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Notification of Project Receiving Environmental Review

Date: November 9, 2009
Case No.: 2007.1129E
Project Address: Rehabilitation of the Existing San Joaquin Pipelines
Portions of Tuolumne, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin Counties, including
the Cities of Riverbank and Modesto
Zoning: Various
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is proposing the Rehabilitation of the Existing San Joaquin Pipelines Project (project or proposed project). The project consists of condition assessment, repair, rehabilitation, and maintenance of segments of the existing San Joaquin Pipelines. The San Joaquin Pipelines are a part of the SFPUC's regional water system, providing water to the Bay Area from the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir. The San Joaquin Pipelines include three large-diameter pipelines that carry water nearly 48 miles across the San Joaquin Valley, and connect the Oakdale Portal in western Tuolumne County to the Coast Range Tunnel in western San Joaquin County. The San Joaquin Pipelines traverse portions of Tuolumne, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin counties, including the cities of Riverbank and Modesto. The project has several components, including condition assessment of the existing pipelines; repair or replacement of segments of the existing pipelines, as needed; installation of cathodic protection; and system maintenance.

Construction activities associated with the proposed project would occur within existing SFPUC facility boundaries and would not require the acquisition of new property. Project construction activities would be ongoing and intermittent, beginning in 2010 and continuing through 2030. Construction activities and duration would also vary along the pipeline alignment.

This project is separate and distinct from the San Joaquin Pipeline System Project, which is now under construction in some of the areas of the proposed project. Separate environmental review has already been completed for the San Joaquin Pipeline System Project. The San Joaquin Pipeline System Project Final Environmental Impact Report is available for public review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103, Case Number 2007.0118E, and State Clearinghouse Number 2007032138.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The proposed project is being studied by the Planning Department's Major Environmental Analysis section to determine its potential environmental effects. No environmental documents have been issued for this project. Public comments concerning the potential environmental effects of this project are welcomed. For your concerns to be fully considered or to ensure your receipt of future environmental review documents for this project, **please contact the staff identified above by November 23, 2009**. This notice is routinely sent to potentially interested parties. Anyone receiving this notice is encouraged to pass on this information to others who may have an interest in the project.

Environmental review provides information on physical environmental effects and does not make recommendations on the project itself. Other review or approval actions may be required for the project. These actions may involve further public notification and public hearings. If you have comments on the proposed project that pertain to matters other than physical environmental effects, please note the file number and call Espe Greenwood at (415) 551-4527.