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DRAFT RESOLUTION

Before the Planning Commission in and for the County of Monterey, State of California

In the matter of the application of:

DUKE ENERGY MOSS LANDING LLC (VISTRA ENERGY) (PLN180394)

RESOLUTION NO. ----

Resolution by the Monterey County Planning Commission:

- 1. Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration;
- 2. Approving a Combined Development Permit consisting of a:
 - a. Coastal Administrative Permit amending the Moss Landing Power Plant Master Plan to change the use within an existing building from storage of electric generating turbines to establish of a 20-year life span battery energy storage system, and
 - b. Coastal Administrative Permit for development within 750 feet of a known archaeological site for the excavation and placement of the substation, replacement of an existing transformer, installation of new inverters and transformers on-site, and grading of approximately 3,750 cubic yards of cut; and
- 3. Adopting a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

[PLN180394, Duke Energy Moss Landing LLC, 11283 Dolan Road, Moss Landing, North County Land Use Plan, Moss Landing Community Plan (Assessor's Parcel Number: 133-181-011-000)]

The VISTRA ENERGY application (PLN180394) came on for a public hearing before the Monterey County Planning Commission on May 8, 2019. Having considered all the written and documentary evidence, the administrative record, the staff report, oral testimony, and other evidence presented, the Monterey County Planning Commission finds and decides as follows:

FINDINGS

- 1. **FINDING: CONSISTENCY** The project, as conditioned, is consistent with the applicable plans and policies which designate this area as appropriate for development.
 - **EVIDENCE:** a) The project has been reviewed for consistency with the text, policies, and regulations in:
 - 1982 Monterey County General Plan (General Plan);
 - North County Land Use Plan (NC LUP);
 - Moss Landing Community Plan (MLCP), Chapter 5 of the NC LUP;
 - Monterey County Coastal Implementation Plan, Part 2 (CIP);
 - Monterey County Zoning Ordinance (Title 20);

No conflicts were found to exist. The subject property is located within the coastal zone; therefore, the 2010 Monterey County General Plan does not apply.

- Allowed Use. The subject property is located at 11283 Dolan Road, b) Moss Landing (Assessor's Parcel Number 133-181-011-000). The land use designation of the property is Heavy Industrial, Coastal Dependent as shown in MLCP Figure 2, Land Use Plan map. Zoning of the property is Heavy Industrial, Coastal Zone or "HI(CZ)". Title 20 Section 20.28.050.G allows uses accessory to industrial uses in the Heavy Industrial District. The project is for the establishment of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) within an existing building and accessory components (substation, inverters, and transformers) adjacent to the building to allow storage of energy received at the site. The project includes the installation of approximately 200,000 battery modules for the battery energy storage, 200 inverters/converters for the power conversion system and supporting infrastructures for the substation. As explained in Finding 2, Evidence "a" below, the project is supportive of the existing power generation and transmission use on the site and is, therefore, accessory to the established use.
- Coastal Dependent. MLCP Figure 2 identifies the land use c) designation for the subject property as a Heavy Industrial – Coastal Dependent. MLCP Section 5.2.1.A – Coastal Dependent Industry, describes existing industries in Moss Landing and states that they "are generally dependent for their existence upon a location near the coastline, and as such are considered 'coastal dependent'. These industries include commercial fishing, aquaculture, energy facilities and manufacturing facilities." This section recognizes that coastal dependent facilities shall be encouraged to expand within existing sites, and shall be allowed for growth consistent with the protection of the area's natural resources. MLCP Section 5.2.1.A.2 identifies full buildout of the Moss Landing Power Plant and refers to policies contained in MLCP Section 5.5 for upgrading energy facilities. CIP Section 20.144.160.C.1.a states that coastal dependent industrial facilities should be encouraged to expand within existing sites before

off-site expansion shall be considered. The project is to establish a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) within an existing industrial site. The BESS has three components: a batter energy storage, a power conversion system and a substation. The project is to re-use an existing three-story building, which previously housed power generating turbines, to store the batter energy storage. The power conversion system and substation will be located adjacent to the building within a paved and previously disturbed area. The land use designation requires coastal dependent uses, MLCP identifies energy facility as coastal dependent; therefore, the project is consistent with land use requirements for energy facilities and industrial development within the MLCP.

- d) Master Plan. MLCP general policy 5.5.2.2 states that future expansions, improvements or other development shall be considered in accordance with master plans for the industrial facilities at the Moss Landing Power Plant. NC CIP Section 20.144.060.C.1.c requires amendments to the master plans for uses, expansions and other development not inconformity with the approved master plan. As such, the applicant has amended the master plan (see attached) to include the use of storing renewable energy. The project would be within the previously disturbed footprint of former power generation units. The project is sited within an area that is planned and zoned for industrial development. The amendment to the master plan would include the projects approved for the subject property from 2000-2017 and the use for battery energy storage. Therefore, the project, as conditioned, is consistent with the MLCP and NC CIP. The Moss Landing Power Plant Master Plan encompasses the entire 137.5 acre site. This amendment functionally is adding the use to the overall allowed uses on the site. The amendment is specific as to the location of the project, which is contained within and adjacent to the threestory building, which formerly housed the power generating turbines. This amendment is not adding any new impact areas to the Master Plan, as the entirety of the project is on previously developed land.
- e) <u>Lot Legality</u>. The subject property (137.5 acres) was created through a Minor Subdivision (PLN970371) approved by the County and filed by Parcel Map recorded in Volume 20, Parcel Maps, Page 64.
- f) <u>Review of Development Standards.</u> MLCP Chapter 5.5, Moss Landing Community Plan – Energy Facilities and Industrial Development contain policies that allow for the expansion and modernization of the existing energy facility and industrial use on the property and is implemented by General Development Standards contained in CIP Section 20.144.160.C, Energy Facilities and Industrial Development. The project is consistent with both development policies and standards because the project is contained within the existing development area of the established industrial site and is supportive of efficient energy production and storage. In

accordance with CIP Section 20.144.160.C.1.c, the Moss Landing Power Plant Master Plan is amended herein to include the BESS project.

- Design. MLCP Chapter 5.6, Moss Landing Community Plan Visual **g**) Resources and Community Character provides polices for protection of scenic and visual resources of the area, specifically in the Public Viewshed. These policies are implemented through regulation contained in CIP Section 20.144.160.D. A project site is considered to be in the Public Viewshed if any portion of the proposed development is visible from or impedes the visual access to the Moss Landing Community, harbor and dunes west from Highway 1 or any other public viewing area. The project is located on an adjacent property to Highway 1 to the east. Staff inspected the site and surrounding areas and determined that site improvements would not be visible from and would not impede views of the community, harbor, or dunes. Existing development on the property is industrial and the project components located outside of the existing building are consistent with the industrial character of the site. As discussed in Evidence "I", no objections to aesthetics were made by the North County Land Use Advisory Committee.
- h) <u>Public Access.</u> The project meets applicable public access requirements. See Finding 6 and supporting evidence.
- Archaeological Resources. NC LUP Key Policy 2.9.1 and MLCP i) General Policy 5.6.2.4 requires the protection of archaeological resources in the area. These policies are implemented through regulations found in CIP Section 20.144.110. Mounty County resource information indicates that the development is within a high archaeological zone and within 750 feet of a positive archaeological site. Consistent with these policies and regulations, an archaeological report was submitted (see Finding 2, Evidence "c") which concluded that the area of site disturbance is outside of the delineated positive archaeological site. Due to the history of disturbance on the site and previous archaeological reports prepared, the archaeologist assumed that it would be unlikely that resources exist in the project area. However, exploratory digging within the excavation area was not feasible as it was covered with asphalt. Therefore, this entitlement includes a Coastal Administrative Permit to allow development within 750 feet of a positive archaeological site.
- <u>Biological Resources.</u> NC LUP Key Policy 2.3.1 identifies environmentally sensitive habitats areas (ESHA) in North County as unique, limited, and fragile which necessitate protection, maintenance, enhancement, and where possible restoration. Implementing regulations in CIP Section 20.144.040 require submittal of a biological survey for developments located within, potentially located in, or within 100-feet of ESHA, as shown on current resource maps, or through the planner's onsite investigation.

Monterey County Geographic Information System (GIS) contains metadata from the California Natural Diversity Database which indicates the potential for western snowy plover, bank swallow, short-eared owl, longfin smelt, Congdon's tarplant, burrowing owl, and California red-legged frog to be onsite. The existing conditions of the site, which consists of an operating energy facility, are not considered ESHA (see subsequent Evidence "m"). Pavement and structures are found within a 300-foot radius of the development area outside of the existing building. GIS data indicates that the project area is approximately 2,500 liner feet from potential for California red-legged frog habitat. Based on this information, and consistent with the applicable regulations, staff determined that submittal of a biological report with the application was not required. See Finding 5, Evidence "e" for additional discussion on biological resources.

Traffic/Transportation. MLCP Policy 5.5.2.7 identifies Dolan Road k) as a major access point onto the property to reduce traffic hazards along Highway 1. The project is consistent with this policy because primary vehicular access is provided by an existing driveway off Dolan Road, approximately 3/4 of a mile east of the Highway 1 and Dolan Road intersection; secondary access, for egress only, is located approximately 550 feet east of Highway 1 off Dolan Road; and tertiary access, for emergency services only, is located over 800 feet from the intersection of Highway 1 and Dolan Road, directly off Highway 1. The operational component of the project would utilize the current employees on the site. To address temporary construction traffic, the project establishes a maximum limit of 420 temporary employees for construction, resulting in a temporary maximum daily peak of 924 daily vehicle trips. In accordance with Section 20.144.120 of the CIP, the project application included a traffic assessment (Finding 2, Evidence "c"). In addition, the application includes a preliminary Construction Management Plan (CMP) to address the temporary increase in traffic. The temporary nature of the construction traffic and implementation of the CMP would ensure traffic does not impact congested intersections or road segments by avoiding peak hour trips, routing traffic away from Highway 1, and avoiding additive traffic impacts from regular repair and maintenance activities at the site. RMA-Public Works has reviewed the preliminary CMP, as well as the entire project application, and found all acceptable. To ensure successful implementation of the CMP, RMA-Public Works recommended the project be conditioned requiring their approval of a final CMP prior to issuance of construction permits (Condition No. 11), compliance with the approved CMP be monitored during construction, and that compliance with the CMP is documented in a report to the RMA-Public Works prior to final clearance of construction permits.

- The project was referred to the North County Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) for review on November 7, 2018. The LUAC recommended approval of the project as proposed with a vote of 6 to zero, with 3 members absent.
- M) Staff conducted site inspections on September 18, 2018 and January 14, 2019 to verify that the project on the subject property conforms to the plans listed above.
- n) The application, plans, and supporting materials submitted by the project applicant to Monterey County RMA-Planning for the proposed development found in RMA-Planning File No. PLN180394.

2. **FINDING: SITE SUITABILITY** – The site is physically suitable for the proposed use.

- **EVIDENCE:** a) The project will establish a battery energy storage system within an existing energy facility illustrated in MLCP Figure 5, Energy Facilities & Industrial Development. This system is supportive of the existing electrical uses on the site as it will allow off-grid storage of energy transmitted to the site during off-peak use, which will then be supplied back into the grid during peak use. Therefore, the use is suitable for the site.
 - b) The project was reviewed by RMA-Planning, North County Fire Protection District, RMA-Public Works, RMA-Environmental Services and Environmental Health Bureau. There has been no indication from these departments/agencies that the site is not suitable for the proposed development. Conditions recommended have been incorporated.
 - c) Potential impacts to archaeological and tribal cultural resources, biological resources, soils, traffic/transportation and cumulative impact were identified. The following reports have been prepared and submitted with the application:
 - "Archaeological Sensitivity Assessment for the Moss Landing Battery Energy Storage System Project, Moss Landing Power Plant, Monterey County, California" (LIB180424) prepared by Lisa Holm, Senior Archaeologist, Pacific Legacy, Inc., Berkeley, CA, dated December 12, 2018.
 - "Response to CDFW Letter, February 21, 2019 Duke Energy Moss Landing (Project) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) SCH No.: 2019011067" dated March 7, 2019 (Monterey County File No. LIB190079) prepared by Andrea Edwards, Senior Biologist; Janet Walther, MS, Senior Biologist; Monterey, CA
 - "Revised Response to CDFW Letter, February 21, 2019 Duke Energy Moss Landing (Project) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) SCH No.: 2019011067" dated March 29, 2019 (Monterey County File No. LIB190088) prepared by Andrea Edwards, Senior Biologist; Janet Walther, MS, Senior Biologist; Monterey, CA

- "Literature Review for the Moss Landing Battery Energy Storage Project" (LIB190003) prepared by John Holson, Principal Investigator, Pacific Legacy, Inc., Berkeley, CA, dated September 4, 2018.
- "Geotechnical Report for Planning Purposes" (LIB190004)
 prepared by Michelle L. Hack, Program Manager, Sargent & Lundy Engineers, Ltd., Chicago, IL, dated September 7, 2018.
- "Moss Landing Power Plant Geologic Hazards Report" (LIB190005) prepared by Julian C. Isham, Geology Manager, P.G., C.E.G., C.H.G, CB&I, Sacramento, CA, dated March 2016.
- "Soil Management Plan: Parcels I, III, and IV. Moss Landing Power Plant" (LIB190007) prepared by Leon Gearhart, Senior Staff Scientist, Jacobson James & Associates, Inc., Roseville, CA, dated April 6, 2018.
- "Moss Landing Battery Energy Storage Project (PLN180394) Traffic Assessment and Construction Transportation Management Plan (CTMP)" (LIB190012) prepared by Keith B. Higgins, Traffic Engineer, PE, TE, Gilroy, CA, dated September 6, 2018.
- "Moss Landing Battery Energy Storage Facility Water Supply Assessment" (LIB190021) prepared by prepared by Michelle Hack, Sargent & Lundy Engineers, Ltd., Chicago, IL, dated September 7, 2018.
- d) The application, plans and supporting materials submitted by the project applicant to Monterey County RMA-Planning for the proposed development are found in Project File PLN180394.
- 3. **FINDING: HEALTH AND SAFETY** The establishment, maintenance, or operation of the project will not under the circumstances of this particular case be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort, and general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such proposed use, or be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the County.
 - **EVIDENCE:** a) The project was reviewed by RMA-Planning, RMA-Environmental Services, and Environmental Health Bureau. Conditions have been recommended, where appropriate, to ensure that the project will not have an adverse effect on the health, safety, and welfare of persons either residing or working in the neighborhood.
 - b) The project includes a fire safety plan in the event the energy storage batteries or their accessory components catch fire. The North County Fire Protection District has reviewed this plan, as well as the entire project application, and found it acceptable. No conditions of approval were recommended.

- c) The project includes a preliminary Construction Management Plan (CMP) to control construction traffic. RMA-Public works has reviewed this plan and a recommended condition of approval requiring submittal and approval of a final CMP has been incorporated (Condition No. 11). Compliance with the CMP and respective condition would address any temporary traffic hazard that may occur. See Finding 1, Evidence "k".
- d) Potable water is provided from existing service by the Moss Landing Mutual Water Company and wastewater services are provided through an on-site septic system. The project would not require intensification of these services provided.
- e) The project includes a change of use to establish a battery energy storage system within an existing industrial site. Existing facilities including parking, access, and other similar infrastructure are already provided on the site.
- f) The application, plans, and supporting materials submitted by the project applicant to Monterey County RMA-Planning for the proposed development found in RMA-Planning File No. PLN180394.
- 4. **FINDING: NO VIOLATIONS** The subject property is in compliance with all rules and regulations pertaining to zoning uses, subdivision, and any other applicable provisions of the County's zoning ordinance. No violations exist on the property.
 - **EVIDENCE:** a) Staff reviewed Monterey County RMA-Planning and RMA-Building Services records and is not aware of any violations existing on subject property.
 - b) The application, plans and supporting materials submitted by the project applicant to Monterey County RMA-Planning for the proposed development are found in Project File PLN180394.
- 5. **FINDING: CEQA** (**Mitigated Negative Declaration**) On the basis of the whole record before the Monterey County Planning Commission, there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project as designed, conditioned and mitigated will have a significant effect on the environment. The Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgement and analysis of the County.
 - **EVIDENCE:** a) Monterey County RMA-Planning prepared an Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in accordance with CEQA. The IS/MND is on file with RMA-Planning and is hereby incorporated by reference. The IS/MND was circulated for public review from January 29, 2018 through February 27, 2018 (SCH No. 2019011067).
 - b) Comments from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) were received during the public review comment period (see Evidence "e" and "f"). A comment was received from the Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD) after the comment period that

had comments in regards to construction and greenhouse gas emissions (see Evidence "d"). The comment from CDFW revealed information of special-status species identified on the subject property that was not available to the public. Analysis of this information identified potential for new avoidable significant effects to biological resources that was not previously disclosed in the original IS/MND (SCH No. 2019011067). In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15073.5, a lead agency is required to recirculate an initial study when the document must be substantially revised as defined in Section 15073.5 (b)(1). Only the Biological Resources, Land Use/Planning and Mandatory Finding sections have been identified to have a substantial revision and therefore, these sections were recirculated. The Re-Circulated IS/MND was prepared and circulated from April 5, 2019 through May 6, 2019. At the time the staff report was prepared and distributed to the Planning Commission, no comments were received.

