



**California Department of Fish and Wildlife
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California Endangered Species Act
Amended Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2023-009-04
(Amendment No. 2)

LINE 7055 RECOAT AND ANODE INSTALL PROJECT

I. Authority:

This California Endangered Species Act (CESA) incidental take permit (ITP) is issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2081, subdivisions (b) and (c), and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 783.0 et seq. CESA prohibits the take¹ of any species of wildlife designated by the California Fish and Game Commission as an endangered, threatened, or candidate species.² However, CDFW may authorize the take of any such species by permit pursuant to the conditions set forth in Fish and Game Code section 2081, subdivisions (b) and (c) (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 783.4).

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Amended ITP³ Background:

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*) and San Joaquin antelope squirrel (*Ammospermophilus nelsoni*) (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.

¹ Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 86, “take’ means hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill.” (See also *Environmental Protection Information Center v. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection* (2008) 44 Cal.4th 459, 507 [for purposes of incidental take permitting under Fish and Game Code section 2081, subdivision (b), “take’ ... means to catch, capture or kill”].)

² The definition of an endangered, threatened, and candidate species for purposes of CESA are found in Fish and Game Code sections 2062, 2067, and 2068, respectively.

³ When this incidental take permit and attachments refer to the “ITP”, it means the “Amended ITP” unless the context dictates otherwise.

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 fulfill compensatory mitigation requirements. Permittee 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. Permittee 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. On September 25, 2023, CDFW issued Amendment No. 1 (a Major Amendment).

On March 30, 2024, CDFW received an official request from the Permittee and the corresponding fee payment on March 26, 2024, for a Major Amendment to the ITP to expand the Project footprint, add a temporary parking area, extend the expiration date of the ITP by six months, and to modify the scope of work to include the excavation of a pipeline that is interfering with the cathodic protection of line 7055.

CDFW now reissues this ITP including the revised provisions in Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2 (Collectively, the Amended ITP). The Amended ITP includes all of the operative provisions as of the effective date of this Amended ITP. Attachment 5 to this Amended ITP shows the specific red-line changes made to the original ITP and Amendment No.1 as a result of Amendment No. 2.

II. Effective Date and Expiration Date of this Amended ITP:

The original ITP was executed in duplicate original form and became effective when a duplicate original was acknowledged by signature of the Permittee on the last page of the original ITP and returned to CDFW's Habitat Conservation Planning Branch. The original ITP's effective date was March 27, 2023. This remains the effective date for the original take authorization. This amended ITP shall become effective as of the date signed by CDFW below. Unless renewed by CDFW, this Amended ITP and its authorization to take the Covered Species shall expire on **September 30, 2024**.

Notwithstanding the expiration date on the take authorization provided by this ITP, Permittee's obligations pursuant to this ITP do not end until CDFW accepts as complete the Permittee's Final Mitigation Report required by Condition of Approval 4.9 of this ITP.

III. Project Location:

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 1A and Figure 2A). The Project is comprised of one Work Area: eTS 38145. The

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Work Area is defined as the discrete zone where Project-related activities, including staging areas, will actively occur for the Project.

The eTS 38145 Work Area located approximately 2 miles southeast of Derby Acres near SR 33. The approximate center of the site is at latitude 35.231322°N, longitude -119.571417°W. This Work Area occurs within the Fellows USGS 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle map on land owned by Aera Energy, LLC, APN 183-170-04, within Township 31 South, Range 22 East, Section 13, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (Figures 5 and 6).

IV. Project Description:

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 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 38145

This Project includes installation of a deep well anode, rectifier, and remote monitoring unit (RMU) along Line 7055 at Milepost 3.47 within the eTS 38145 Work Area. Construction will involve drilling an anode well and installing a 10-inch diameter anode and associated wires within the well, and new panelboard-mounted appurtenances, including a rectifier, junction box, RMU, meter, safety disconnect box, and a new electrical distribution pole (Figure 6).

The Project will begin with vegetation removal and preparation of this Work Area, including the staging areas. Once the site is prepared, initial ground-disturbing activities will include drilling the anode well and installing the anode wires in the well. The anode well will be drilled to a depth of approximately 500 feet using a truck-mounted mud and rotary drill rig. Following the drilling of the well, excavations and trenches for the panelboard, electrical pole, and anode and structure wires will be dug, followed by installation of the equipment. In addition to the anode wire conduits, a 2-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) well vent pipe will be installed. The anode wire conduit and vent pipe trench will be approximately 1-foot wide by 59-foot long by 2-foot deep and will run from the well to the panelboard. The structure wire conduit will be approximately 1-foot wide by 3-foot long by 2-foot deep and run from the panelboard to a bell hole over Line 7055. The bell hole will be approximately 4-foot wide by 4-foot long by 7-foot deep.

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A pole truck with an approximately 18-inch auger will be used to install, at a depth of five feet, the approximately one-foot diameter new electrical distribution pole that will be owned by SoCalGas. Power to the anode junction box and new pole will be obtained by installing approximately 100 feet of overhead power line from an existing Pacific Gas and Electric Company-owned power pole located just southeast of the panelboard. The trenches and bell hole will initially be excavated by backhoe with hand tools being used as the excavation approaches the pipeline. The total area to be excavated will be approximately 239 cubic feet. Excavations will be backfilled by hand and backhoe, primarily with the native excavated spoils; however, if native soil does not provide suitable bedding for the pipe, clean, imported fill may be used. Unused drilling spoils will be collected using a vacuum truck and mud pit tank and hauled to the nearest landfill for disposal.

Additionally, excavation of a pipeline that is interfering with Line 7055 will occur to install structure wire connections via a new bond box on the panelboard frame installed as part of the initial Project description. The trench for the structure wire conduits to the pipeline will be approximately 1-foot wide by 2-foot deep by 80-foot long and will run from the bond box on the existing panelboard to a bell hole over the interfering pipeline. The bell hole for the interfering pipeline will be approximately 5-foot wide by 5-foot long by 7-foot deep. The total excavation area for the proposed work totals approximately 335 cubic feet for a Project total of 574 cubic feet of excavation. Excavations will be backfilled by hand and backhoe, primarily with the native excavated spoils; however, if native soil does not provide suitable bedding for the pipe, clean, imported fill may be used.

Project activities within the eTS 38145 Work Area are anticipated to result in approximately 15,246 square feet (0.35 acre) of temporary disturbance to accommodate operation of the drill rig, anode well, excavation, equipment staging, and maneuvering, and approximately six (6) square feet (0.00014 acre) of permanent disturbance to accommodate installation of pole-mounted rectifier and junction box. The total disturbance at this Work Area will be up to approximately 15,252 square feet (0.35 acre).

