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Approval Date: April 23, 2019
Case No.: 2016-006868ENV
State Clearinghouse No.: 2019012018
Project Title: SFPUC Reliable Power Project
Zoning: Various
Project Location: Portions of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Rights of Way in Stanislaus, Mariposa, and Tuolumne Counties
Lot Size: NA
Lead Agency: San Francisco Planning Department
Project Sponsor: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
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Attached fee:

\$57 filing fee AND \$2,354.75 Negative Declaration Fee paid in San Francisco County; receipt attached.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) proposes to implement the Reliable Power Project (proposed project) for maintaining the reliability of the SFPUC's electrical transmission system between the Holm and Kirkwood Powerhouses and the Warnerville Substation. The project includes implementation of a long-term vegetation management program that would address the North American Electric Reliability Corporation's reliability standard (FAC-003) and other regulatory requirements that seek to minimize the risk of power outages and fires from vegetation contact with transmission lines on or near the right of way for electrical transmission lines¹. In addition to implementation of the vegetation management program, the proposed project would include repairs and replacements for culverts

¹ More information available at:

<https://www.nerc.com/pa/Stand/Pages/Project-2010-07-1-Vegetation-Management.aspx>

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associated with transmission line access roads and construction of a sand storage shed to stockpile sand for winter road treatments needed for access during winter months.

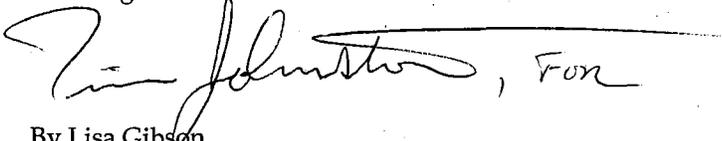
Construction activities associated with the proposed project would occur within existing SFPUC facility and right of way boundaries in Stanislaus County, Mariposa County, and Tuolumne County, and would not require the acquisition of new property. Project implementation involving vegetation management would be ongoing. Construction activities and duration for culvert repair and/or replacement would vary along the transmission corridor, but would be short-term in nature, generally requiring a few of days to a couple of weeks to complete. Construction of the sand storage shed would take approximately one month.

DETERMINATION:

The City and County of San Francisco decided to carry out or approve the project on April 23, 2019 (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission Resolution No. 19-0084). A copy of the document may be examined at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103, [Case File no. 2016-006868ENV].

1. A Negative Declaration has been prepared pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. It is available to the public and may be examined at the Planning Department at the above address.
2. A determination has been made that the project in its approved form will not have a significant effect on the environment.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of project approval.

John Rahaim
Planning Director

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By Lisa Gibson
Environmental Review Officer

cc: Antonia Sivyver (SFPUC)