- c) During environmental review, no impacts to aesthetics, agricultural and forest resources, energy, mineral resources, noise, population/housing, public services, recreation, utilities/service systems, and wildland fire hazards were identified.
- d) Potential impacts to air quality, cultural resources, geology/soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazard/hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, and land use planning were identified. Implementation of the respective NCLUP policies and regulations allow for incorporation of standard conditions of approval which would reduce potential impacts to these resources to a less than significant level.

A comment was received from the Monterey Bay Air Resources District (MBARD) after the public comment period. MBARD requested that the construction equipment use alternative fuels, if feasible, such as compressed natural gas (CNG), propane, electricity or biodiesel to reduce any diesel exhaust emissions and corresponding diesel exhaust odors. This has been incorporated into the project the Construction Management Plan standard condition of approval (Condition No. 11). Further, MBARD requested substantial evidence to determine the GHG emissions would be less than a significant level compared to the existing baseline conditions. The Initial Study disclosed the existing operational component of the Moss Landing Power Plant (MLPP) site. As discussed in Finding1, Evidence "k," the operational component of the project would not result in an increase of employees than what currently exists. There will not be any new employee vehicle trips and any maintenance would be incorporated into the normal maintenance schedule, which occurs several times a year. The project would have temporary GHG emission impacts resulting from the installation component of the project. As a part of the application materials provided, CalEEMod

Version 2016.3.2 was utilized to determine the amount of GHG emissions resulting from the project. Installation activities from the project are estimated to generate approximately 2,307.43 metric tons CO₂e (MT CO₂e) of unmitigated GHG emissions over a 14 month period (time of anticipated construction). The MBARD does not have a threshold of significance to compare the estimated results to; however, thresholds for regions within the area were used in this case. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District identifies a threshold for land use development projects of annual emission less than 1,100 metric tons per year. Amortization of approximately 2,307.43 MT CO₂e over the 20-year life expectancy of the project would result in approximately 115.37 MT CO₂e per year. Thus, impacts to GHG emissions would be less than a significant level.

e) Potential impacts to biological resources were identified. As discussed in Evidence "b" above, staff received a comment letter from CDFW identifying potential impacts to special-status species: California Tiger Salamander (CTS), Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander (SCLTS) and Peregrine Falcon and suggested eight (8) mitigation measures that would reduce potential impacts to these species. In response to CDFW's comments, the applicant submitted two (2) biological assessments (Finding 2, Evidence "c") which identified existing site conditions and compared these conditions to potential environmental changes resulting from project implementation. These assessments included discussion relative to previous surveys conducted by the applicant's biologist in 2016 for separate project, DeepWater Desal, located along the north side of Dolan Road, east of the existing MLPP, one mile east of the Battery Energy Storage System site. At that time (January 2017), one adult CTS was observed and captured, no SCLTS were observed. As part of these assessments, site investigations of the development area and vicinity were performed on August 13, 2018 and March 28, 2019, to determine the presence of CTS and SCLTS and the potential of suitable aquatic or upland habitat.

California Tiger Salamander (CTS) and Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander (SCLTS)

The California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) contains three occurrence records for SCLTS in the project vicinity, the nearest of which occurs 1.2 miles from the installation site in wetlands associated with Moro Cojo Slough. CDFW and the biological assessments revealed two sightings of CTS within the vicinity, approximately ³/₄ of a mile from the project site. Additionally, the project site and vicinity were recently assessed for the potential presence of suitable aquatic or upland CTS and SCLTS habitat. CTS have specific habitat requirements including freshwater ponds or inundated pools and adjacent or nearby burrow habitat. SCLTS

requires shallow ephemeral freshwater pools and breed near suitable upland habitat that include a moist area that organisms can survive through. Freshwater ponds, inundated pools and/or ephemeral freshwater pools have been identified on, and within, 100 feet of the subject property. Elkhorn Slough is located approximately one quarter mile north of the project site and the Moss Landing Harbor is located less than a quarter mile west of the project site, on the other side of Highway 1. The biologist observed small mammal burrows within 50 feet of the proposed substation within ruderal vegetation. Documented breeding and upland habitat for CTS and SCLTS is located approximately ³/₄ of a mile east if the project site. Further, the assessments notated two findings of CTS east of the Project site, one in 2002 and one in 2017. In order for these special-status species to migrate from this location to the actual Project site, they would encounter various barriers. The MLPP is an existing, operating industrial facility that has been functioning since 1949/1950. The MLPP currently has administration buildings and active/inactive power generating infrastructures and other supportive technology. The surveys conducted for the Project on August 13, 2018 and March 28, 2019 concluded that there were no findings of CTS and SCLTS within the Project site. However, construction activities would occur within the dispersal range of CTS and SCLTS and although it is unlikely for CTS and SCLTS to migrate from suitable habitat to the construction area or the two mammal burrows near the substation, there remains a slight possibility for this to occur. Therefore, a mitigation measure (Condition No. 18 - MM02 - CTS/SCLTS Environmental Education and Operational Program) to reduce potential impacts to less than significant level has been incorporated into the Project.

Peregrine Falcon

CDFW expressed the concern for potential impacts to PEFA. The March 7, 2019 biological letter identified the PEFA forages over open landscape, including urban areas, agricultural lands, harbors, salt marshes and grasslands. In 2015, observation of a nesting pair was spotted on one of the MLPP smokestacks as recorded in the CNDDB. This nesting activity occurred on the MLPP despite of the existing operational activities and generated noise. Project installation and noise would be similar to what is already existing on the site. Similar to CTS and SCLTS, the potential for the project to impact to this special-status specie is relatively low, when compared to the existing site conditions. In accordance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, a standard condition of approval (Condition No. 8) requiring a raptor/migratory bird nesting survey has been incorporated as part of the project. Implementation of this condition would ensure that the applicant retains a County approved and qualified biologist to perform a nest survey in order to determine if any active raptor or migratory birds' nests occur within the Project site or within 300 feet of the proposed grading. This standard Condition of Approval reduces any potential impacts to PEFA to a less than significant level, removing the need for a mitigation measure.

f) Potential impacts to transportation/traffic resulting from temporary construction traffic were identified (see Finding 1, Evidence "k" and Finding 3, Evidence "c"). The baseline traffic conditions of the site were determined by considering the holistic use of the subject property. Typically, there are between 30 to 60 employees at site and during routine repair and maintenance operations, there are approximately 420 employees at the site. Temporary construction traffic would increase vehicle traffic to and from the site, resulting in a potential impact. Impacts have been mitigated by design because the project includes a preliminary Construction Management Plan (CMP), prepared in consultation with a Traffic Engineer (Finding 2, Evidence "c"). The CMP contains strategies that would reduce or eliminate peak hour construction impacts and limit the amount of construction employees to ensure the traffic does not go beyond the baseline condition. A standard condition of approval recommended by RMA-Public Works has been incorporated requiring the applicant to submit a Final Construction Management Plan. This would ensure proper implementation of the CMP and monitoring of traffic during construction. With inclusion of the CMP, there will be less than significant impacts to traffic from temporary construction activities.

During circulation of the IS/MND (SCH No. 2019011067), staff received a comment letter from Caltrans. Caltrans expressed appreciation that CMP initiatives are proposed (see Finding 1, Evidence "j") and recommended that a monitoring plan or report be incorporated for the duration of construction of the project to evaluate the strategy and ensure compliance. The project has been condition (Condition No. 11) for the CMP to include a monitoring report to ensure compliance and prior to the final of a construction permit, a final report shall be submitted to RMA-Planning that documents the mitigation measures implemented and their success.

g) Potential impacts to tribal cultural resources were identified. Monterey County Geographic Information System (GIS) indicates that the development area is within an area of high archaeological sensitivity and in accordance with CIP Section 20.145.110.B.1.a, two archaeological assessments were prepared and submitted for the project. These assessments relied on previous studies prepared for MLPP as well as site specific reconnaissance and identified that the proposed excavation area for the substation has been previously disturbed from previous infrastructure installation to a depth of 20 feet.

The site is in the aboriginal territory of the Ohlone/Coastanoan-Esselen Nation (OCEN) and in accordance with Public Resource Code 21080.3.1, tribal consultation between OCEN and County Staff occurred on December 11, 2018. OCEN identified that the entire Moss Landing are is a sacred ground and they object to the excavation for the substation area in principal but understand that development will continue in the area and have requested the presence of a tribal monitor during excavation if it is allowed to proceed. This is consistent with CEQA examples of mitigation measures for tribal cultural resources; that the mitigation preference for historical and archaeological resources is preservation in place, if feasible. Staff worked with OCEN to identify other acceptable mitigations if avoidance would be infeasible. Because County records for previous permits on MLPP demonstrate that the area for proposed excavation of the substation had been previously disturbed, OCEN identified that if the area of the substation area had been previously disturbed and replaced with new soil, there would be no potential for impacts and mitigation would not be necessary. The project applicant and County staff could not provide substantial evidence to show the area has been filled with new soil. Therefore, OCEN recommended that a tribal monitor be present during the excavation of the substation area and if any artifacts are to be found, they must be provided to the tribe. Implementation of this recommended mitigation (Condition No. 17 – MM01) would reduce potential impacts to tribal cultural resources to a less than significant level.

- During environmental review, potential cumulative impacts to air h) quality, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards/hazardous materials, traffic and tribal cultural resource have been identified resulting from temporary construction activities. There are two (2) projects within the project site's proximity that were taken into consideration with the cumulative impact analysis. The "Elkhorn Battery Energy Storage System Project" or "PG&E", located on an adjacent property to the north (PLN180371) and an "RV and Boat Storage Project" or "McCombs" on Dolan Road east of the subject property (PLN160443). These two (2) projects including the Vistra Project, have the potential to create cumulative impacts; however, these impacts would be during the construction phase of the project and/or would not exceed threshold levels established in the CEQA Air Quality Guidelines and Air Quality Management Plan for the Monterey Bay Region. Therefore, these impacts are considered less than significant.
- i) All project changes required to avoid significant effects on the environment have been incorporated into the project and/or are made

conditions of approval. A Condition Compliance and Mitigation Monitoring and/or Reporting Plan has been prepared in accordance with Monterey County regulations and is designed to ensure compliance during project implementation. The applicant must enter into an "Agreement to Implement a Mitigation Monitoring and/or Reporting Program" as a condition of project approval (Condition No. 10).

- j) Staff analysis contained in the Initial Study and the record as a whole indicate the project could result in changes to the resources listed in Section 753.5(d) of the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) regulations. All land development projects that are subject to environmental review are subject to a State filing fee plus the County recording fee, unless the Department of Fish and Game determines that the project will have no effect on fish and wildlife resources. For purposes of the Fish and Game Code, the project may have a significant adverse impact on the fish and wildlife resources upon which the wildlife depends. Therefore, the project will be required to pay the State fee plus a fee payable to the Monterey County Clerk/Recorder for processing said fee and posting the Notice of Determination (NOD) (Condition No. 9).
- k) Monterey County RMA-Planning, located at 1441 Shilling Place, 2nd Floor, Salinas, California, 93901, is the custodian of documents and other materials that constitute the record of proceedings upon which the decision to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration is based.
- 6. **FINDING: PUBLIC ACCESS** The project is in conformance with the public access and recreation policies of the Coastal Act (specifically Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act of 1976, commencing with Section 30200 of the Public Resources Code) and does not interfere with any form of historic public use or trust rights.
 - **EVIDENCE:** a) No access is required as part of the project as no substantial adverse impact on access, either individually or cumulatively, as described in Section 20.144.150 of the CIP can be demonstrated.
 - b) No evidence or documentation has been submitted or found showing the existence of historic public use or trust rights over this property.
 - c) The subject project site is not located in an area requiring public access delineated in Moss Landing Community Plan Figure 4, Moss Landing Public Access and Recreation or North County Land Use Plan Figure 6, Shoreline Access/Trails.
 - d) Staff conducted site inspections on September 18, 2018 and January 14, 2019 and no public access areas were observed.
 - e) The application, plans and supporting materials submitted by the project applicant to Monterey County RMA-Planning for the proposed development are found in Project File PLN180394.
- 7. **FINDING: APPEALABILITY** The decision on this project may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors and the California Coastal Commission.

- **EVIDENCE:** a) <u>Board of Supervisors</u>. Pursuant to Title 20 Section 20.86.030, an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval for this project may be made to the Board of Supervisors by any public agency or person aggrieved by their decision.
 - b) <u>Coastal Commission</u>. Pursuant to Section 20.86.080.A of Title 20, the project is subject to appeal by/to the California Coastal Commission because it involves development that is permitted in the underlying zone as a conditional use (Development within 750 feet of known archaeological resources).

DECISION

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the above findings and evidence, the Planning Commission does hereby:

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- 2. Approve a Combined Development Permit consisting of a:
 - a. Coastal Administrative Permit amending the Moss Landing Power Plant Master Plan to change the use within an existing building from storage of electric generating turbines to establish of a 20-year life span battery energy storage system, and
 - b. Coastal Administrative Permit for development within 750 feet of a known archaeological site for the excavation and placement of the substation, replacement of an existing transformer, installation of new inverters and transformers on-site, and grading of approximately 3,750 cubic yards of cut. All of which are in general conformance with the attached sketch and subject to the attached conditions, all being attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and
- 3. Adopt a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of May 2019 upon motion of Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, by the following vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: ABSTAIN:

Brandon Swanson, Planning Commission Secretary

COPY OF THIS DECISION MAILED TO APPLICANT ON _____.

THIS APPLICATION IS APPEALABLE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

IF ANYONE WISHES TO APPEAL THIS DECISION, AN APPEAL FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED TO THE CLERK TO THE BOARD ALONG WITH THE APPROPRIATE FILING FEE ON OR BEFORE ______.

PLN180394 – DUKE ENERGY (VISTRA ENERGY CORP.)

THIS PROJECT IS LOCATED IN THE COASTAL ZONE AND IS APPEALABLE TO THE COASTAL COMMISSION. UPON RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION OF THE FINAL LOCAL ACTION NOTICE (FLAN) STATING THE DECISION BY THE FINAL DECISION MAKING BODY, THE COMMISSION ESTABLISHES A 10 WORKING DAY APPEAL PERIOD. AN APPEAL FORM MUST BE FILED WITH THE COASTAL COMMISSION. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT THE COASTAL COMMISSION AT (831) 427-4863 OR AT 725 FRONT STREET, SUITE 300, SANTA CRUZ, CA.

This decision, if this is the final administrative decision, is subject to judicial review pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Sections 1094.5 and 1094.6. Any Petition for Writ of Mandate must be filed with the Court no later than the 90th day following the date on which this decision becomes final.

NOTES

1. You will need a building permit and must comply with the Monterey County Building Ordinance in every respect.

Additionally, the Zoning Ordinance provides that no building permit shall be issued, nor any use conducted, otherwise than in accordance with the conditions and terms of the permit granted or until ten days after the mailing of notice of the granting of the permit by the appropriate authority, or after granting of the permit by the Board of Supervisors in the event of appeal.

Do not start any construction or occupy any building until you have obtained the necessary permits and use clearances from Monterey County RMA-Planning and RMA-Building Services offices in Salinas.

2. This permit expires 3 years after the above date of granting thereof unless construction or use is started within this period.

Monterey County RMA Planning

DRAFT Conditions of Approval/Implementation Plan/Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan

PLN180394

1. PD001 - SPECIFIC USES ONLY

Responsible Department: RMA-Planning

Condition/Mitigation This permit (PLN180394) allows an Amendment to the Moss Landing Power Plant **Monitoring Measure:** Master Plan consisting of an update to the existing and proposed uses and a Combined Development Permit consisting of a: 1.) Coastal Administrative Permit amending the Moss Landing Power Plant Master Plan to change the use within an existing building from storage of electric generating turbines to establish of a 20-year life span battery energy storage system, and 2.) Coastal Administrative Permit for development within 750 feet of a known archaeological site for the excavation and placement of the substation, replacement of an existing transformer, installation of new inverters and transformers on-site, and grading of approximately 3,750 cubic yards of cut. The property is located at 11283 Dolan Road, Moss Landing (Assessor's Parcel Number 133-181-011-000), Moss Landing Community Plan. This permit was approved in accordance with County ordinances and land use regulations subject to the terms and conditions described in the project file. Neither the uses nor the construction allowed by this permit shall commence unless and until all of the conditions of this permit are met to the satisfaction of the RMA Chief of Planning. Any use or construction not in substantial conformance with the terms and conditions of this permit is a violation of County regulations and may result in modification or revocation of this permit and subsequent legal action. No use or construction other than that specified by this permit is allowed unless additional permits are approved by the appropriate authorities. To the extent that the County has delegated any condition compliance or mitigation monitoring to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, the Water Resources Agency shall provide all information requested by the County and the County shall bear ultimate responsibility to ensure that conditions and mitigation measures are properly fulfilled. (RMA - Planning)

Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed: Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed:

2. PD002 - NOTICE PERMIT APPROVAL

Responsible Department: RMA-Planning

Condition/Mitigation The applicant shall record a Permit Approval Notice. This notice shall state:

"An Amendment to the Moss Landing Power Plant and Combined Development Permit (Resolution Number _____) was approved by the Monterey County Planning Commission for Assessor's Parcel Number 133-181-011-000 on May 8, 2019. The permit was granted subject to 18 conditions of approval which run with the land. A copy of the permit is on file with Monterey County RMA - Planning."