In total, the Project will occur within an area of approximately 0.35 acre, of which 0.299 acre is comprised of existing disturbed/developed areas and/or roadways and 0.06 acre is comprised of annual grassland and saltbush scrub land cover types. The staging areas identified within 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. The total staging area for the Project will be comprised of designated locations within the Work Area and a 0.22-acre temporary parking area. The temporary parking area is composed of old asphalt pavement. Access to the 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,

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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 the Work Area are expected to last approximately one to two months from mobilization to completion.

V. Covered Species Subject to Take Authorization Provided by this ITP:

This ITP covers the following species:

<u>Name</u>	<u>CESA Status</u> ⁴
1. San Joaquin antelope squirrel (<i>Ammospermophilus nelsoni</i> ; SJAS)	Threatened ⁵

This species and only this species is the “Covered Species” for the purposes of this ITP.

VI. Impacts of the Taking on Covered Species:

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; 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

⁴ Under CESA, a species may be on the list of endangered species, the list of threatened species, or the list of candidate species.

⁵ See Cal. Code Regs. tit. 14 § 670.5, subd. (b)(6)(B).

way as required by this ITP. The area where authorized take of the Covered Species is expected to occur is Work Area eTS 38145 and access roads (Project Area).

The Project is expected to cause the permanent loss of 0.00014 acre and the temporary loss of 0.35 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.

VII. Incidental Take Authorization of Covered Species:

This ITP authorizes incidental take of the Covered Species and only the Covered Species. With respect to incidental take of the Covered Species, CDFW authorizes the Permittee, its employees, contractors, and agents to take Covered Species incidentally in carrying out the Covered Activities, subject to the limitations described in this section and the Conditions of Approval identified below. This ITP does not authorize take of Covered Species from activities outside the scope of the Covered Activities, take of Covered Species outside of the Project Area, take of species that are not Covered Species in this ITP (e.g., San Joaquin kit fox), take of Covered Species resulting from violation of this ITP, or intentional take of Covered Species except for capture and relocation of Covered Species as authorized by this ITP.

VIII. Conditions of Approval:

Unless specified otherwise, the following measures apply to all Covered Activities within the Project Area, including areas used for vehicular ingress and egress, staging and parking, and noise and vibration generating activities that may/will cause take. CDFW's issuance of this ITP and Permittee's authorization to take the Covered Species are subject to Permittee's compliance with and implementation of the following Conditions of Approval:

- 1. Legal Compliance:** Permittee shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws in existence on the effective date of this ITP or adopted thereafter.
- 2. ITP Time Frame Compliance:** Permittee shall fully implement and adhere to the conditions of this ITP within the time frames set forth below and as set forth in the

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Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), which is included as Attachment 1 to this ITP.

3. General Provisions:

- 3.1. Designated Representative.** Before starting Covered Activities, Permittee shall designate a representative (Designated Representative) responsible for communications with CDFW and overseeing compliance with this 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 this ITP.
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3. Designated Biologist(s)/Designated Monitor(s) Authority.** To ensure compliance with the Conditions of Approval of this ITP, the Designated Biologist(s)/Designated Monitor(s) shall immediately stop any activity that does not comply with this 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

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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. Failure to notify 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 this ITP.

- 3.4. 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 this 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.
- 3.5. 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 this 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.
- 3.6. Trash Abatement.** 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.
- 3.7. Dust Control.** Permittee shall implement dust control measures during Covered Activities to facilitate visibility for monitoring of the Covered Species by the

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Designated Biologist. Permittee shall keep the amount of water used to the minimum amount needed and shall not allow water to form puddles.

- 3.8.** Erosion Control Materials. 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.
- 3.9.** Dogs. 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.
- 3.10.** Wildfire Avoidance. 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 the Condition of Approval 3.4.
- 3.11.** 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.
- 3.12.** Delineation of Habitat. 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.
- 3.13.** 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 this ITP, among other reasons, if additional take of Covered Species will occur as a result of the Project modification.

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- 3.14. Staging Areas.** Permittee shall confine all Project-related parking, storage areas, laydown sites, equipment storage, and any other surface-disturbing activities to the Work Area using, to the extent possible, previously disturbed areas. Additionally, Permittee shall not use or cross Covered Species' habitat outside of the marked Work Area unless provided for as described in the Condition of Approval 3.13.
- 3.15. 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.
- 3.16. 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 this ITP.
- 3.17. 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.
- 3.18. Rodenticide Use.** Permittee shall prohibit the use of rodenticides in the Project Area.

4. Monitoring, Notification and Reporting Provisions:

- 4.1. 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.
- 4.2. 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 this ITP, including but not limited to any actual or anticipated failure to implement measures within the time periods indicated in this ITP and/or the 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 this ITP and suggested measures to remedy the situation.
- 4.3. 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

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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 this 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.

- 4.4. 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 this 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.
- 4.5. 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:
- (1) minimize incidental take of the Covered Species;
 - (2) prevent unlawful take of species;
 - (3) check for compliance with all measures of this 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 this ITP.

- 4.6. 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 the Condition of Approval 4.7. The Relocation Summary in the Final Mitigation Report described in the Condition of Approval 4.9 shall include cumulative results, analysis of data collected, and conclusions.
- 4.7. Monthly Compliance Report.** The Designated Representative or Designated Biologist shall compile the observation and inspection records identified in the Conditions of Approval 4.5 and 4.6 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 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.
- 4.8. CNDDDB Observations.** The Designated Biologist shall submit all observations of Covered Species to CDFW's California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) within 10 calendar days of the observation and the Designated Biologist shall include copies of the submitted forms with the next Monthly Compliance Report.

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4.9. 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 the Condition of Approval 4.7. 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 the 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 this 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.

4.10. 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.

5. Take Minimization Measures: The following requirements are intended to ensure the minimization of incidental take of Covered Species in the Project Area during Covered Activities. Permittee shall implement and adhere to the following conditions to minimize take of Covered Species:

5.1. Designated Biologist On Site. 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.

5.2. 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).

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- 5.3.** Lighting. 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 Work Area between sunset and sunrise unless authorized in writing from CDFW. Temporary, exterior, fixed lighting at the Work Area shall be turned on only when people are present. Permittee shall not install permanent lighting within the Project Area.
- 5.4.** Delineation of Ingress and Egress Routes. 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.
- 5.5.** 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.
- 5.6.** Vehicle Parking. 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 the Condition of Approval 5.20. Vehicles left overnight shall be located at least 50 feet from all Covered Species burrows.
- 5.7.** 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 4.3.
- 5.8.** Stockpiling Materials. 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.
- 5.9.** 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.
- 5.10.** 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

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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 Plans required in Condition of Approval 4.3.

- 5.11. 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 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 SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan required in Condition of Approval 4.3.
- 5.12. 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

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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.

