler
Project Tracking Number	
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Check information:	
Total \$ Cl	heck No
Account No Ba	ank Routing No
a. Endowment: for Long-Term Managem	ent Subtotal \$
b. Habitat Enhancement	Subtotal \$
c. Security:	
Cash Refundable Section	urity Deposit Subtotal \$
2. Letter of Credit	Subtotal \$
1. Financial Institutio	on:
2. Letter of Credit No	umber:
ACCOUNTING OFFICE USE ONLY	
Description	FI\$Cal Coding
Speedchart (Project, Program, Reference, Fund)	
Reporting Structure	
Category	
Date Established:	

Please send this form to asbmitigation@wildlife.ca.gov