Proof of recordation of this notice shall be furnished to the RMA Chief of Planning prior to issuance of grading and building permits, Certificates of Compliance, or commencement of use, whichever occurs first and as applicable. (RMA - Planning)

Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed:

Ance or hitoring formed: Prior to the issuance of grading and building permits, certificates of compliance, or commencement of use, whichever occurs first and as applicable, the Owner/Applicant shall provide proof of recordation of this notice to the RMA - Planning.

3. PD003(A) - CULTURAL RESOURCES NEGATIVE ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORT

Responsible Department: RMA-Planning

Condition/Mitigation lf. during the course of construction, cultural, archaeological, historical or **Monitoring Measure:** paleontological resources are uncovered at the site (surface or subsurface resources) work shall be halted immediately within 50 meters (165 feet) of the find until a qualified professional archaeologist can evaluate it. Monterey County RMA - Planning and a archaeologist registered with the qualified archaeologist (i.e., an Register of Professional Archaeologists) shall be immediately contacted bv the responsible individual present on-site. When contacted, the project planner and the archaeologist shall immediately visit the site to determine the extent of the resources and to develop proper mitigation measures required for recovery. (RMA - Planning)

Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed: The Owner/Applicant shall adhere to this condition on an on-going basis.

Prior to the issuance of grading or building permits and/or prior to the recordation of the final/parcel map, whichever occurs first, the Owner/Applicant shall include requirements of this condition as a note on all grading and building plans. The note shall state "Stop work within 50 meters (165 feet) of uncovered resource and contact Monterey County RMA - Planning and a qualified archaeologist immediately if cultural, archaeological, historical or paleontological resources are uncovered."

When contacted, the project planner and the archaeologist shall immediately visit the site to determine the extent of the resources and to develop proper mitigation measures required for the discovery.

4. PD002(A) - ATTACH RESOLUTION TO CONSTRUCTION PLANS

Responsible Department: RMA-Planning

Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure: A copy of the Resolution of Approval (Resolution No. ***) for the Amendment to the Moss Landing Power Plant Master Plan and Combined Development Permit (Planning File No.: PLN180394) shall be incorporated onto the construction plans for the project prior to the issuance of a grading or building permit. The Contractor/Owner/Applicant shall be responsible for compliance with all conditions of approval. (RMA - Planning)

Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed: Prior to commencement of any grading or construction activities, the Owner/Applicant shall submit evidence to RMA-Planning for review and approval, that the Resolution of Approval, for the project, has been incorporated onto the construction plans for the project/approved development.

Ongoing throughout construction and until all Conditions of Approval and/or Mitigation Measures have been complied with, the Contractor/Owner/Applicant shall provide evidence of compliance with Conditions of Approval to the Responsible Land Use Department as specified in the "Condition of Approval Implementation Plan/Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Plan."

5. CC01 INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

Responsible Department: County Counsel

- Condition/Mitigation The property owner agrees as a condition and in consideration of approval of this **Monitoring Measure:** discretionary development permit that it will, pursuant to agreement and/or statutory provisions as applicable, including but not limited to Government Code Section 66474.9, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County of Monterey or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers or employees to attack, set aside, void or annul this approval, which action is brought within the time period provided for under law, including but not limited to, Government Code Section 66499.37, as applicable. The property owner will reimburse the County for any court costs and attorney's fees which the County may be required by a court to pay as a result of such action. The County may, at its sole discretion, participate in the defense of such action; but such participation shall not relieve applicant of his/her/its obligations under this condition. An agreement to this effect shall be recorded upon demand of County Counsel or concurrent with the issuance of building permits, use of property, filing of the final map, recordation of the certificates of compliance whichever occurs first and as applicable. The County shall promptly notify the property owner of any such claim, action or proceeding and the County shall cooperate fully in the defense thereof. If the County fails to promptly notify the property owner of any such claim, action or proceeding or fails to cooperate fully in the defense thereof, the property owner shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify or hold the County harmless. (County Counsel)
- **Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed:** Upon demand of County Counsel or concurrent with the issuance of building permits, use of the property, recording of the final/parcel map, or recordation of Certificates of Compliance, whichever occurs first and as applicable, the Owner/Applicant shall submit a signed and notarized Indemnification Agreement to the County Counsel for review and signature by the County.

Proof of recordation of the Indemnification Agreement, as outlined, shall be submitted to the Office of County Counsel.

6. PD014(A) - LIGHTING - EXTERIOR LIGHTING PLAN

Responsible Department: RMA-Planning

Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure: All exterior lighting shall be unobtrusive, down-lit, harmonious with the local area, and constructed or located so that only the intended area is illuminated and off-site glare is fully controlled. The lighting source shall be shielded and recessed into the fixture. The applicant shall submit three (3) copies of an exterior lighting plan which shall indicate the location, type, and wattage of all light fixtures and include catalog sheets for each fixture. The lighting shall comply with the requirements of the California Energy Code set forth in California Code of Regulations Title 24 Part 6. The exterior lighting plan shall be subject to approval by the Director of RMA - Planning, prior to the issuance of building permits.

(RMA - Planning)

Compliance or
Monitoring
Action to be Performed:Prior to the issuance of building permits, the Owner/Applicant shall submit three
copies of the lighting plans to RMA - Planning for review and approval. Approved
lighting plans shall be incorporated into final building plans.

Prior to final/occupancy, the Owner/Applicant/Contractor shall submit written and photographic evidence demonstrating that the lighting has been installed according to the approved plan.

On an on-going basis, the Owner/Applicant shall ensure that the lighting is installed and maintained in accordance with the approved plan.

7. PD047 - DEMOLITION/DECONSTRUCTION (MBUAPCD RULE 439)

Responsible Department: RMA-Planning

Condition/Mitigation In accordance with Monterey Bay Air Resources District Rule 424, construction plans shall include "Demolition and Deconstruction" notes that incorporate the following work practice standards:

1. Sufficiently wet the structure prior to deconstruction or demolition. Continue wetting as necessary during active deconstruction or demolition and the debris reduction process;

2. Demolish the structure inward toward the building pad. Lay down roof and walls so that they fall inward and not away from the building;

3. Commencement of deconstruction or demolition activities shall be prohibited when the peak wind speed exceeds 15 miles per hour.

All Air District standards shall be enforced by the Air District.

(RMA - Planning)

Compliance or of applicable, Prior to the issuance а demolition permit, if the Monitoring Owner/Applicant/Contractor shall incorporate a "Demolition/Deconstruction" note on Action to be Performed: the demolition site plan that includes, but is not limited to, the standards set forth in this condition.

During demolition, the Owner/Applicant/Contractor shall obtain any required Air District permits and the Air District shall conduct all deconstruction or demolition inspection activities as required by the Air District.

8. PD050 - RAPTOR/MIGRATORY BIRD NESTING

Responsible Department: RMA-Planning

Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure: Any construction activity that occurs during the typical bird nesting season (February 22-August 1), the County of Monterey shall require that the project applicant retain a County approved and qualified biologist to perform a nest survey in order to determine if any active raptor or migratory bird nests occur within the project site or within 300 feet of proposed construction activity. During the typical nesting season, the survey shall be conducted no more than 30 days prior to ground disturbance or tree removal. If nesting birds are found on the project site, an appropriate buffer plan shall be established by the project biologist. (RMA - Planning)

Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed: No more than 30 days prior to ground disturbance or construction activities, the Owner/Applicant shall submit to RMA-Planning a nest survey prepare by a County approved and qualified biologist to determine if any active raptor or migratory bird nests occur within the project site or immediate vicinity.

9. PD005 - FISH & GAME FEE NEG DEC/EIR

Responsible Department: RMA-Planning

Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure: Pursuant to the State Public Resources Code Section 753.5, State Fish and Game Code, and California Code of Regulations, the applicant shall pay a fee, to be collected by the County, within five (5) working days of project approval. This fee shall be paid before the Notice of Determination is filed. If the fee is not paid within five (5) working days, the project shall not be operative, vested or final until the filing fees are paid. (RMA - Planning)

Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed: Within five (5) working days of project approval, the Owner/Applicant shall submit a check, payable to the County of Monterey, to the Director of RMA - Planning.

If the fee is not paid within five (5) working days, the applicant shall submit a check, payable to the County of Monterey, to the Director of RMA - Planning prior to the recordation of the final/parcel map, the start of use, or the issuance of building permits or grading permits.

10. PD006 - CONDITION OF APPROVAL / MITIGATION MONITORING PLAN

Responsible Department: RMA-Planning

Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure: The applicant shall enter into an agreement with the County to implement a Condition of Approval/Mitigation Monitoring and/or Reporting Plan (Agreement) in accordance with Section 21081.6 of the California Public Resources Code and Section 15097 of Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Code of Regulations. Compliance with the fee schedule adopted by the Board of Supervisors for mitigation monitoring shall be required and payment made to the County of Monterey at the time the property owner submits the signed Agreement. The agreement shall be recorded. (RMA - Planning)

Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed: Within sixty (60) days after project approval or prior to the issuance of building and grading permits, whichever occurs first, the Owner/Applicant shall:

1) Enter into an agreement with the County to implement a Condition of Approval/Mitigation Monitoring Plan.

2) Fees shall be submitted at the time the property owner submits the signed Agreement.

3) Proof of recordation of the Agreement shall be submitted to RMA-Planning.

11. PW0044 - CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PLAN

Responsible Department: RMA-Public Works

Condition/Mitigation The applicant shall submit a Final Construction Management Plan (CMP) to the Monitoring Measure: RMA-Planning Department and the Department of Public Works for review and approval. The CMP shall include measures to minimize traffic impacts during the construction/grading phase of the project, monitoring reports to ensure compliance and shall provide the following information: Duration of the construction, hours of operation, an estimate of the number of truck trips that will be generated, truck routes, number of construction workers, parking areas for both equipment and workers, and locations of truck staging areas. The CMP shall encourage construction equipment use of alternative fuels, if feasible, such as compressed natural gas (CNG), propane, electricity or biodiesel to reduce any diesel exhaust emissions and corresponding diesel exhaust odors. The CMP shall include a note demonstrating how soil disturbance, stockpiling of excavated materials, and transport of construction waste and soils offsite will be done in accordance with the Soil Management Plan (Monterey County File No, LIB190007) prepared for the subject property. Hauling of hazardous materials offsite shall be done by a contractor licensed, insured, and approved to hazardous waste. in methods approved bv local, state and federal transport requirements. and disposed of in an approved offsite facility. Approved measures CMP implemented included in the shall be by the applicant during the Construction/grading phase of the project.

Compliance or
Monitoring
Action to be Performed:1. Prior to issuance of the Grading Permit or Building Permit Owner/Applicant/
Contractor shall prepare a CMP and shall submit the CMP to the RMA-Planning
Department and the Department of Public Works for review and approval.

2. Prior to the final of construction permits, the owner/applicant shall submit to RMA-Planning final monitoring reports for review and approval. the final report shall document mitigation measures that where implemented as defined in the CMP and their success.

3. On-going through construction phases Owner/Applicant/Contractor shall implement the approved measures during the construction/grading phase of the project.

12. GRADING PLAN

Responsible Department: Environmental Services

Condition/Mitigation The applicant shall submit a grading plan incorporating the recommendations in the Monitoring Measure: approved design-level geotechnical report. The grading plan shall include contour lines and cross-sections that identify the existing grade, proposed grade, and the extent of any proposed excavation and/or fill. The grading plan shall include the geotechnical inspection schedule that identifies when the inspections will be completed, who will conduct the inspection (i.e., PG, PE, and/or Special Inspector), a description of the required inspection, inspector name, and the completion date. (RMA-Environmental Services)

Compliance or Prior to issuance of any grading or building permits, the applicant shall submit a Monitoring grading plan to RMA-Environmental Services for review and approval.

13. EROSION CONTROL PLAN

Responsible Department:	Environmental Services
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Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure: The applicant shall submit an erosion control plan in conformance with the requirements of Monterey County Code Chapter 16.12. The erosion control plan shall include a construction entrance, concrete washout, stockpile area(s), material storage area(s), portable sanitation facilities and waste collection area(s), as applicable. The plan shall also include RMA-Environmental Services standard inspection notes 1, 2, & 3. (RMA-Environmental Services)

Compliance or
Monitoring
Action to be Performed:Prior to issuance of any grading or building permits, the applicant shall submit an
erosion control plan to RMA-Environmental Services for review and approval.
Standard inspection notes are available on the RMA-Environmental Services website.

14. CALIFORNIA CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PERMIT

Responsible Department: Environmental Services

- Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure: The applicant shall submit a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) including the Waste Discharger Identification (WDID) number, to RMA-Environmental Services. In lieu of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), a letter of exemption or erosivity waiver from the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board may be provided. (RMA-Environmental Services)
- Compliance or Monitoring Action to be Performed: Prior to issuance of any grading or building permits, the applicant shall submit a SWPPP including the WDID number certifying the project is covered under the California Construction General Permit or a letter of exemption from the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

15. GEOTECHNICAL PLAN REVIEW

Responsible Department: Environmental Services

Condition/Mitigation The applicant shall provide certification from the licensed practitioner that their geotechnical recommendations have been incorporated into the approved grading plan. (RMA-Environmental Services)

Compliance or Prior to issuance of any grading or construction permits, the applicant shall provide Monitoring Action to be Performed:

16. AS-BUILT CERTIFICATION

Responsible Department: Environmental Services

Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure: Prior to final inspection, the applicant shall provide a letter from a licensed engineer certifying that all development has been constructed in accordance with the recommendations in the approved design-level geotechnical report and the approved grading plan. (RMA- Environmental Services)

Compliance or Prior to final inspection, the owner/applicant shall provide RMA-Environmental Monitoring Action to be Performed: Services a letter from a licensed practitioner.

17. MM01 - TRIBAL CULTURAL MONITOR

Responsible Department: RMA-Planning

Condition/Mitigation Monitoring Measure: In order to ensure that Tribal Cultural Resources incur less than significant impacts, an OCEN-approved Monitor or other appropriately NAHC-recognized representative shall be onsite during project-related grading and excavation of the described substation to identify findings with tribal cultural significance.

Compliance or Mitigation Measure Action 1a: Monitoring Prior to issuance of a construction permit for grading and/building, Applicant/Owner Action to be Performed:

shall submit evidence to the satisfaction of the Chief of RMA-Planning that an OCEN-approved onsite Cultural Resources Monitor or other appropriately NAHC-recognized representative has been retained to monitor the appropriate construction activities. This Monitor shall be retained for the duration of any project-related grading or excavation up to a depth of 15 feet.

Mitigation Measure Action 1b:

Prior to issuance of construction permit for grading and/or building, include a note on all grading, demolition and construction plans. The note shall state: "Stop work within 50 meters (165 feet) of uncovered resource(s) and immediately contact Monterey RMA-Planning." Prior further County to resuming any project-related ground disturbance, Owner/Applicant shall coordinate with the project planner and the Monitor to determine a strategy for either return to the OCEN tribe or reburial.

Mitigation Measure 1c:

Prior to final of a construction permit for grading and/or building, the OCEN Monitor or other appropriately NAHC-recognized representative shall submit a letter to the RMA Chief of Planning, confirming participation in the monitoring and provide a summary of cultural finds or no finds, as applicable.

18. MM02 - CTS/SCLTS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND OPERATIONAL PROGRAM

Responsible Department: RMA-Planning

Condition/Mitigation The applicant shall implement an environmental education and operational program Monitoring Measure: prior to commencement of any work associated with the Project within the project Environmental education shall include biological training for all persons area employed or otherwise working in the Project area that are associated with the project. The environmental education program shall be developed in consultation with a qualified biologist and delivered by the biologist, or their trained designee, for the purpose of educating site personnel of the biology and general behaviors of California Tiger Salamander (CTS) and Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander (SCLTS) in all life stages in order to avoid impacts to these sensitive resources. The environmental education program shall be made available in English and for non English speaking personnel translation services shall be provided. The environmental education program shall incorporate the following:

a) A presentation by a qualified biologist, or their trained designee, on how to identify CTS and SCLTS and their potential habitats;

b) Information about distribution and habitat needs of CTS and SCLTS and their sensitivity to human activities;

c) The special status of; including legal protection, recover efforts and penalties for violation.

d) Preparation and distribution of wallet sized cards and/or a fact sheet handout containing the information identified in a-c above, for site personnel associated with the project to carry when on the Project site. The Applicant/Owner shall make translated versions of the cards available on site and provide to employees upon request. Each card or handout shall also direct personnel to contact site supervisors in the event CTS and SCLTS is observed.