- 5.13. 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 4.3.
- 5.14. 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 5.20. Permittee shall maintain Environmentally Sensitive Area markers in good repair for the duration of the Covered Activities in each 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.
- 5.15. Vegetation Removal.** 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.
- 5.16. 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

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Representative at least three (3) calendar days prior to beginning Covered Activities in 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 Condition of Approval 4.6.

- 5.17. 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.
- 5.18. 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.

SJAS-Specific Measures

- 5.19. 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 5.20.
- 5.20. 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

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to the CDFW-approved release site identified in the SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan as described in Condition of Approval 4.3. 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.

- 5.21. 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 4.10. Notification shall include the name of the facility where the animal was taken.

6. 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 0.35 acre of HM lands or provide at least 0.35 Covered Species credits from a CDFW approved mitigation bank prior to initiating Covered Activities.

- 6.1. Covered Species Credits.** Covered Species Credits. If the Permittee elects to purchase Covered Species credits to complete compensatory mitigation obligations, then Permittee shall purchase at least 0.35 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. 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.

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- 6.2. Habitat Management Lands and Acquisition Protection.** 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. **Fee Title.** 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 third-party 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(j) 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. **HM Lands Documentation.** 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

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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=137386&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

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plan approved by CDFW. After obtaining CDFW approval of the HM lands, Permittee shall provide long-term 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 6.3.4. 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. Identify an Endowment Manager. 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. Capitalization Rate and Fees. 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. Endowment Buffers/Assumptions. 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. Three Years Delayed Spending. 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. Transfer Long-term Endowment Funds. 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. 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.

7.2. 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.

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- 7.3. 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.
- 7.4. Security Holder. The Security shall be held by CDFW or in a manner approved in advance in writing by CDFW.
- 7.5. 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.
- 7.6. 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.
- 7.7. 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:

For Credit Purchase

- Copy of Bill of Sale(s) and Payment Receipt(s) or Credit Transfer Agreement for the purchase of Covered Species credits; and
- Timely submission of all required reports.

For Habitat Management Land Acquisition

- 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 18 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.

IX. Amendment:

This ITP may be amended as provided by California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 783.6, subdivision (c), and other applicable law. This ITP may be amended without

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the concurrence of the Permittee as required by law, including if CDFW determines that continued implementation of the Project as authorized under this ITP would jeopardize the continued existence of the Covered Species or where Project changes or changed biological conditions necessitate an ITP amendment to ensure that all Project-related impacts of the taking to the Covered Species are minimized and fully mitigated.

X. Stop-Work Order:

If CDFW determines the Permittee has violated any term or condition of this ITP or has engaged in unlawful take, CDFW may issue Permittee a written stop-work order instructing the Permittee to suspend any Covered Activity for an initial period of up to 30 days or risk suspension or revocation of this ITP. CDFW can issue a stop-work order to prevent or remedy a violation of this ITP, including but not limited to the failure to comply with reporting or monitoring obligations, or to prevent the unauthorized take of any CESA endangered, threatened, or candidate species, regardless of whether that species is a Covered Species under this ITP. Permittee shall stop work immediately as directed by CDFW upon receipt of any such stop-work order. Upon written notice to Permittee, CDFW may extend any stop-work order issued to Permittee for a period not to exceed 30 additional days.

If Permittee fails to remedy the violation or to comply with a stop-work order, CDFW may proceed with suspension and revocation of this ITP. Suspension and revocation of this ITP shall be governed by California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 783.7, and any other applicable law. Neither the Designated Biologist nor CDFW shall be liable for any costs incurred in complying with stop-work orders.

XI. Compliance with Other Laws:

This ITP sets forth CDFW's requirements for the Permittee to implement the Project pursuant to CESA. This ITP does not necessarily create an entitlement to proceed with the Project. Permittee is responsible for complying with all other applicable federal, state, and local law.

XII. Notices:

Written notices, reports and other communications relating to this ITP shall be delivered to CDFW by email or registered first class mail at the following address, or at addresses CDFW may subsequently provide the Permittee. Notices, reports, and other communications shall reference the Project name, Permittee, and ITP Number (2081-2023-009-04) in a cover letter and on any other associated documents.

Original cover with attachment(s) to:

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
1234 East Shaw Avenue
Fresno, California 93710
Telephone (559) 243-4005
R4CESA@wildlife.ca.gov

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and a copy to:

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

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

Shaelyn Latronica
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
1234 East Shaw Avenue
Fresno, California 93710
Telephone (559) 246-2584
Shaelyn.Latronica@wildlife.ca.gov

XIII. Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act:

As the public agency which has the principal responsibility of approving the Line 7055 Recoat and Anode install Project (Pub. Resources Code, § 210CDFW67), CDFW is the lead agency for the Project for purposes of complying with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 *et seq.*). CDFW has determined that this Project is exempt from CEQA because it is an action "necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency." (Pub. Resources Code, §21080, subd. (b)(4).) and "necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare, including those that require a reasonable amount of planning to address an anticipated emergency" Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §15269, subd. (b). CDFW has filed a Notice of Exemption for the Project.

XIV. Findings Pursuant to CESA:

These findings are intended to document CDFW's compliance with the specific findings requirements set forth in CESA and related regulations. (Fish & G. Code § 2081, subs. (b)-(c); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 783.4, subds, (a)-(b), 783.5, subd. (c)(2).)

CDFW finds based on substantial evidence in the ITP application, and the administrative record of proceedings, that issuance of this ITP complies and is consistent with the criteria governing the issuance of ITPs pursuant to CESA:

- (1) Take of Covered Species as defined in this ITP will be incidental to the otherwise lawful activities covered under this ITP;
- (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

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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 0.35 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;

- (3) The take avoidance and mitigation measures required pursuant to the conditions of this ITP and its attachments are roughly proportional in extent to the impacts of the taking authorized by this ITP;
- (4) The measures required by this ITP maintain Permittee's objectives to the greatest extent possible;
- (5) All required measures are capable of successful implementation;
- (6) This ITP is consistent with any regulations adopted pursuant to Fish and Game Code sections 2112 and 2114;
- (7) Permittee has ensured adequate funding to implement the measures required by this ITP as well as for monitoring compliance with, and the effectiveness of, those measures for the Project; and
- (8) Issuance of this ITP will not jeopardize the continued existence of the Covered Species based on the best scientific and other information reasonably available, and this finding includes consideration of the species' capability to survive and reproduce, and any adverse impacts of the taking on those abilities in light of (1) known population trends; (2) known threats to the species; and (3) reasonably foreseeable impacts on the species from other related projects and activities. Moreover, CDFW's finding is based, in part, on CDFW's express authority to amend the terms and conditions of this ITP without concurrence of the Permittee as necessary to avoid jeopardy and as required by law.
- (9) CDFW finds that this Amendment is a Major Amendment, as defined in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 783.6, subdivision (c)(5).
- (10) Issuance of this Amendment will increase the amount of take of the Covered Species compared to the Project as originally approved; The additional impacts of the taking will be minimized and fully mitigated through the Conditions of approval set forth in the ITP. It is not expected that this Amendment will increase Project impacts on

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these species (i.e., “impacts of taking” as used in Fish and Game Code Section 2081, subd. (b)(2)).