Upon completion of educational training, all site personnel associated with the project shall sign a form stating they have attended the program and understand the information and are therefore authorized to conduct work in the project area. The training shall be repeated at least once annually for long term and/or permanent employees that will be conducting work in the Project area.

As a part of this operational program, the applicant shall implement avoidance measures for CTS and SCLTS that include a 50-foot no disturbance buffer delineated around all CTS/CLTS occupied small burrows and CTS/SCLTS occupied breeding pools within and/or adjacent to the Project construction footprint. Should CTS and/or SCLTS be encountered in the Project area, all work personnel shall stop work in the immediate vicinity of the CTS and/or SCLTS and the applicant and/or a qualified biologist shall immediately contact CDFW to consult on the appropriate next steps, including whether a take authorization is necessary through an Incidental take Permit (ITP) issued by California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(b).

Mitigation Monitoring Action 1a:

Prior to the issuance of a construction permit, the Applicant/Owner shall submit evidence to the satisfaction of the RMA Chief of Planning that a County approved and qualified biologist has been retained to assist in developing and implementing the environmental educational and operational program. The final environmental educational and operational be submitted to the RMA Chief of Planning for review and approval. The biologist shall be retained prior to any of the personnel conducting work associated with the Project area and remain available until work has been completed.

Mitigation Monitoring Action 1b:

Prior to the issuance of a construction permit, the Applicant/Owner shall submit evidence to the satisfaction of the RMA Chief of Planning that all personnel associated with the project conducting work within the Project area have completed the environmental education program and have been provided with a handout containing information about CTS and SCLTS, consistent with the requirements contained Mitigation Measure No. 1.

Mitigation Monitoring Action 1c:

Prior to the issuance of a construction permit, Applicant/Owner shall delineate the 50 foot CTS and SCLTS no disturbance buffer area around occupied burrows and breeding pools on all construction plans. The plans shall indicate materials to be used to protect this area and illustrated how the protection area shall be maintained until work has been completed. County staff shall verify the avoidance measures are in place prior to commence of work.

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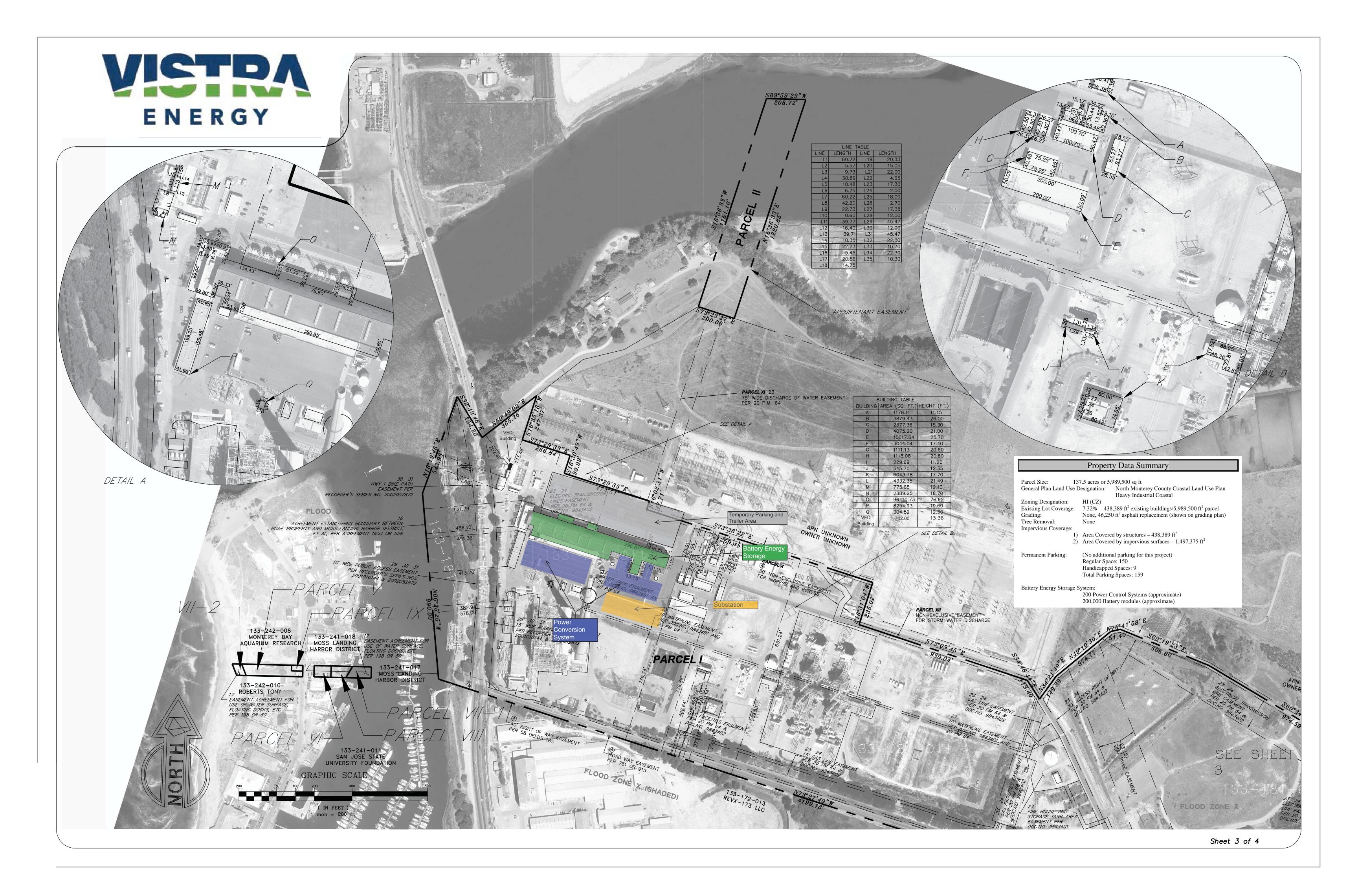
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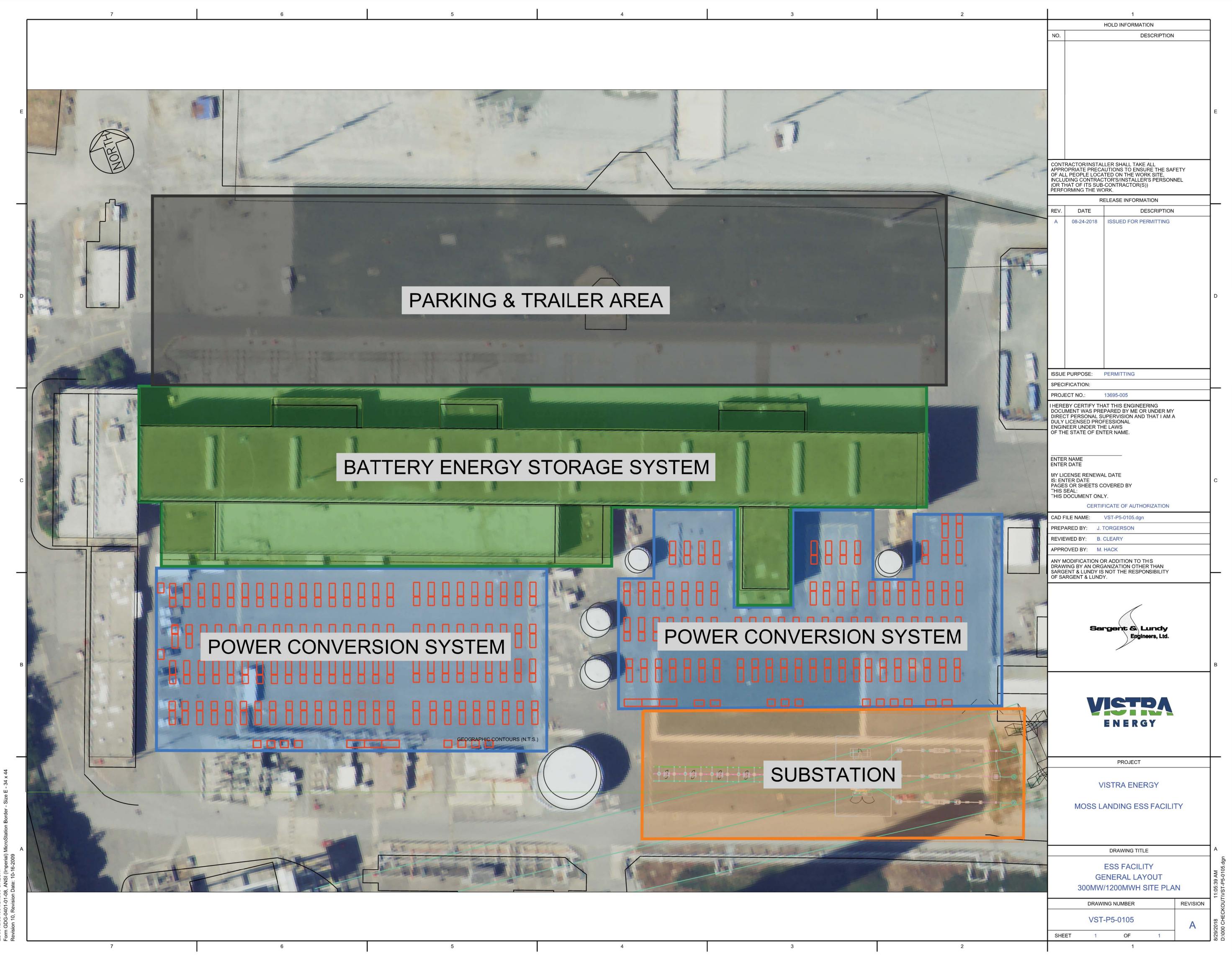
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Should CTS and/or SLTS be encountered at the Project site within 50 feet of construction activities, work shall stop in the immediate vicinity of the CTS and/or SCLTS, and the site supervisor will be immediately contacted. The Applicant/Owner and/or qualified biologist shall contact CDFW immediately to consult on the appropriate next steps, including whether a take authorization is necessary through an Incidental take Permit (ITP) by California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2081(b). The applicant shall also contact the Monterey County Resource Management Agency within 24 hours to inform the project planner of the encounter.

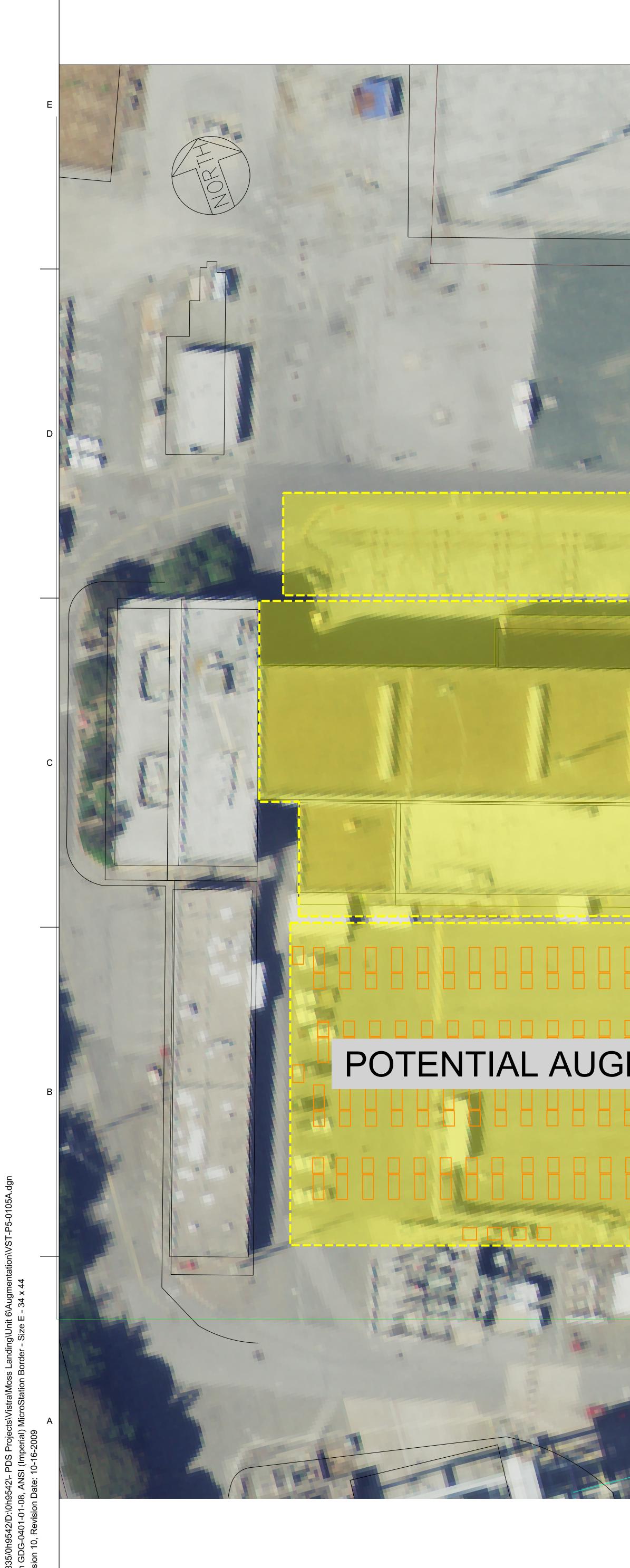
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Prior to issuance of a final construction permit, the Applicant/Owner shall submit a letter prepared in consultation and signed by the qualified biologist to the RMA Chief of Planning, confirming successful implementation of the environmental education and operational program and provide a summary of any CTS and/or SLTS, as defined in Mitigation Measure No. 1, finds or no finds, as applicable.





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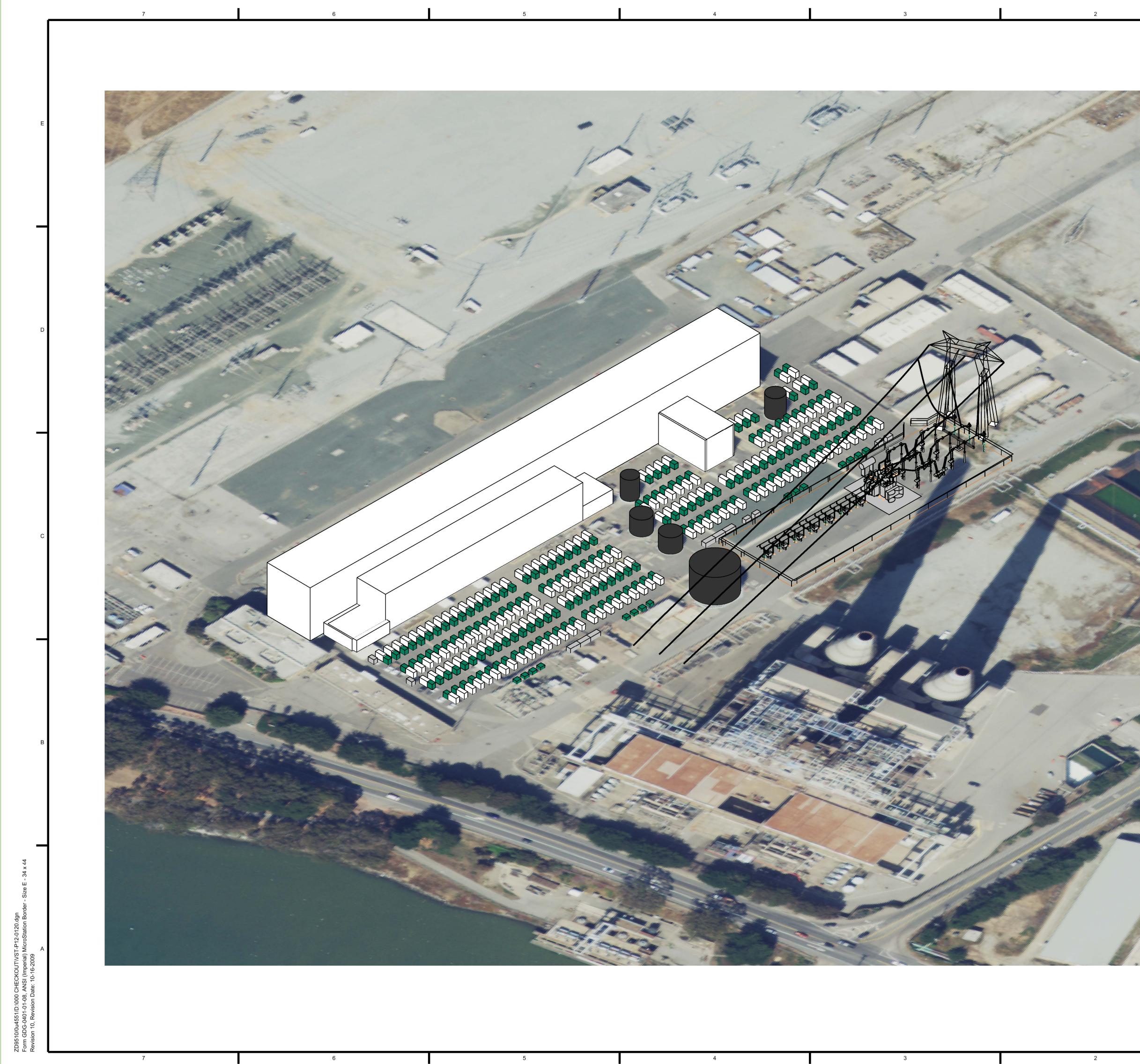
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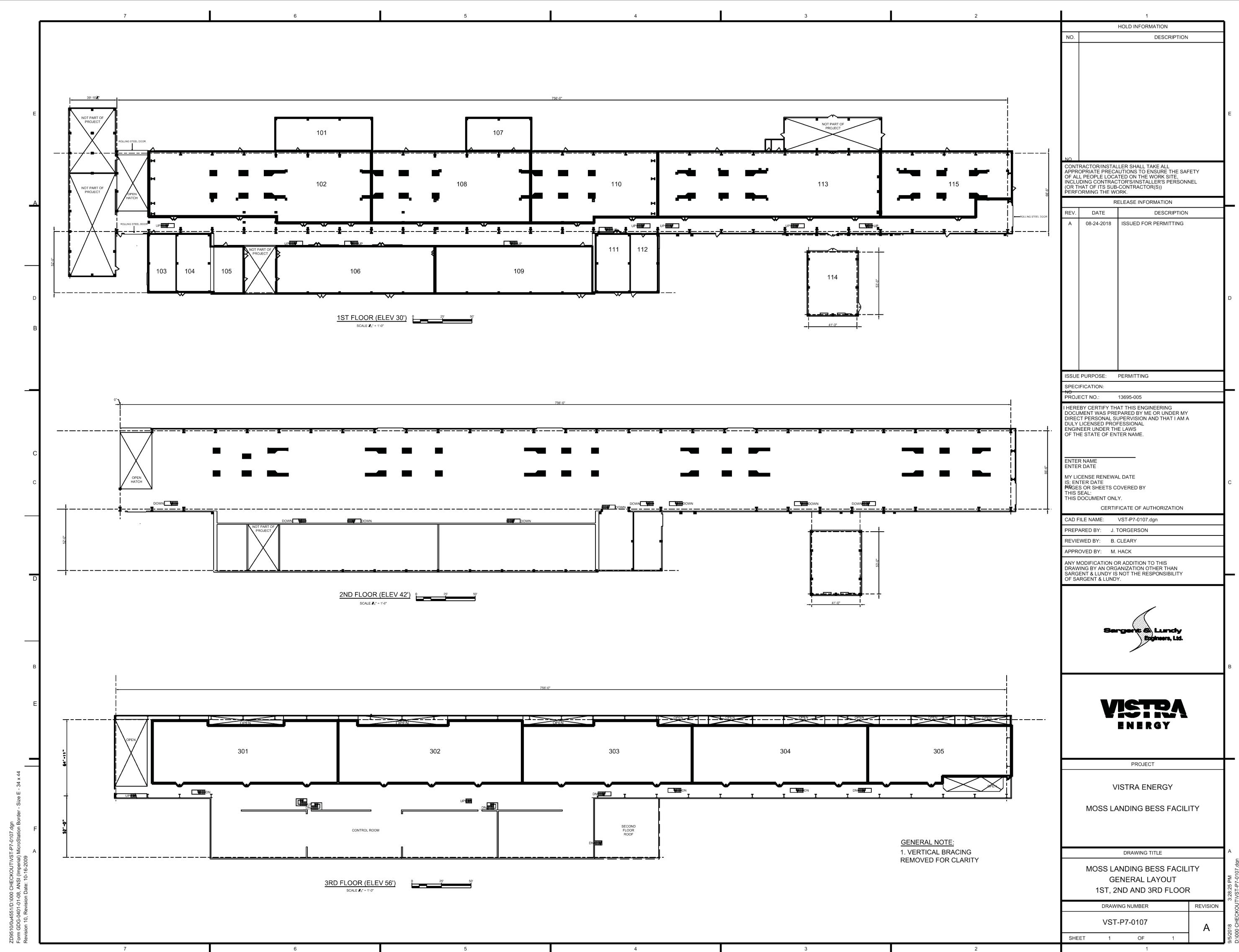
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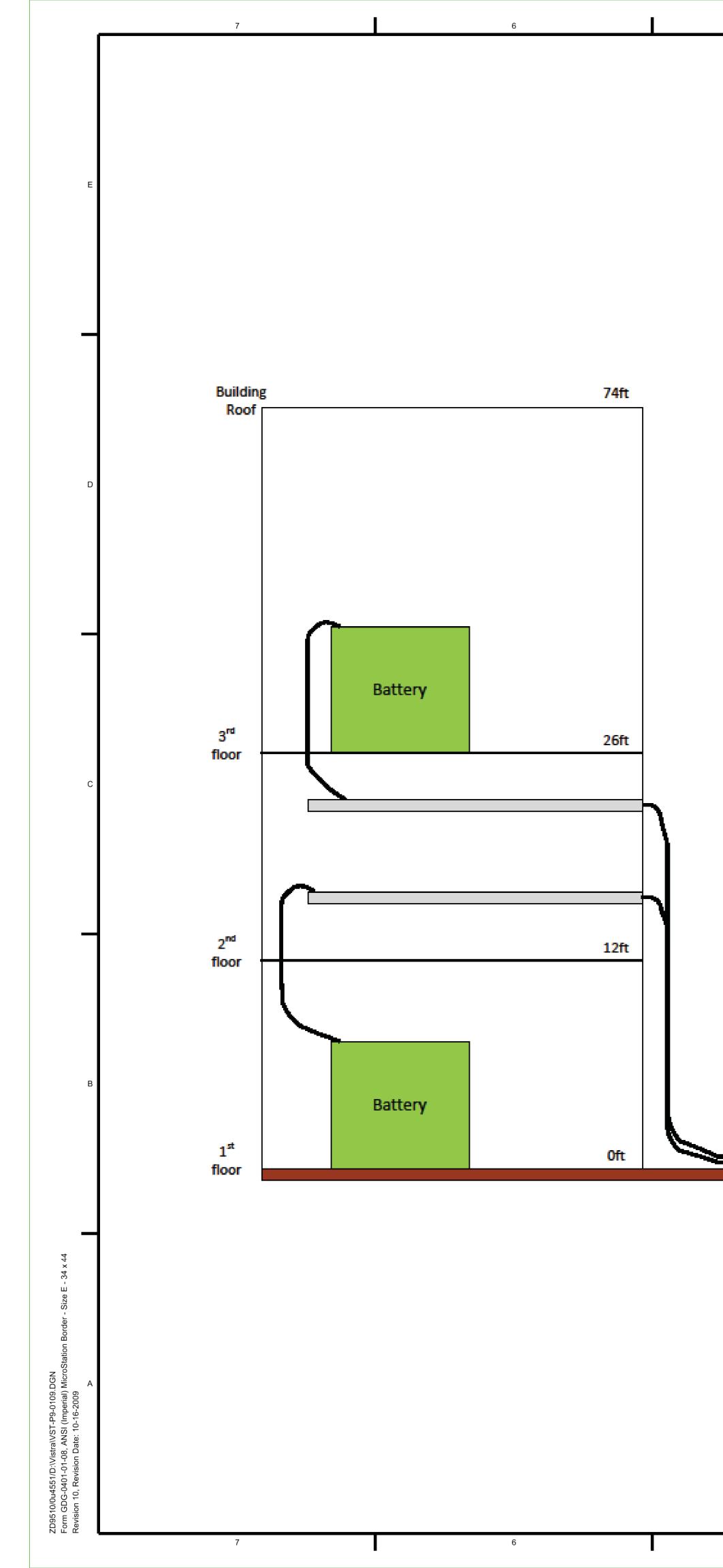
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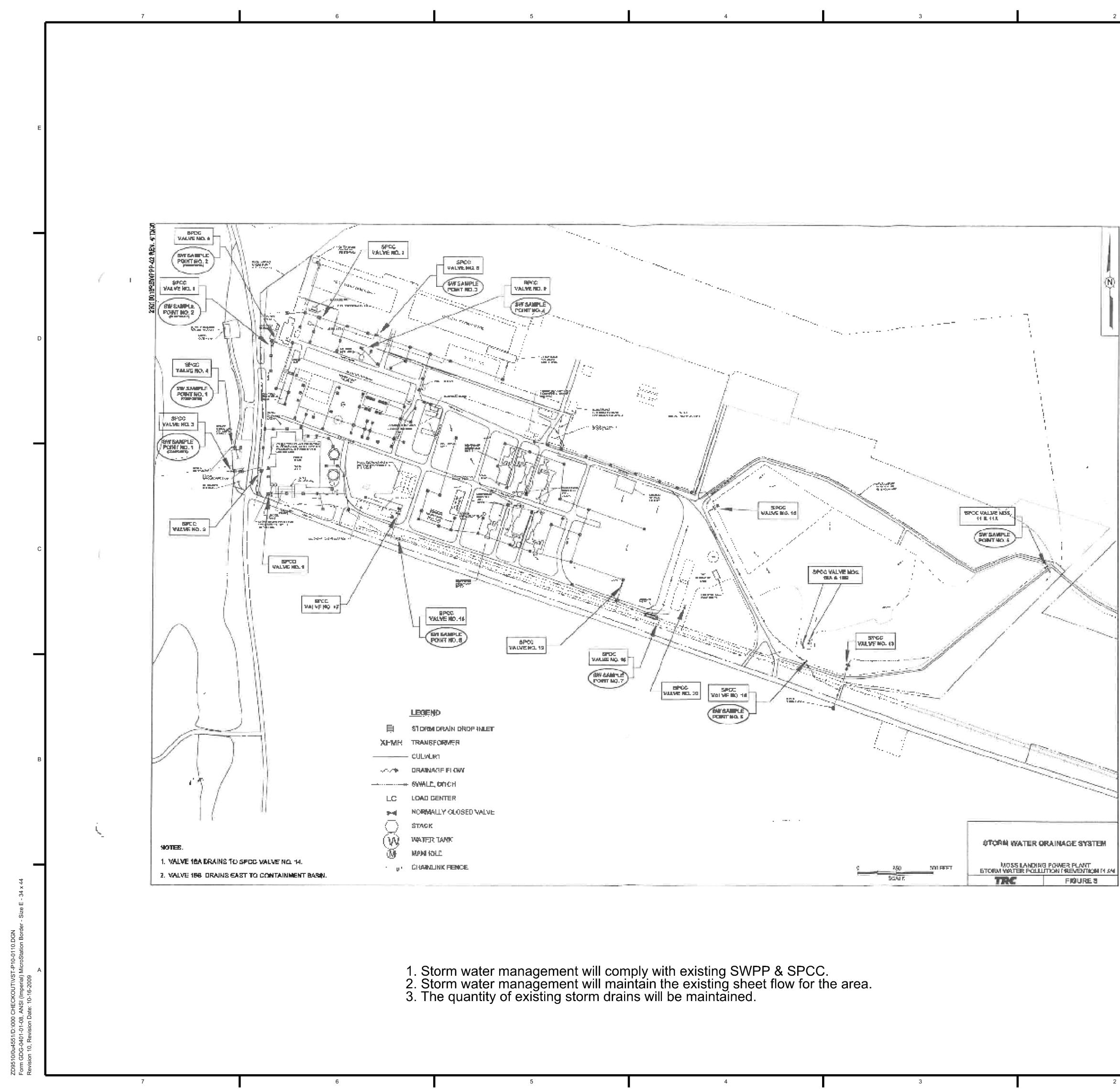
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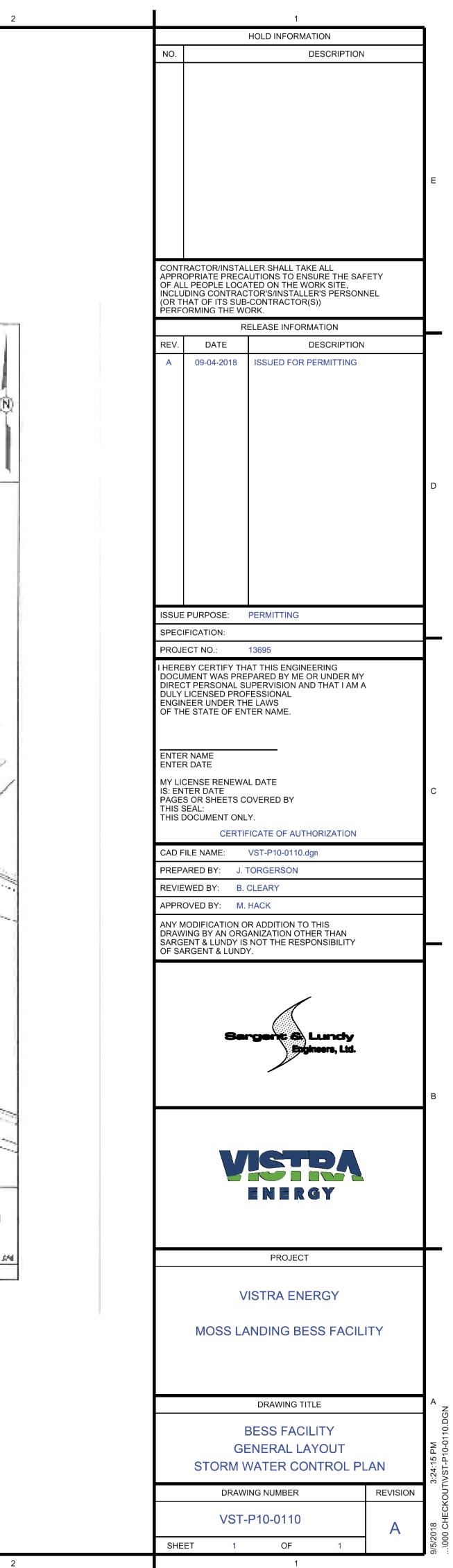
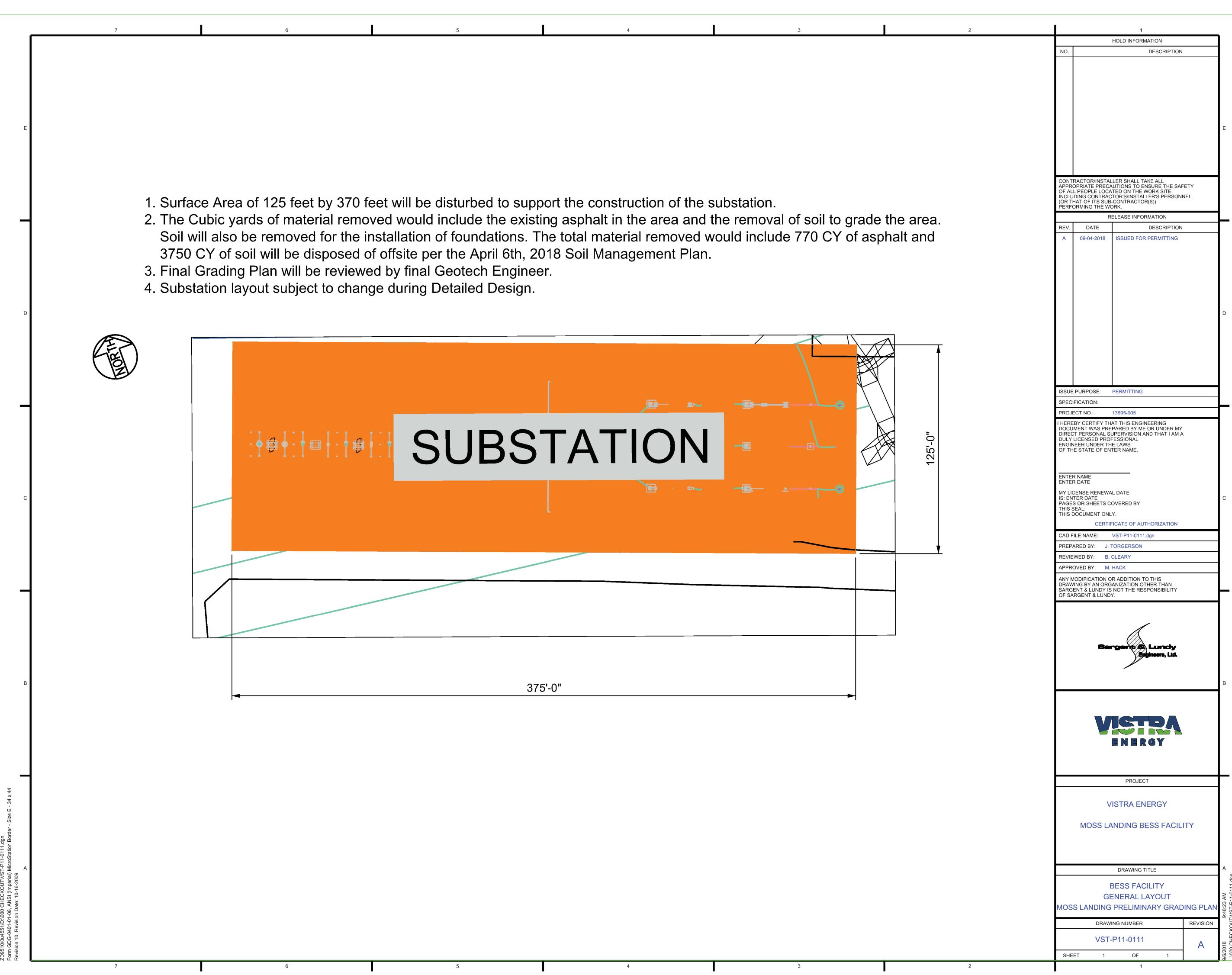


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MOSS LANDING POWER PLANT SITE MASTER PLAN

Amendment: 2018

Moss Landing Power Plant Site Master Plan Amendment 2018

1. The following change is made to the master plan.

Insert in Section 7.I Approved Projects

D. Projects Approved 2000-2017

1.	Duke Energy Sign	PLN:	980620 (NEW)
2.	Fuel Oil Tank Farm Demolition	PLN:	990233
3.	Amendment to Fuel Oil Tank Farm Demolition permit	PLN:	020098 (NEW)
4.	Replacement Generation	CEC OF	RDER NO. 00-1025-24
5.	Unit 6 & 7 Nox	PLN:	990145 (NEW)
6.	Energy Management Center	PLN:	000011
7.	Energy Management Center Change Trailer	PLN:	010492 (NEW)
8.	Relocate the Oily Water Separator System	PLN:	000011
9.	Relocate the Existing Marine Mammal Center	PLN:	000596
10.	Additional Warehouse Buildings	PLN:	020116
11.	Emergency Permit for Tank Farm Fire	PLN:	030328
12.	Unit 1-5 Demolition	PLN:	030520
13.	Unit 1-5 Transformer Rock Blotter Soil Removal	PLN:	140193 (NEW)
14.	VFD Building	PLN:	160043 (NEW)

2. The following change is made to the master plan.

Amend and Restate

Section 7.II - Projects Currently Under Consideration for Approval

1. Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

Existing Conditions

The battery energy storage system (BESS) facility under review (PLN 180394) will be in the location of the old Units 1-5, including inside of the existing turbine building.