(11) Issuance of this Amendment does not affect CDFW’s previous determination that issuance of the ITP meets and is otherwise consistent with the permitting criteria set forth in Fish and Game Code section 2081, subdivisions (b) and (c).

XV. Attachments:

FIGURE 1A	Project Regional Location Map
FIGURE 2A	Project Area Map
FIGURE 3	(INTENTIONALLY DELETED)
FIGURE 4	(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
ATTACHMENT 5	Major Amendment No. 2 with Track Changes

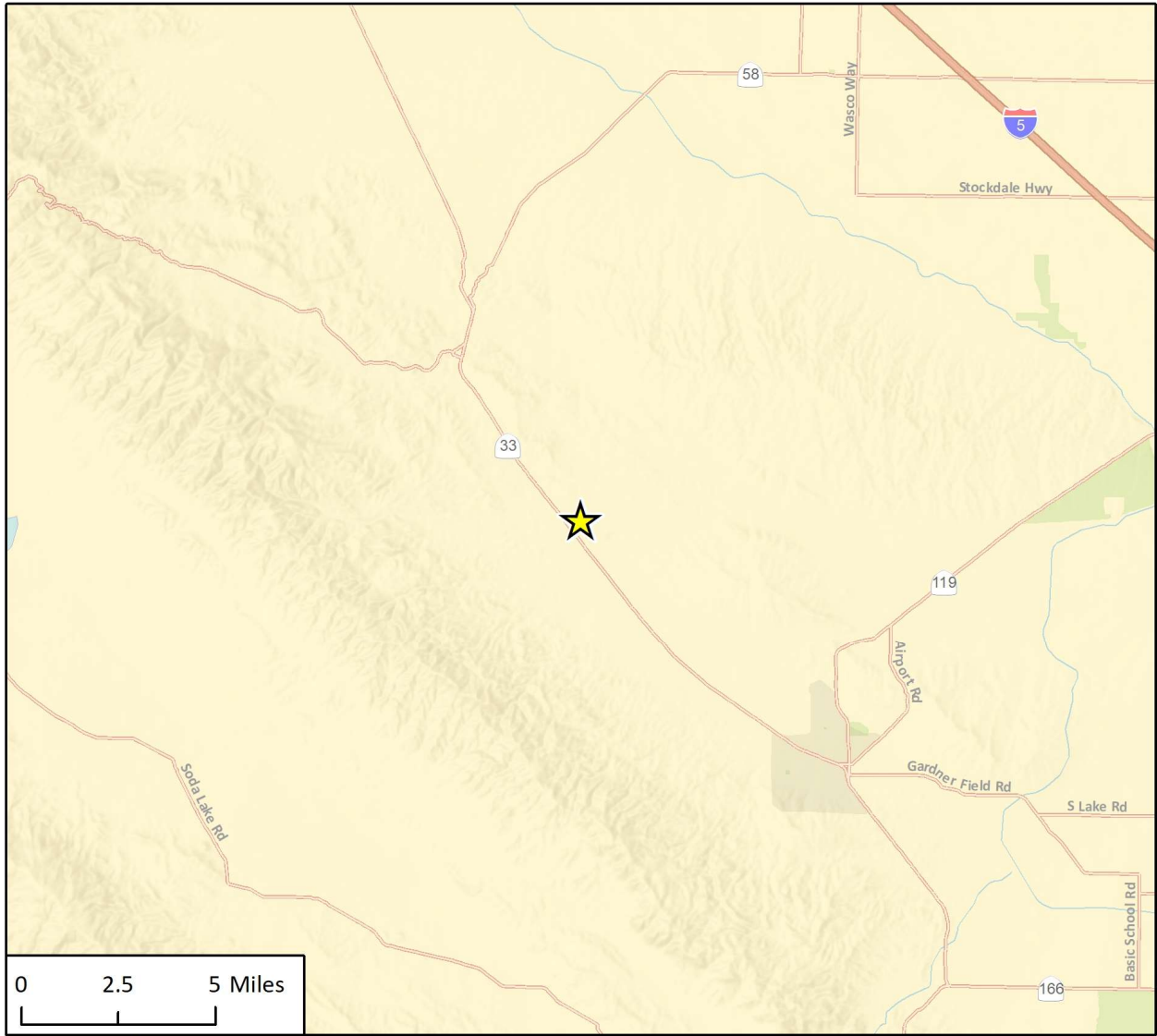
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Figure 1A. Project Regional Location Map