Project Description

The BESS facility will consist of lithium-ion batteries connected to a power conversion system consisting of inverters and 34.5kV transformers connected to a new 500kV substation. The entire facility will be located within the footprint of the old Units 1-5 Demolition site.

Potential Impacts

None

Mitigation

None

Location

Within the Unit 1-5 turbine building and demolished Units 1-5.

<u>Schedule</u>

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3. The following change is made to the master plan.

Amend and Restate:

Section 7.III - Potential Future Projects

1. Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)

Existing Conditions

The Moss Landing Power Plant will be reviewed for future opportunities for battery energy storage systems.

Project Description

A battery energy storage system facility will consist of lithium-ion or similar batteries connected to a power conversion system consisting of inverters and transformers connected to a high voltage substation.

Potential Impacts

None

Mitigation

None

Location

Within the Moss Landing Power Plant Site.

Schedule

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MOSS LANDING POWER PLANT MASTER PLAN 1994-1998

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1. INTRODUCTION

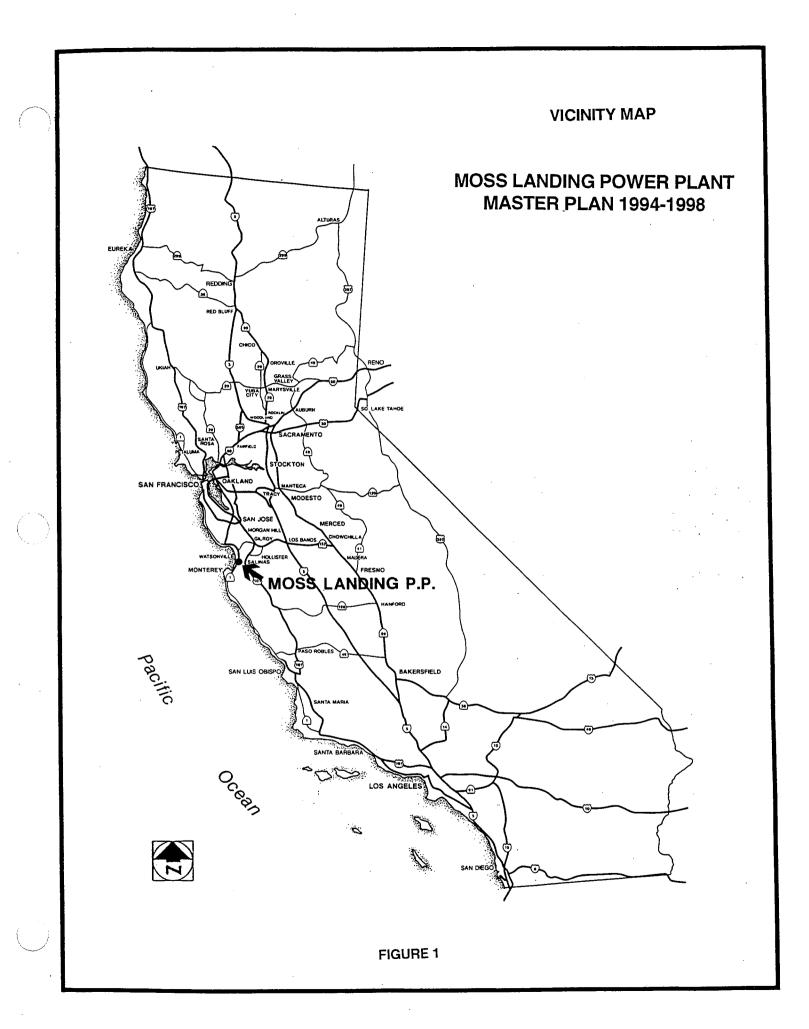
The California Coastal Act of 1976 established a long-term goal of delegating responsibility for Coastal Zone management to the local governments. This goal was to be accomplished through the preparation of a Local Coastal Program (LCP) by each local government for that portion of the coastal zone within its jurisdiction.

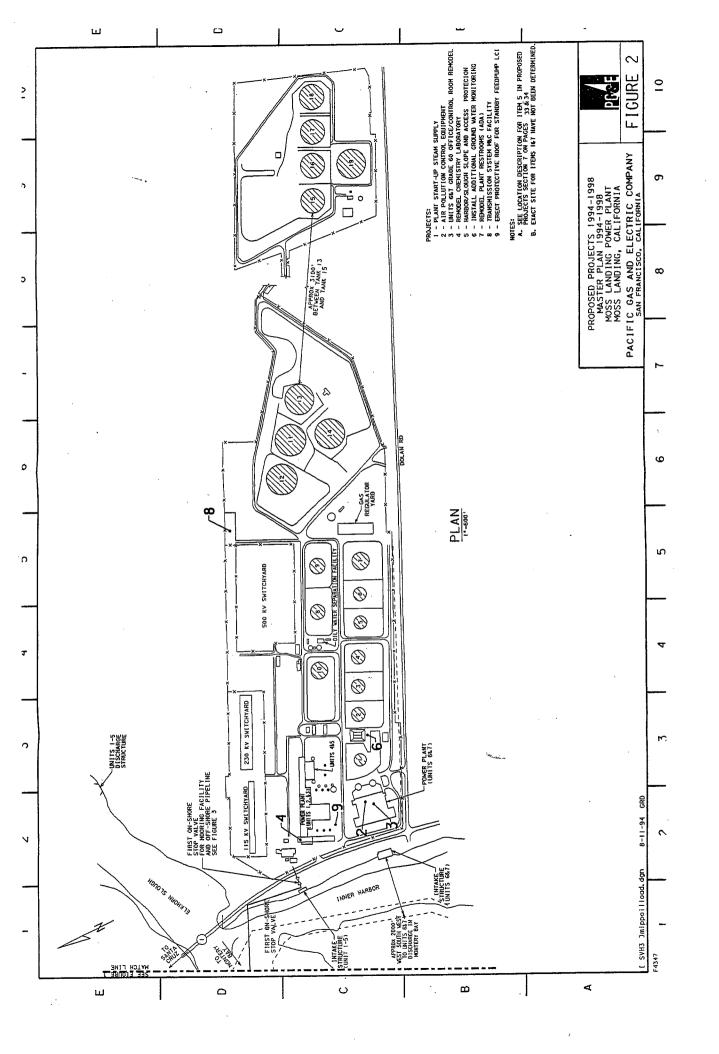
In June 1982, the California Coastal Commission certified Monterey County's North County Land Use Plan (LUP) as part of the County's Local Coastal Program. Monterey County subsequently adopted its Coastal Implementation Plan (CIP) in January 1988 and was granted Coastal Development authority in February 1989.

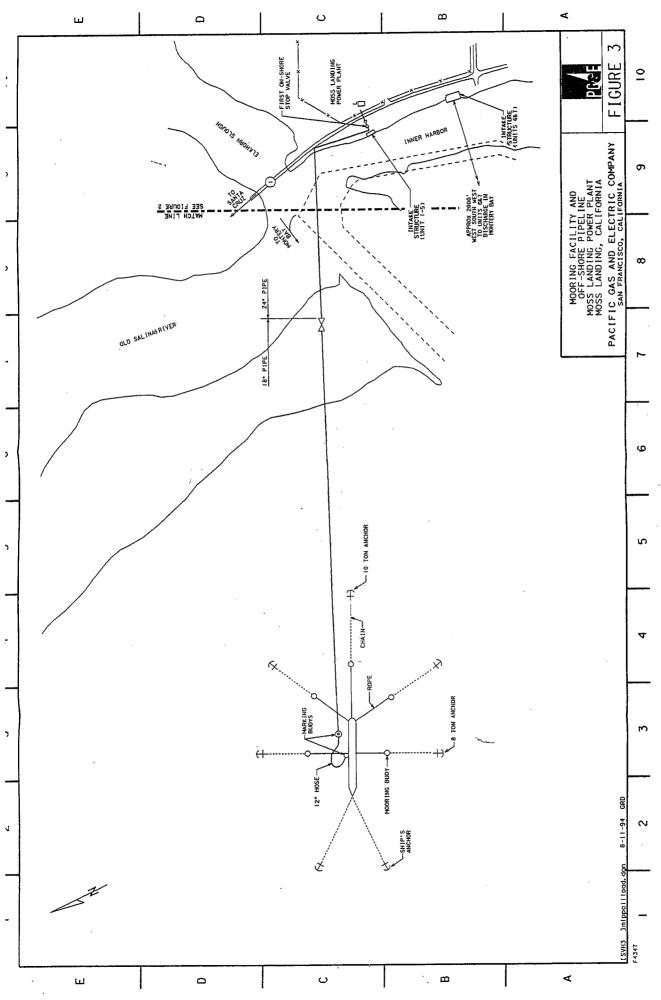
"The Energy Facilities and Industrial Development" policies of the LUP and "Regulations for Development in the North County Land Use Plan Area" of the CIP require the preparation of a master plan by major industrial activities within the North County area. Those specifically identified in the CIP are Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Moss Landing Power Plant and the National Refractories Plant located at the Moss Landing Harbor on Monterey Bay, (see Figure 1). This master plan is submitted to provide the County with an indication of long range development plans at PG&E's Moss Landing Power Plant.

The master plan contains projects PG&E anticipates undertaking between 1994 and 1998. A plot plan, showing where the majority of the projects are tentatively sited, is attached as Figure 2. A few projects have not yet been sited at specific locations and are so noted on Figure 2. Various other components discussing existing conditions at the plant and the surrounding areas are attached, providing the background information utilized in assessing potential impacts of the proposed projects. Because many of these projects are in the conceptual stages at this time, the impacts discussed are of a general nature. Specific project details will be provided at the time of application for those projects requiring discretionary review by the County.

The extent of development identified in this plan reflects PG&E's best judgment at this time regarding improvements and other projects which may occur during the next five years. The plan does not address projects which may be required as a result of new or revised federal, state or local mandates. Minor modifications and maintenance are ongoing to assure the plant's operating goals are met. PG&E and Moss Landing Power Plant Management set a high priority for the safety of its staff, the community and the protection of the environment in conjunction with the reliable and efficient operation of the power plant.







2. MOSS LANDING POWER PLANT

2a. Plant History

Moss Landing Power Plant (MLPP) is a steam-electric generating plant. The plant began generating electricity in May 1950, with three units in commercial service. In 1952, Units 4 and 5 were added. In 1968, the two largest generators, Units 6 and 7 were completed. The plant's seven steam turbine units have a net capacity of 2,060 megawatts, and are capable of supplying electricity to approximately 2 million customers. Moss Landing Power Plant typically provides about 10% of the total operating capacity of PG&E.

2b. Current Operations at Moss Landing Power Plant

The power plant is manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Approximately 280 PG&E employees are currently assigned to the facility. Additional personnel are brought on board as needed for projects and for on-going maintenance at the plant. Access to the plant for employees and normal operating vehicles is through the main entrance on Dolan Road. The entrance on Highway 1 is utilized only for emergencies and exiting purposes at specific times. A third entrance located approximately 1/2 mile east from Highway 1 on Dolan Road, is used exclusively for contractors during peak work periods.

Units 6 and 7 are the most efficient units in the PG&E system and are typically run continuously when available. Units 1-5 are operated less frequently. The primary components of the plant are its steam generators, turbines, generators, condensers, circulating water systems, switchyards, transmission facilities and fuel storage facilities. The electric generation process begins when natural gas is burned in boilers to create steam. The steam then drives the turbines in each of the seven units, which generate electricity. The electricity generated is then distributed to PG&E's customers through the switchyard and transmission facilities.

The various steam generators for the seven units produce from 550,000 to 5,100,000 lb/hr of steam at 1,450 to 3,830 psig, and 950 to 1005 degrees Fahrenheit temperature. The steam produced, operates turbines in each of the units which drive hydrogen cooled generators and provide the cumulative total of 2,060 megawatts of production capacity for all seven units.

Gas is supplied to the plant via two gas transmission pipelines (20 in. dia. and 24 in. dia.) from PG&E's gas distribution station at Hollister, California. At full capacity, Units 1-5 consume 5.95 million cubic feet of gas per hour. Units 6 and 7 each consume 6.5 million cubic feet of gas per hour at full capacity.

Oil is used as a back-up fuel supply in the event of an emergency or curtailment of gas supplies to meet preferential customer demand (i.e. residential, commercial, industrial customers). At full capacity, Units 1-5 consume 935 barrels of oil per hour. Units 6 and 7 each consume at full capacity 1010 barrels of oil per hour. Nineteen storage tanks located at the plant have a usable storage capacity of 5,744,000 barrels of fuel oil. Oil is delivered to the plant from ocean-going tankers via a fill line which extends into Monterey Bay. The tanker mooring facility is comprised of a seven buoy berth located approximately 3,200 feet offshore and northwest of Moss Landing Harbor.

Fuel is delivered as needed to meet system demands; generally 0-10 tankers/year. The fuel oil delivery system complies with federal, state and local regulations and is regulated by the California Coastal Commission, United States Coast Guard, State Lands Commission, State Fire Marshall and the California Department of Fish and Game.

The plant requires both fresh water and seawater for operation. Water for domestic uses, i.e. drinking and sanitary systems, is drawn from wells on the plant property. Seawater is pumped from the Harbor into the plant and used for plant operations.

The seawater is used primarily in the plant cooling system to condense the steam vapor back to liquid after it has passed through the turbine generator. To cool the steam, the seawater is pumped through tubing in a condenser, never contacting the steam/water in the turbine cycles. This condensed water is pumped back into the boiler in a continuous cycle. The seawater is then cycled back into the ocean.

The plant has two cooling water intake structures on the southeast shore of the harbor with a discharge to Elkhorn Slough north of the plant for Units 1-5 and the ocean west of the plant for Units 6-7. Dredging of the intake and discharge structures is performed periodically as part of routine maintenance. The discharge quality of the cooling water system is regulated by the specifications of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Coast Region, (RWQCB).

Seawater from the Units 6-7 discharge is distilled into high purity water for makeup water used in the steam cycle. The steam generation system is a closed system which recirculates the high purity water for steam production. The desalination process is performed using two on-site seawater vapor compression evaporator units. These units are capable of producing approximately 165 gallons/minute each. Intermittent use of the vapor compression evaporators is required to replace high purity water losses during normal operation of the plant.

After the power is generated it is transmitted to one of the three (115KV, 230KV, 500KV) switchyards for distribution into the PG&E grid system. Eight transmission lines of varying voltages distribute the power to the local community and service areas.

2c. The Plant as a Part of the PG&E System

PG&E's service territory extends as far north as Shasta County and south to San Luis Obispo County covering 48 counties and a 94,000 square mile area. This area contains two of the west coast's most important financial and technological centers, the San Francisco Bay Area and Silicon Valley. Gas and electric services are provided to over 11 million residents within this service territory.

Moss Landing Power Plant is one of eight company owned fossil-fueled power plants in operation within the PG&E system. Other electric energy sources include hydro-electric, geothermal and nuclear power plants. Electricity from co-generation facilities and wind generation facilities is also purchased for the PG&E system. PG&E is studying the viability of expanding the use of alternative energy sources through research in areas such as solar photovoltaic, fuel cells, wind and solar thermal power.

Power generated at the plant is transmitted to a number of substations in the PG&E system (see Figure 4). The bulk of the power is sent over major transmission lines to:

1). Metcalf Substation located approximately 35 miles to the northeast near the City of San Jose

2). Los Banos Substation which is located in Merced County about nine miles west of the City of Los Banos, and

3). Panoche Substation located in Fresno County east of Highway 5 on Panoche Road.

From these substations, power is routed throughout the electric transmission system in California.

Electric power generated by Moss Landing Power Plant is also transmitted to smaller substations which serve Northern Monterey County, Southern Santa Clara County, Northern San Benito County and Santa Cruz County. The facility, therefore, is a critical component in the electric system for the greater Monterey Bay Area.

About 40% of the power generated by the plant is transmitted to local substations in these areas. These substations include:

Salinas Substation - serving the Salinas area electric load as well as load in the Hollister area and Southern Santa Clara County.

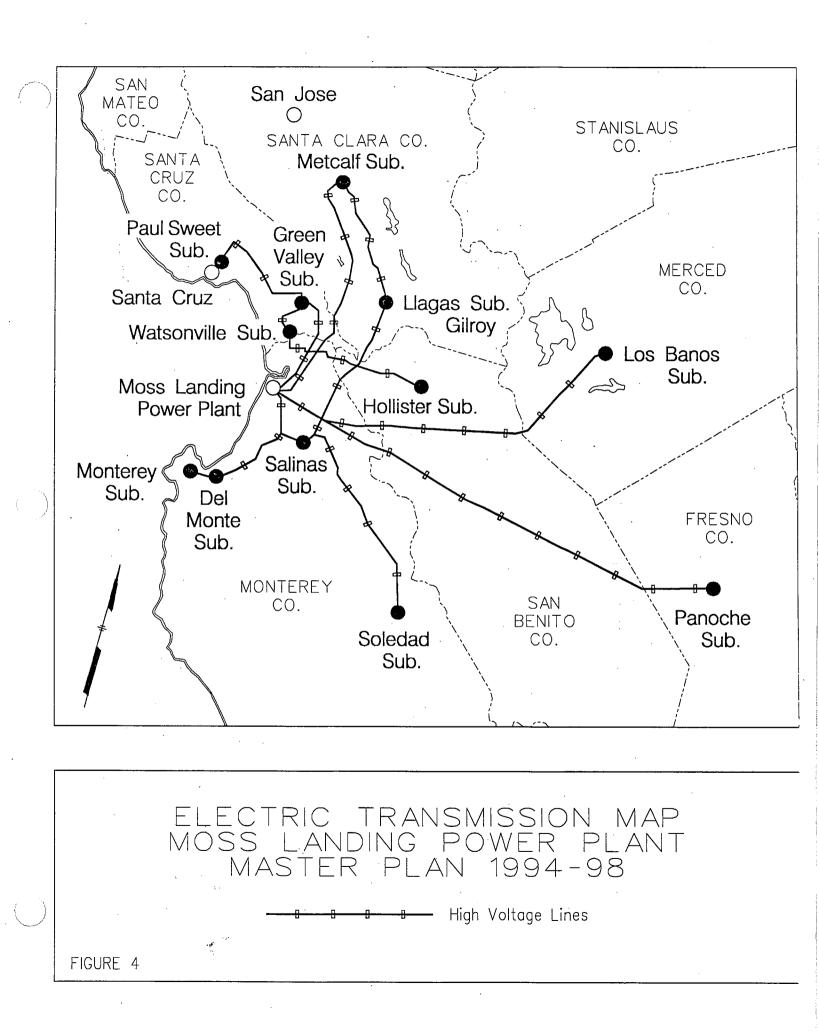
Del Monte Substation - serving electric load in the Monterey area.

Soledad Substation - serving electric load in the Soledad area.

Green Valley Substation - serving electric load in the Watsonville/Santa Cruz areas.

When Moss Landing Power Plant is not generating, the switchyard at the plant is routing power imported from Metcalf, Los Banos or Panoche Substations into the smaller substations listed above.

The electric load served by PG&E and the operation of PG&E electric generation facilities are dependent upon many factors. These include changes in regulatory requirements for electric utilities, new technological advancements, alternative energy producers (i.e. qualifying facilities/cogeneration, independent power producers), conservation efforts, operation of other PG&E electric facilities and the overall economic health of the State and nation. Since each of these factors and others influence the generation requirements to serve electrical demand, it is not possible to confirm whether there could be a need in the future for additional generation capacity. Any such decision will be based upon the aforementioned factors and directives from the regulatory bodies for these types of facilities, the California Energy Commission (CEC) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). In the event that additional generation facilities were to be required at Moss Landing Power Plant, the County would have an opportunity to participate in the licensing of facilities as provided by the Warren-Alquist Act (PRC§§ 25500 et.seq. and PRC§§ 30400 et seq.). The project's potential environmental impacts would be fully assessed and mitigation measures considered prior to the construction of such facilities.



3. COASTAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN POLICIES

The Monterey County Coastal Implementation Plan (Part 2 - Regulations for Development in the North County Land Use Plan Area) outlines general and specific development standards for Energy Facilities and Industrial Development. The following are standards specific to PG&E's Moss Landing Power Plant operations and proposed action plans to address those issues:

3a. General Development Standards

20.144.160.C.1.a.

"Coastal dependent industrial facilities shall expand within existing sites before off-site expansion shall be considered. Commercial fishing activities and aquaculture shall have priority over other types of coastal-dependent industrial uses in industrial areas (Ref. Policy 5.5.2.1 Moss Landing Community Plan)."

Response

Projects planned by PG&E always consider the siting of new facilities within the existing boundaries of Moss Landing Power Plant. If options for upgrading and modernizing PG&E facilities require off-site areas, impacts to other types of coastal-dependent uses will be considered.

20.144.160.C.1.c.

"Future expansion, improvement or other development including fuels conversion at P.G.&E., National Refractories and any other heavy industry in the area shall be considered in accordance with the master plan and associated Environmental Impact Report which has been developed for these facilities. This master plan requirement shall not apply to emergency or administratively approved developments under Section 30624 of the Coastal Act. The master plan must have been developed by the applicants and submitted to Monterey County for review and approval prior to approval by the County of any development permits for these industries. The master plans shall address the long-range development and operation of the facilities including:

1) physical expansion and new construction;

2) major operational changes in fuels or fuel delivery systems;

3) circulation or transportation improvements;

4) electrical power transmission;

5) alternative development opportunities:

6) environmental considerations;

7) potential mitigation of adverse environmental impacts; and

8) conformance to all other policies of the North County Land Use Plan and other State and Federal regulations.

Subsequent to approval of these master plans, permit requests not in conformity with the master plans shall be considered only upon completion and approval of necessary amendments to the master plan. This requirement shall not be construed to require disclosure in the master plans of trade secrets, proprietary or confidential information, but only location of buildings and other land use matters necessary for planning purposes (Ref. Policy 5.5.2.2 Moss Landing Community Plan)."

Response

This master plan has been developed in accordance with this policy. It represents a five-year planning period that reflects PG&E's best judgment at this time, of improvement and other projects that may occur during the five year period between 1994 and 1998.

20.144.160.C.1.d.

"For on-site modernization and upgrading of existing facilities, the least environmentally damaging alternative shall be selected. This determination shall be made with background information in such documents as the Planning Department deems necessary to determine the actual affect of the development upon the project site habitat and the surrounding area. These documents may be in the form of, but not limited to, biological/botanical reports pursuant to Section 20.144.040.A, a forest management plan pursuant to Section 20.144.050.B, or an Environmental Impact Report of the appropriate level. When selection of the least environmentally damaging alternative is not possible for technical reasons, adverse environmental effects of the preferred alternative shall be mitigated to the maximum extent. These mitigations shall be identified by a document such as a focused EIR which more closely determines the effect of an alternative plan which was not identified as the environmentally damaging in previous studies required for the proposed development (Ref. Policy 5.5.2.3 Moss Landing Community Plan)."

Response

PG&E shall prepare and provide to the appropriate agencies the necessary documentation for those projects requiring environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

20.144.160.C.1.e.

"Modernization and expansion of industrial facilities shall be compatible with existing community land use patterns and circulation system capacities, planning objectives and local air quality regulations in effect at the time of the granting of such approval for said expansion by the appropriate agencies (Ref. Policy 5.5.2.4 Moss Landing Community Plan)."

Response

PG&E shall prepare and submit to the appropriate agencies, the necessary documentation for modernization and expansion of its facilities as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Warren-Alquist Act. The documents shall address existing community land use patterns, circulation system capacities, planning objectives and local air quality regulations.

20.144.160.C.1.f.

"Potentially hazardous industrial development (that development which is shown to be, through the various required and available documents, to be harmful to the environment of the area or is shown that the establishment, maintenance or operation of the use applied for will be detrimental to the health, safety, peace, morals, comfort and general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such a proposed use or be detrimental or injurious to property and improvements in the neighborhood or general welfare of the County) shall not be located adjacent to developed areas (Ref. Policy 5.5.2.5 Moss Landing Community Plan)."

Response

See response to 20.144.160.C.1.e.

20.144.160.C.1.g.

"Nuclear plants shall not be allowed to disrupt environmentally sensitive habitats and shall not be allowed in high seismic hazard areas as outlined in Section 20.144.100.A (Ref. Policy 5.5.2.6 Moss Landing Community Plan)."

<u>Response</u>

Electric generation facilities, including nuclear plants, are regulated by the California Energy Commission (CEC) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The permitting process undertaken by these agencies for new facilities includes adequate environmental review of the project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As a responsible agency, Monterey County would have the opportunity to ensure that the necessary environmental data is available for the CEC/CPUC staff to perform an adequate evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of such a project. Impacts upon environmentally sensitive habitats and seismic safety of the facility would be considered along with other important environmental resources as outlined in the CEQA guidelines.

20.144.160.C.1.h.

"Use of coal as a fuel shall be considered only if other cleaner fuels become unavailable and it is proven, by the completion of an environmental impact report of appropriate scope, that there are no adverse impacts on agriculture and fishing. Where coal fuel industries are allowed, the most effective air pollution control technology available shall be utilized to ensure minimum sulfur dioxide output (Ref. Policy 5.5.2.6 Moss Landing Community Plan).

Response

If cleaner fuels become unavailable and consideration must be made to use coal at the plant, appropriate environmental studies shall be prepared to determine measures which will minimize adverse effects to air quality, public safety, agriculture and acquaculture.

<u>20.144.160.C.1.i</u>

"Any structural expansion of the PG&E and National Refractories plants shall include plans for major access on Dolan Road including any attendant improvements to Dolan Road and or Highway 1 (Ref. Policy 5.5.2.7 Moss Landing Community Plan)."

Response

The main entrance to the Moss Landing Power Plant has been relocated to Dolan Road from Highway 1. Projects at the plant currently under consideration by PG&E are not expected to substantially increase the number of employees assigned there. Traffic on Dolan Road and Highway 1, therefore, is not expected to be permanantly increased due to projects described in this master plan.

20.144.160.C.1.j

"One condition of any future expansion of off-shore tanker terminal mooring facilities shall be the demonstrated effectiveness to Monterey County of oil spill contingency plans to minimize the environmental effects of oil spills to the maximum extent feasible, as provided for in the existing federal, state and local requirements for oil-spill mitigation plans in force at the time of project application. Maximum protection of Elkhorn Slough must be provided (Ref. Policy 5.5.2.8 Moss Landing Community Plan)."

Response

No plans presently exist for the expansion of the off-shore tanker terminal facilities. However, any future plans for expansion shall incorporate oil spill contingency plans to minimize the environmental effects of oil spills to the maximum extent feasible, as provided for in the existing federal, state and local requirements for oil-spill mitigation plans. PG&E's current fuel oil facility operating and emergency plans are consistent with federal and state requirements.

20.144.160.C.1.k.

"All new heavy industry must be coastal-dependent (Ref. Policy 5.5.2.10 Moss Landing Community Plan)."

Response

Regulation of land uses in the Moss Landing Community is guided by the policies and standards outlined in various Monterey County planning documents such as the "Moss Landing Community Plan". PG&E's Moss Landing Power Plant is an existing coastal-dependent facility in conformance with the County's policies to encourage coastal dependent heavy industry in the Moss Landing Community.

20.144.160.C.1.l.

"Additional development of environment-polluting heavy industry shall not be permitted (Ref. Policy 5.5.2.11 Moss Landing Community Plan)."

PG&E recognizes that the County is responsible for ensuring that future industrial development in the Moss Landing Community meets all appropriate regulatory agency requirements and the California Environmental Quality Act. PG&E's Moss Landing Power Plant is an existing facility operating fully in conformance with the Monterey County land use and coastal development guidelines and numerous local, state, and federal regulatory agency guidelines.

3b. Specific Development Standards

20.144.160.C.2.a

"Future upgrading or modification of PG&E generating units 1-5, will require as part of their development plans to limit the cooling water discharge outfall into the slough to the historical discharge rate. If there is a proposed increase in the discharge rate, an appropriately focused environmental impact report shall be required to determine the effect on the slough and the surrounding habitat. (Ref. Policy 5.5.3.1 Moss Landing Community Plan)."

Response

Any plans for the upgrading or modification of Units 1-5 resulting in an increase in the design discharge rate of the cooling water system will incorporate the required environmental documents to evaluate the impact upon Elkhorn Slough and surrounding habitat.

20.144.160.C.2.c

"In the event that conversion of the PG&E power plant to a coal-burning facility is proposed, an environmental impact report shall be prepared to determine all effective mitigation measures minimizing adverse effects to air quality, public safety, agriculture and aquaculture. The environmental impact report shall address the location of a safe disposal site for coal ash and collected air pollutants which shall be located away from inhabited areas and sensitive resources. Methods to reduce potentially significant environmental effects to an acceptable level from runoff, as indicated by the environmental impact report, shall be incorporated into the power plant and disposal site design (Ref. Policy 5.5.3.5 Moss Landing Community Plan)."

Response

No plans currently exist for major operational changes in fuels or fuel delivery systems for the plant. However, if cleaner fuels become unavailable and consideration must be made to use coal at the plant, environmental studies shall be prepared to determine measures which will minimize adverse effects to air quality, public safety, agriculture and acquaculture. The studies will also address the location of a safe disposal site for coal ash and collected air pollutants which shall be located away from inhabited areas and sensitive resources. Methods to reduce potentially significant environmental effects from runoff to an acceptable level, as indicated by the environmental studies, shall be incorporated into the power plant and disposal site design.

20.144.160.C.2.d

"The PG&E site south of Potrero Road is not considered a suitable location for future development of a nuclear power plant facility due to potential hazards related to geological conditions, proximity to populated areas, land use conflicts and possible impacts on marine and estuarine environments, (Ref. Policy 5.5.3.6 Moss Landing Community Plan)."

Response

These parcels of land were sold to private parties in 1983 and are currently being utilized for agricultural purposes. PG&E maintains only subsurface mineral rights to the parcels.

20.144.160.C.2.e.

"For industries with significant emission, as a condition of issuance of development permits, Monterey County shall require that an atmospheric surveillance station be established in the Moss Landing vicinity at the expense of and by the applicant. This station shall be thereafter be operated by the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District to monitor air pollution concentrations in addition to pertinent meteorological studies (Ref. Policy 5.5.3.8 Moss Landing Community Plan)."

Response

Atmospheric surveillance stations were installed and operated between June 1993 and June 1994 in a cooperative effort between the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, National Refractories, and PG&E. The data collected is now (August 1994) being analyzed.

20.144.160.C.2.f

"Expansion of heavy industrial uses on the property owned by PG&E west of Highway 1 and east of Moss Landing Harbor shall be limited to improvements or modification that are compatible with the road right-of-way as established by zoning and previous permit action, along with the visual development standards contained in Section 20.144.030 (Ref. Policy 5.5.3.9 Moss Landing Community Plan)."

Response

Expansion of heavy industrial uses on the PG&E property west of Highway 1 and east of Moss Landing Harbor will be limited to improvements or modifications that are compatible with the road right-of-way as established by zoning and previous permit action, along with the visual development standards contained in Section 20.144.030.

20.144.160.C.2.g

"Possible future development of a transmission line north from the PG&E power plant must be compatible with research and education use of the estuarine sanctuary. Potential environmental effects shall be reduced to an acceptable level before development is allowed (Ref. Policy 5.5.3.10 Moss Landing Community Plan)."