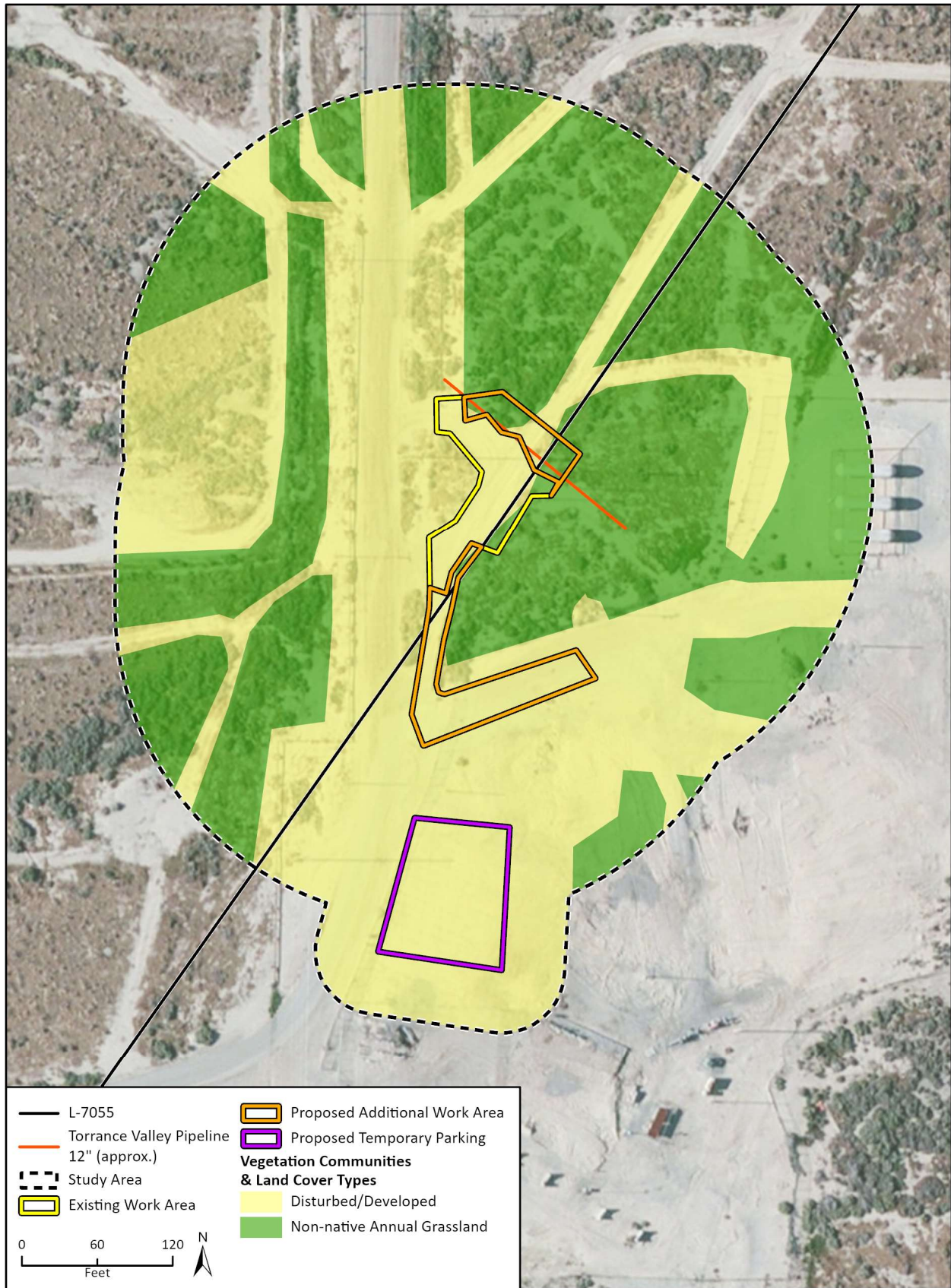
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★ Project Location



Fig 1. Regional Location

Figure 2A. Project Area Map



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Revised Regional & Site Maps

Figure 5. eTS 38145 Work Area Detailed Overview Map Line 7055 Recoat and Anode Install Project

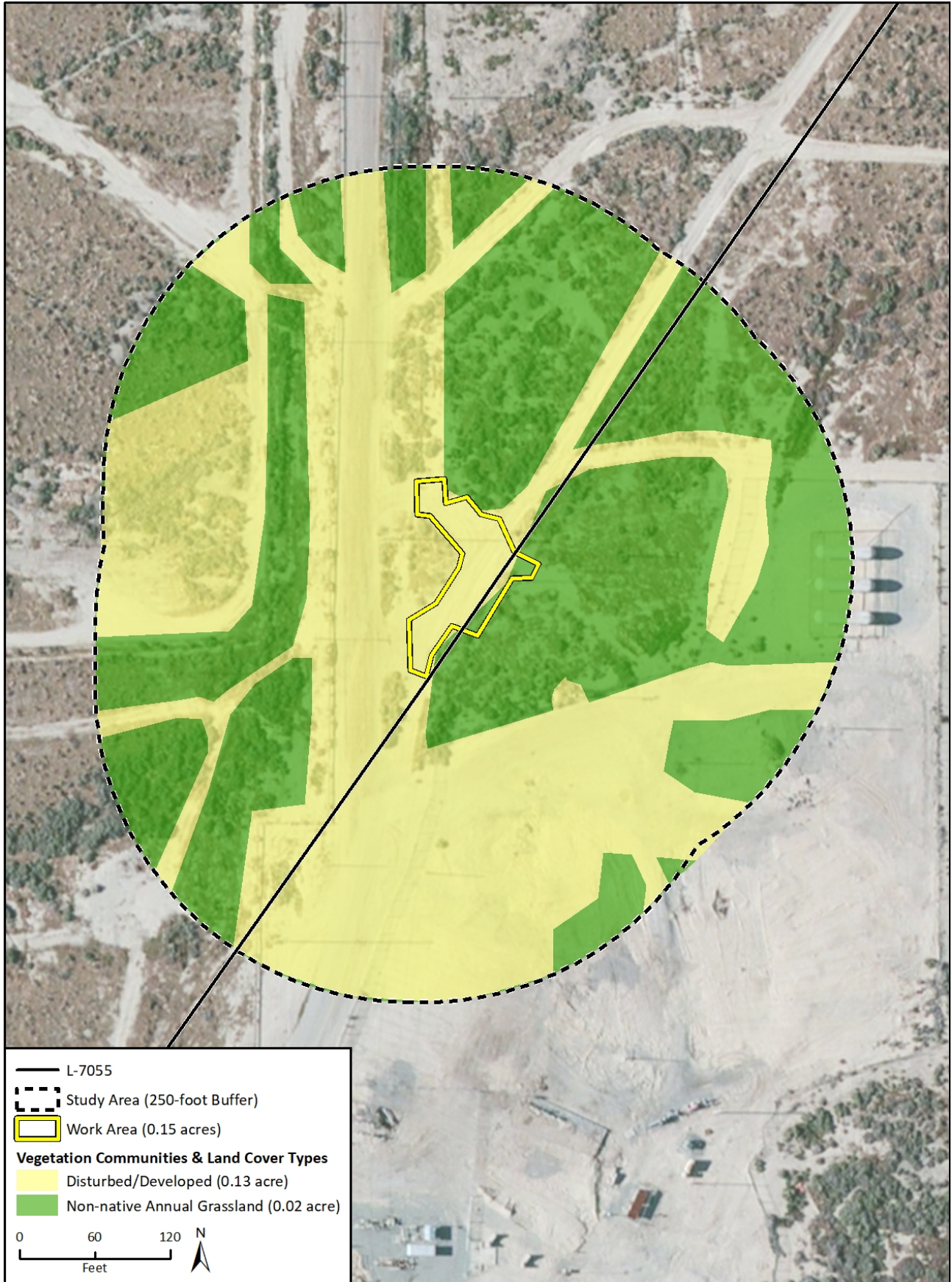
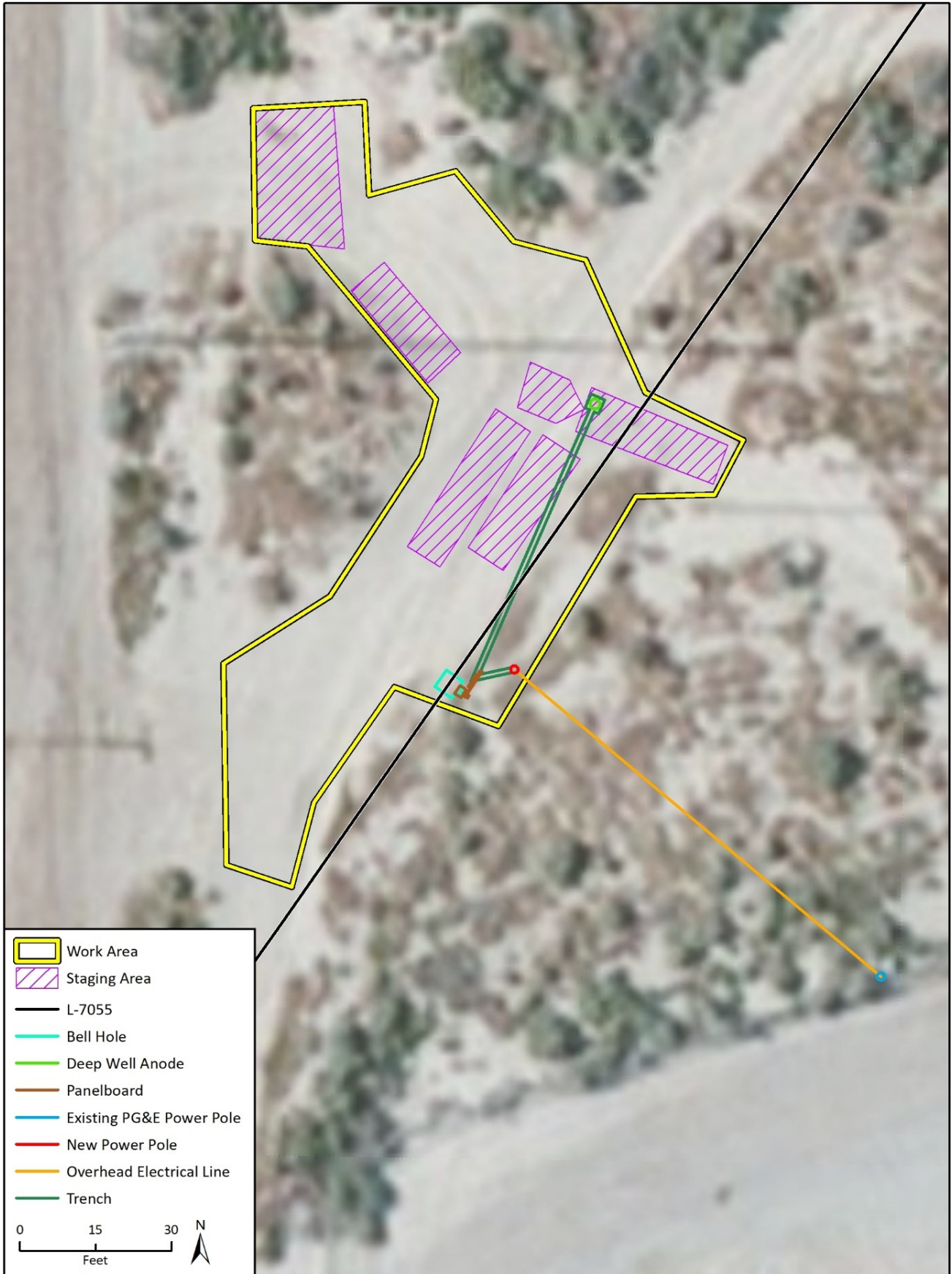


Figure 6. eTS 38145 Work Area Project Components



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	Implementation Schedule	Responsible Party	Status / Date / Initials
BEFORE DISTURBING SOIL OR VEGETATION					
1	<u>Designated Representative</u> . 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	<u>Designated Biologist(s) and Designated Monitor(s)</u> . 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	<u>Education Program</u> . 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	

	Mitigation Measure	Source	Implementation Schedule	Responsible Party	Status / Date / Initials
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	<u>Delineation of Property Boundaries</u> . 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	<u>Notification Before Commencement</u> . 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	<u>SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan</u> . 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 # 4.3	Before commencing ground- or vegetation-disturbing activities	Permittee	
10	<u>Geographic Information Systems Data Files</u> . 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 # 4.4	Before commencing ground- or vegetation-disturbing activities	Permittee	

	Mitigation Measure	Source	Implementation Schedule	Responsible Party	Status / Date / Initials
11	<u>Record of Covered Species Relocated.</u> 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 # 4.6	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	<u>Delineation of Environmentally Sensitive Areas.</u> 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 5.19. 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	<u>Covered Species Pre-Activity Surveys and Burrow Mapping.</u> 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	

	Mitigation Measure	Source	Implementation Schedule	Responsible Party	Status / Date / Initials
16	<u>Temporary Exclusion Fencing</u> . Permittee shall install <u>trenchless</u> 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	<u>Temporary Exclusion Fencing Installation</u> . 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	<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 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 # 5.19	Before commencing ground- or vegetation-disturbing activities / Entire Project	Designated Biologist	
19	<u>SJAS Burrow Excavation</u> . 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 # 5.20	Before commencing ground- or vegetation-disturbing activities	Designated Biologist	
20	<u>Habitat Management Land Acquisition</u> . 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 0.35 acre of HM lands or provide at least 0.35 Covered Species credits from a CDFW approved mitigation bank prior to initiating Covered Activities.	ITP Condition # 6	Before commencing ground- or vegetation-disturbing activities	Permittee	

	Mitigation Measure	Source	Implementation Schedule	Responsible Party	Status / Date / Initials
21	<p><u>Covered Species Credits</u> 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.</p>	ITP Condition # 6.1	Before commencing ground- or vegetation-disturbing activities	Permittee	
22	<p><u>Security</u>. 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:</p> <p><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.</p> <p><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.</p> <p><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.</p> <p><u>Security Holder</u>. The Security shall be held by CDFW or in a manner approved in advance in writing by CDFW.</p> <p><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.</p> <p><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.</p> <p><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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p>	ITP Conditions # 7 – 7.7	Before commencing ground- or vegetation-disturbing activities	Permittee	

	Mitigation Measure	Source	Implementation Schedule	Responsible Party	Status / Date / Initials
DURING CONSTRUCTION					
23	<u>Designated Biologist(s)/Designated Monitor(s) Authority.</u> 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. Failure to notify 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	<u>Construction Monitoring Documentation.</u> 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	<u>Project Access.</u> 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	<u>Staging Areas.</u> 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	

	Mitigation Measure	Source	Implementation Schedule	Responsible Party	Status / Date / Initials
30	<u>Hazardous Waste</u> . 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.	ITP Condition # 3.15	Entire Project	Permittee	
31	<u>CDFW Access</u> . 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.	ITP Condition # 3.16	Entire Project	Permittee	
32	<u>Rodenticide Use</u> . Permittee shall prohibit the use of rodenticides in the Project Area.	ITP Condition # 3.18	Entire Project	Permittee	
33	<u>Notification of Non-compliance</u> . 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.	ITP Condition # 4.2	Entire Project	Permittee / Designated Biologist	
34	<u>Compliance Monitoring</u> . 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: (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.	ITP Condition # 4.5	Entire Project	Permittee / Designated Biologist	

	Mitigation Measure	Source	Implementation Schedule	Responsible Party	Status / Date / Initials
35	<u>Monthly Compliance Report</u> . 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 # 4.7	Entire Project	Permittee	
36	<u>CNDDDB Observations</u> . The Designated Biologist shall submit all observations of Covered Species to CDFW's California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) within 10 calendar days of the observation and the Designated Biologist shall include copies of the submitted forms with the next Monthly Compliance Report.	ITP Condition # 4.8	Entire Project	Designated Biologist	
37	<u>Notification of Take or Injury</u> . 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 # 4.10	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	<u>Work Hours</u> . 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	<u>Equipment Fueling</u> . 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	

	Mitigation Measure	Source	Implementation Schedule	Responsible Party	Status / Date / Initials
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	<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 SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan required in Condition of Approval 4.4.	ITP Condition # 5.7	Entire Project	Permittee	
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.	ITP Condition # 5.8	Entire Project	Permittee	
45	<u>Soil Stockpiles</u> . 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.	ITP Condition # 5.9	Entire Project	Permittee	
46	<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 SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan required in Condition of Approval 4.4.	ITP Condition # 5.10	Entire Project	Permittee	

	Mitigation Measure	Source	Implementation Schedule	Responsible Party	Status / Date / Initials
47	<u>Excavation Inspection.</u> 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 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 SJAS Mortality Reduction and Relocation Plan required in Condition of Approval 4.4.	ITP Condition # 5.11	Entire Project	Designated Biologist	
48	<u>Pipes and other Structures Entrapment Prevention.</u> 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	<u>Covered Species Observations.</u> 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	<u>Covered Species Injury.</u> 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 # 5.21	Entire Project	Permittee / Designated Biologist	

	Mitigation Measure	Source	Implementation Schedule	Responsible Party	Status / Date / Initials
POST-CONSTRUCTION					
51	<u>Refuse Removal</u> . 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	<u>Final Mitigation Report</u> . 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 # 4.9	Post-construction	CDFW	

Attachment 2

***** Please Note: While use of this form is not mandatory, CDFW strongly recommends completing this form as it will ensure the receipt of adequate information and expedite CDFW review of biologist's qualifications. *****

Name of Biologist & Contact Information

Education: (include year graduated)

Training/Workshops: (be prepared to provide copies of certificates upon request; these should be related to the Covered Species (or similar species) in the Incidental Take Permit)

Certifications: (please provide any copies of a CDFW Scientific Collecting Permit, MOU, or USFWS 10(a)(1)(A) permit; these should be related to the Covered Species (or similar species) in the Incidental Take Permit)

Species Name #1: (Example: San Joaquin Antelope Squirrel)

Project Name #1: (list the information below for all projects (separately) where biologist worked with this species; projects may be listed more than once under each separate species and please only include projects on the resume that demonstrate experience with the Covered Species in the ITP)

Location:

Project date completed: To and from date

Incidental Take Permit (ITP) # (and Other Agency Permits):

Lead biologist Information: Name and contact information (phone number and email address)

Reference: Name and contact information, if different from above (phone number and email address)

Work description:

Estimated Survey/Trapping Hours:

Estimated Monitoring Hours:

Individuals Observed: # of adults and # of juveniles

Individuals Handled: # of adults and # of juveniles

Burrows excavated:

Project Name #2:

Location:

Project date completed: To and from date

Incidental Take Permit (ITP) # (and Other Agency Permits):

Lead biologist Information: Name and contact information (phone number and email address)

Reference: Name and contact information, if different from above (phone number and email address)

Work description:

Estimated Survey/Trapping Hours:

Estimated Monitoring Hours:

Individuals Observed: # of adults and # of juveniles

Individuals Handled: # of adults and # of juveniles

Burrows excavated:

Project Name #3: ...

Species Name #2: (Example: Other Similar Species only/other ground squirrel species)

Project Name #1: (list the information below for all projects (separately) where the biologist worked with this species)

Location:

Project date completed: To and from date

Incidental Take Permit (ITP) # (and Other Agency Permits):

Lead biologist Information: Name and contact information (phone number and email address)

Reference: Name and contact information, if different from above (phone number and email address)

Work description:

Estimated Trapping Hours:

Estimated Monitoring Hours:

Precincts/Burrows Observed:

Individuals Observed: # of adults and # of juveniles

Individuals Handled: # of adults and # of juveniles

Burrows Excavated:

Project Name #2:

Location:

Project date completed: To and from date

Incidental Take Permit (ITP) # (and Other Agency Permits):

Lead biologist Information: Name and contact information (phone number and email address)

Reference: Name and contact information, if different from above (phone number and email address)

Work description:

Estimated Trapping Hours:

Estimated Monitoring Hours:

Precincts/Burrows Observed:

Individuals Observed: # of adults and # of juveniles

Individuals Handled: # of adults and # of juveniles

Burrows Excavated:

Project Name #3: ...

Include any other relevant information to the Covered Species or implementation of Conditions of Approval in the ITP

Attachment 3

[Financial institution letterhead]

IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT
NO. **[number issued by financial institution]**

Issue Date: **[date]**

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:

1. 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").
2. 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").
3. 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.
7. 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]

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Telephone: _____

ATTACHMENT A

CERTIFICATE FOR DRAWING

[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 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.
3. 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]**.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

[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:

1. [**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**].

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
MITIGATION PAYMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM
 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.

<p>1. DATE: _____</p> <p>TO: _____ Regional Manager</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Region Office Address</p>	<p>2. FROM: _____ Name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Mailing Address</p> <p>_____</p> <p>City, State, Zip</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Telephone Number/FAX Number</p>
<p>3. RE: _____ Project Name as appears on permit/agreement</p>	

4. AGREEMENT/ACCOUNT INFORMATION: (check the applicable type)

2081 Permit Conservation Bank 2835 NCCP 1802 Agreement 1600 Agreement Other _____

Project Tracking Number

5. PAYMENT TYPE (One check per form only): The following funds are being remitted in connection with the above referenced project:

Check information:

Total \$ _____ Check No. _____

Account No. _____ Bank Routing No. _____

a. Endowment: for Long-Term Management Subtotal \$ _____

b. Habitat Enhancement Subtotal \$ _____

c. Security:

1. Cash Refundable Security Deposit Subtotal \$ _____

2. Letter of Credit Subtotal \$ _____

1. Financial Institution: _____

2. Letter of Credit Number: _____

3. Date of Expiration: _____

ACCOUNTING OFFICE USE ONLY	
Description	FI\$Cal Coding
Speedchart (Project, Program, Reference, Fund)	
Reporting Structure	
Category	
Date Established: _____ By: _____	

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

Attachment 5

Amended Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2023-009-04-A2 (Amendment No. 2)

1. Amended ITP³ Background:

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*) and San Joaquin antelope squirrel (*Ammospermophilus nelsoni*) (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.

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 fulfill compensatory mitigation requirements. Permittee 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. Permittee 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. On September 25, 2023, CDFW issued Amendment No. 1 (a Major Amendment).

On March 30, 2024, CDFW received an official request from the Permittee and the corresponding fee payment on March 26, 2024, for a Major Amendment to the ITP to expand the Project footprint, add a temporary parking area, extend the expiration date of the ITP by six months, and to modify the scope of work to include the excavation of a pipeline that is interfering with the cathodic protection of line 7055.

CDFW now reissues this ITP including the revised provisions in Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 2 (Collectively, the Amended ITP). The Amended ITP includes all of the operative provisions as of the effective date of this Amended ITP. Attachment 5 to this Amended ITP shows the specific red-line changes made to the original ITP and Amendment No.1 as a result of Amendment No. 2.

³ When this incidental take permit and attachments refer to the "ITP", it means the "Amended ITP" unless the context dictates otherwise.

2. The Effective Date and Expiration Date of this ITP has been amended to read as follows:

The original ITP was executed in duplicate original form and became effective when a duplicate original was acknowledged by signature of the Permittee on the last page of the original ITP and returned to CDFW's Habitat Conservation Planning Branch. The original ITP's effective date was March 27, 2023. This remains the effective date for the original take authorization. This amended ITP shall become effective ~~when as of the date~~ signed by ~~all parties and received by CDFW as described in the Notices section of this ITP. CDFW below.~~ Unless renewed by CDFW, this Amended ITP and its authorization to take the Covered Species shall expire on ~~March~~September 30, 2024.

Notwithstanding the expiration date on the take authorization provided by this ITP, Permittee's obligations pursuant to this ITP do not end until CDFW accepts as complete the Permittee's Final Mitigation Report required by Condition of Approval 4.~~409~~ of this ITP.

3. The Project Location has been amended to read as follows:

The Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) Line 7055 Recoat ~~An~~and Anode Install Project (Project) is located near the community of Derby Acres within Kern County, California (Figure ~~41A and Figure 2A~~). The Project is comprised of one Work Area: eTS 38145. The Work Area is defined as the discrete zone where Project-related activities, including staging areas, will actively occur for the Project.

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4. The Project Description has been amended to read as follows:

Additionally, excavation of a pipeline that is interfering with Line 7055 will occur to install structure wire connections via a new bond box on the panelboard frame installed as part of the initial Project description. The trench for the structure wire conduits to the pipeline will be approximately 1-foot wide by 2-foot deep by 80-foot long and will run from the bond box on the existing panelboard to a bell hole over the interfering pipeline. The bell hole for the interfering pipeline will be approximately 5-foot wide by 5-foot long by 7-foot deep. The total excavation area for the proposed work totals approximately 335 cubic feet for a Project total of 574 cubic feet of excavation. Excavations will be backfilled by hand and backhoe, primarily with the native excavated spoils; however, if native soil does not provide suitable bedding for the pipe, clean, imported fill may be used.

Project activities within the eTS 38145 Work Area are anticipated to result in approximately ~~6,433,246~~ square feet (0.~~4535~~) acre) of temporary disturbance to accommodate operation of the drill rig, anode well, excavation, equipment staging, and maneuvering, and approximately six (6) square feet (0.00014 acre) of permanent disturbance to accommodate installation of pole-mounted rectifier and junction box. The total disturbance at this Work Area will be up to approximately ~~6,439,252~~ square feet (0.~~4535~~) acre).

In total, the Project will occur within an area of approximately 0.~~4535~~ acre, of which 0.~~43299~~ acre is comprised of existing disturbed/developed areas and/or roadways and ~~0.020,06~~ acre is comprised of annual grassland and saltbush scrub land cover types. The staging areas identified within 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. The total staging area for the Project will be comprised of designated locations within the Work Area and a 0.22-acre temporary parking area. The temporary parking area is composed of old asphalt pavement. Access to the Work Area will be from existing paved and dirt access roads off SR 33. These existing roads will not require grading or improvements.

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5. The Impacts of the Taking on Covered Species have been amended to read as follows:

The Project is expected to cause the permanent loss of 0.00014 acre and the temporary loss of 0.~~4535~~ 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.

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6. The Habitat Management Land Acquisition section has been amended to read as follows:

To meet this requirement, the Permittee shall provide the permanent protection and perpetual management of 0.~~4735~~ acre of HM lands or provide at least 0.~~4735~~ Covered Species credits from a CDFW approved mitigation bank prior to initiating Covered Activities.

- 6.1 Covered Species Credits.** Covered Species Credits. If the Permittee elects to purchase Covered Species credits to complete compensatory mitigation obligations, then Permittee shall purchase at least 0.~~4735~~ 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. 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.

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7. The Findings Pursuant to CESA have been amended to read as follows:

- (8) 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 0.1735 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;
- (9) CDFW finds that this Amendment is a Major Amendment, as defined in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 783.6, subdivision (c)(5).
- (10) Issuance of this Amendment will increase the amount of take of the Covered Species compared to the Project as originally approved; The additional impacts of the taking will be minimized and fully mitigated through the Conditions of approval set forth in the ITP. It is not expected that this Amendment will increase Project impacts on these species (i.e., "impacts of taking" as used in Fish and Game Code Section 2081, subd. (b)(2)).
- (11) Issuance of this Amendment does not affect CDFW's previous determination that issuance of the ITP meets and is otherwise consistent with the permitting criteria set forth in Fish and Game Code section 2081, subdivisions (b) and (c).

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8. The Attachment section has been amended to read as follows:

FIGURE 4 <u>1A</u>	Project Regional Location Map
<u>FIGURE 2A</u>	<u>Project Area Map</u>
<u>FIGURE 3</u>	<u>(INTENTIONALLY DELETED)</u>
<u>FIGURE 4</u>	<u>(INTENTIONALLY DELETED)</u>
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
<u>ATTACHMENT 5</u>	<u>Major Amendment No. 2 with Track Changes</u>