Response

Presently no plans exist for the routing of new transmission lines out of the plant. Any plans for the development of a transmission line north from the plant will consider research and educational use of the estuarine sanctuary.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

4a. Land Use

Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Moss Landing Power Plant is located approximately 12 miles northwest of Salinas in Monterey County and south of Elkhorn Slough. Moss Landing Harbor is located adjacent to the westerly property line of the plant and opens into Monterey Bay. The plant site consists of approximately 370 acres bounded on the west by Moss Landing Harbor and on the south by Dolan Road (see Figure 2).

The community's unique environmental setting supports a variety of land uses ranging from cattle grazing to industrial processing plants. The two primary industrial activities in the Moss Landing Area are PG&E's Moss Landing Power Plant and National Refractories Moss Landing Area Plant. Other industrial activities also located within the harbor district are boat yards and seafood processing operations. The prevalent land uses of the area are those related to agriculture or linked to the harbor i.e., commercial fishing, recreational boating and marine research.

Moss Landing Harbor, at the mouth of the Slough, is a focus of coastal development activity, including commercial fishing, a yacht club and docking facilities. The harbor is also the home of the Moss Landing Marine Laboratory which has been relocated due damage caused by the October 17, 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake. The Monterey Bay Aquarium, in a cooperative effort with the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute and P.G.&E., operates a warm water holding tank facility utilizing water from the power plant outfall.

Tourism is a source of revenue for the community, although Moss Landing itself would not be considered a resort town on the order of Carmel/Monterey or Santa Cruz. The limited commercial activities are represented by various small antique shops and restaurants located in the harbor, along Moss Landing Road and along Highway 1. This beach village community draws mainly recreational fisherman, clammers, bird watchers and boaters.

Agricultural activity in the immediate area east of the plant is primarily cattle grazing. South of the Moss Landing area and north of Elkhorn Slough, the fertile soils support the production of row crops such as brussel sprouts, strawberries and artichokes.

A network of highways connect the Moss Landing area with the Monterey Peninsula, Santa Cruz and the South Bay area. Highway 1 passes through the power plant property east of the harbor. Highway 101 is readily accessible via Highways 156 and 183 located to the southeast.

4b. Environmental Resources

Moss Landing Power Plant is located in an environmental setting with a complex organization of biological, cultural, geologic, and hydrologic resources. Detailed information is contained in Appendices A-D.

Biological Resources

The power plant is located between two ecologically important estuarine systems: Elkhorn Slough to the north and Moro Cojo Slough to the south. These sloughs are critical habitat for a number of threatened and endangered species. Shorebirds and water fowl are observed throughout the year in the Moss Landing area, with peaks during the spring and fall migratory seasons. Over 90 species of water-associated birds have been reported at the Elkhorn Slough. The California Department of Fish and Game has assumed responsibility for the management of the Elkhorn Slough Estuarine Sanctuary and operates a visitor center at the Slough.

The Monterey Bay, as a National Marine Sanctuary, is also a critical biological resource and management of the plant will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines established by the administrator of the sanctuary when such regulations are codified and become effective. The plant currently operates within the intent of the sanctuary legislation.

The plant property itself, contains little critical habitat necessary for the survival of threatened or endangered species that occur in the area. Future on-site modernization and upgrading of existing facilities will be planned to minimize impacts on surrounding biological resources.

Cultural Resources

The majority of the plant property has been developed over the past forty years due to a number of construction activities. These developed areas have a low potential for undisturbed cultural resources. Surveys of the plant property, have identified sites with potential cultural resources. Two documented archeological sites are present on the plant property: CA-MNT-229 and CA-MNT-277. No maps are included in this report because the locations of this sites are not intended for public distribution. The plant's proposed projects will not be impacting these areas.

Geology and Soils

The Moss Landing area lies along the central California coast within the Coast Ranges geomorphic province. The site area has a varied subsurface comprised of marine and non-marine sediments. In general, the soil profile at the power plant can be described as sands and silty sands, to depths up to 20 feet. The soil profile then grades to clays, silty clays, and organic clays to depths of about 30 feet. From about 30 to 40 feet, the soils grade to clean, dense sands. Dune soils and those in the low-lying areas support watershed and estuarine habitat. Soils on the terrace deposits support agricultural and dairy activities.

The Moss Landing area is in a seismically active region dominated by the San Andreas Fault. Some damage occurred at the plant during the magnitude 7.1 Loma Prieta earthquake on October 17, 1989. The plant structure and equipment survived the earthquake well, however, some damage occurred to electrical equipment in the switchyard. Equipment with improved design has been installed to prevent such future damage.

Hydrology

The major surface water features near Moss Landing Power Plant are Moss Landing Harbor, Elkhorn Slough, the Old Salinas River bed, Moro Cojo Slough and Monterey Bay. The harbor also provides the source water for the power plant. The total drainage area of the plant is small and has very little effect on the regional drainage pattern. Because of the low 24-hour, 100-year storm depth and small drainage area, local runoff at the plant is small. Flooding at the plant is not expected. Discharge points for major storm runoff are monitored and controlled as part of PG&E's Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

5. TRAFFIC

The main entrance to the Moss Landing Power Plant is located on Dolan Road. This entrance is used by employees, contractors and visitors under normal operating conditions. The entrance on Highway 1 is utilized only for emergencies and exiting purposes at specific times. Parking for private and company vehicles is provided for employees, contractors and visitors throughout the plant. A third entrance and parking area approximately 1/2 mile east of Highway 1 off Dolan Road is utilized by contractors during periodic peak work periods.

The power plant is manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Approximately 280 PG&E employees are currently assigned to the plant during various shifts. Additional personnel are utilized as needed for projects and for ongoing maintenance at the plant. Approximately 380 vehicle trips are generated daily during the peak traffic periods in the morning and afternoon. Traffic volumes at the plant were recorded during a two day period during the month of March 1994. The following data represents traffic volume entering and exiting the plant during a typical weekday.

	DOLAN GATE		HWY. 1 GATE
<u>Time</u>	Entering	Exiting	Exiting
6:00 - 6:30	17	0	
6:307:00	112	2	
7:00 - 7:30	32	6	
7:30 - 8:00	23	7	
8:00 - 8:30	7	0	•
3:00 - 3:30	5	5	.1
3:30 - 4:00	2	5	. 3
4:00 - 4:30	5	10	3
4:30 - 5:00	2	12	7
5:00 - 5:30	2	52	14
5:30 - 6:00	1	31	12
6:00 - 6:30	1	5	0

In order to help reduce the volume of traffic generated by the plant during the peak traffic periods, carpooling is encouraged. Also, the plant currently uses flexible work hours, four-day ten-hour work shifts and alternate work shifts. In addition to reducing traffic volume, some of these measures have the positive environmental effect of reducing emissions and gasoline usage.

CALTRANS, Monterey County Department of Public Works, National Refractories, California Coastal Commission and PG&E convened in 1983 to discuss the traffic conditions at Dolan Road and the Highway 1 intersection. It was mutually agreed that the intersection could not handle the peak hour traffic generated by both National and PG&E entrances on Highway 1. In 1985, PG&E relocated its main entrance to the plant from Highway 1 to Dolan Road.

CALTRANS has explored the feasibility of widening Highway 1 to four lanes but currently has no funding to complete the project. Data gathered for the widening project environmental document indicates that the traffic volume on Dolan Road is currently exceeding its design capacity.¹ Dolan Road is projected to reach an "F" level of service by the year 2020 if the proposed Highway 1 widening is not completed. A "D" level of service is expected if the widening is performed. The levels of service are defined as follows:

D - Congested; long strings of traffic symptomatic. Passing generally unsafe, less frequent, never significantly gainful. Thus rate of travel for all is dictated by the slowest motorists on the road. Air and noise pollution more noticeable, constant. Traffic conditions viewed as unpleasant by many drivers, although the more leisurely look at the scenery may be appreciated by the passengers. Steady flow means high volume of cars per hour, despite reduced median travel speed. Operating speed is 35 mph or above.²

F - Traffic is "bumper to bumper"; unstable flow is characteristic, both short and long stoppages not unusual. Resembles big city "rush hour" commuter conditions. Travel frustrating, unpleasant. Overheating, mechanical breakdowns more frequent. High air pollution. Maximum number of cars on road, but volume per hour reduced by inefficient rates of flow. In the extreme, both speed and volume drop to zero. If a queue of stopped cars is observable at entry points, roadway may become self-regulating for those with a choice (i.e., non resident recreational motorists) provided they are given a chance to turn about.²

The plant's approximate 380 vehicle trips generated daily during the peak traffic periods accounted for less than 10% of the total traffic volume on Dolan Road in 1987. If the plant traffic volume remains constant, this figure will drop to less than 7% in the year 2020 based upon projected traffic volumes in the CALTRANS study. Projects identified in this master plan are not expected to result in increased staffing at the plant and should not contribute to any long-term increase in future traffic volume during project construction as a result of temporary construction crews on site, and vehicles delivering materials. Construction work requiring temporary crews is performed generally during the months of October through May. This scheduling minimizes the plant's impacts on traffic during the peak summer months, when tourism and recreational vehicular traffic is at its highest on Highway 1.

¹TAMS Consultants, Inc.; Route 1 Improvements, Castroville - Santa Cruz County Line, January, 1990. Table 3

² From Highway Capacity Manual, Highway Research Board, Division of Engineering and Industrial Research, National Academy of Sciences - National Research Council, Washington, D.C., 1965.

6. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Moss Landing Power Plant operates under the jurisdiction of various local, state and federal agencies. The following are agencies which the plant interacts with on a regular basis for normal plant maintenance and operations:

6a. Public Agencies Associated with Normal Plant Operations

Local Agencies

Monterey County Planning and Building Inspection Department - review and issuance of Coastal Development permits and building permits.

Monterey County Health Department - regulation of the underground gas storage tanks, hazardous materials, waste generation, and the domestic water system.

Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (MBUAPCD) - responsible for regulation of air emissions and the issuance of construction and operating permits.

Monterey County Water Resources Agency - regulates activities that affect the water supply.

North County Fire Protection District - regulates fire safety aspects of proposed projects.

State Agencies

California Department of Toxic Substance Control (CDTSC) - regulates hazardous materials and issues hazardous waste facility permits.

California Coastal Commission (CCC) - review and issuance of Coastal Development permits for offshore projects, i.e. marine terminal.

Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (RWQCB) - regulate discharges from plant operating facilities, the waste water system and surface water runoff. Issues National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits.

California Air Resources Board (CARB) - regulates the state air quality through the local APCD.

California Department of Fish & Game (CDF&G) - review of oil spill emergency response procedures.

State Lands Commission (SLC) - approval of dredging operations at intake and outfall structures and inspections of tanker berths.

California Energy Commission (CEC) - permitting agency responsible for issues relating to the redevelopment of the facility's energy production capacity.

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) - regulates franchise operation of the facility.

California Occupational Safety and Health Administration (CAL/OSHA) - regulates personnel safety and health administration.

California State Fire Marshall (CSFM) - regulates the use of flammable materials.

Moss Landing Harbor District - manages the Moss Landing Harbor and Elkhorn Slough.

California Department of Parks and Recreation - manages the Moss Landing State Beach.

California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) - regulates activities along Highway 1.

California Department of Health Services (DHS) - regulates hazardous waste impoundment ponds and the management of hazardous waste.

Federal Agencies

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - issuance of permits for hazardous wastes and regulation of materials management on site.

United States Coast Guard (USCG) - review and approve various plans for the operation and maintenance of the marine oil terminal.

United States Army Corps of Engineers (USCOE) - regulates activities located within the waters of the U.S. and navigable waterways.

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, managed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) - approval of discharges into Elkhorn Slough and Monterey Bay.

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) - regulates activities having the potential to impact a threatened or endangered species.

6b PG&E Activities and the Permitting Agencies

Table 6-1 Includes a matrix which can be used to cross reference the agencies listed in Section 6a (which may be involved in the approval/review process) with possible projects initiated by PG&E.

Table 6-1

Permitting Jurisdictional Matrix - Moss Landing Power Plant Master Plan

Land use activities within the Moss Landing Harbor area are regulated by of a number of local, state, and federal agencies. PG&E's Moss Landing Power Plant is also required to operate in accordance with the standards of a number of additional state and federal agencies. The following matrix cross references those agencies which oversee and regulate various aspects of the operation of the plant through either permits or some other form of discretionary approval with a general list of projects which are routinely undertaken by the plant and would require some form of approval from one or more regulatory agencies.

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D D R = Notification of the agency is recommended

PROJECT SCOPE:

Will the project result in the construction of a new structure within the County boundaries? Will the project involve any dredging or fill activity within Moss Landing Harbor or Elkhorn Slough? Will the project involve grading activities over 50 cubic yards? Will the project thave the potential to impact the ambient air quality? Will the project have the potential to impact the ambient air quality? Will the project have the potential to impact the ambient air quality? Will the project have the potential to impact the ambient air quality? Will the project have the potential to impact the ambient air quality? Will the project have the potential to impact the ambient air quality? Will the project have the potential to construction of new structures within water areas of Moss Landing Harbor or Elkhorn Slough? Will the project have the potential to create a health act or potential health hazard to the public and employees? Will the project have the potential to impact the area hydrology? Will the project have the potential to impact the area hydrology? Will the project have the potential to impact the area hydrology? Will the project have the potential to impact the area hydrology? Will the project have the potential to impact the area hydrology? Will the project have the located within Monterey Bay? Will the project potential to inflet unding State Beach boundaries? Could the project potentially impact areas or species?

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6c. Operating Permits Maintained for the Moss Landing Power Plant

The following is a listing of existing permits which are required for the operation of the plant. Plant personnel review and update the permits for approval by the responsible agency following fixed schedules ranging from one to five years.

Water Quality

Agency: Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Central Coast Region

- Circulating Water Discharge (sea water for condensers)
 Permit: NPDES Permit Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order 90-08/CA 000 6254
- Domestic Waste Water System Permit: WDR 89-19
- Harbor Dredging * Permit: WDR 90-12
- Hazardous Waste (liquids to surface impoundments) and Associated Ground Water Monitoring Program Permit: WDR 88-80 and WDR 92-123
- Oily Water Separation

Sludge Pond Closure Permit: WDR 91-17

Retention and Surge Pond Closure Permit: WDR 88-80

Agency: Monterey County Health Department

- Well Water System (non-community system) Permit: No. WAT - 0989
- Underground 4000 gallon Gasoline Storage Tank (used for company vehicles only). Permit: 0514-3091

* Note: The Army Corps of Engineers must also approve dredging.

Air Quality

Agency: Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (APCD)

- Boiler Operations and Emissions Permits: Nos. 1-1 through 1-8 and P-2145 and P-2146
- Fuel Oil Tank Permits for Crude Oil Permits: Nos. P-1439A (tank 10), P-1397A (tank 11), P-1398A (tank 13), 1-14 A (tank 14), 1-15A (tank 15), 1-16A (tank 16), 1-17A (tank 17), 1-18A (tank 18) and 1-19A (tank 19).
- Sand Blasting Facility Permit: No. 3744
- Abrasive Blasting Equipment #1 Permit: 6445
- Abrasive Blasting Equipment #2 Permit: 6502
- Abrasive Blasting Equipment #3 Permit: 6735
- Abrasive Blasting Equipment #4 Permit: 6737
- Abrasive Blasting Equipment #5 Permit: 6738
- Paint Spray Facility Permit: 6963A
- Underground 4000 gallon Gasoline Storage Tank, (used for company vehicles only). Permit: 3648
- Natural Gas Condensate Tank (700 gallon) Permit: 4138A
- Laboratory Fume Hoods Permit: 4856
- Exhaust System (480 Volt Switch Center Circuit Breaker Test Facility) Permit 5602

Hazardous Wastes/Materials

Agency: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

- Hazardous Waste Surface Impoundment (ponds) * (metal cleaning waste pond 1, 2 and 3) Permits: (for EPA ID Number CAT 080 011 653)
- On-Site Oil Management: Permit: Required to have a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan (SPCC) for oil management.

Agency: California Department of Health Services (DHS)

• Hazardous Waste Surface Impoundment (ponds) * (metal cleaning waste pond 1, 2 and 3) Permit: (for EPA 10 Number CAT 080 011 653)

Agency: Monterey County Health Department

- Hazardous Material Management Permit: 0514-3091 (AB - 2185/86 Business Plan Requirements)
- Hazardous Materials, Underground Tank and Hazardous Waste Generation Permit: No. HAZ 3131

Agency: Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Central Coast Region

 Hazardous Material Management Permit: WDA 90-08 (BMP requirement) WDR 88-80 (Surface Impoundments) WDR 92-123 (Surface Impoundments)

Agencies: US Coast Guard & California Coastal Commission (CCC)

- Marine Oil Terminal Operation/Maintenance Permits: Required to maintain:
 - a. Emergency Oil Spill Response Plan (EOSRP)
 - b. Operation Plan
 - c. Maintenance Plan

* Note: See Water Quality Section for surface impoundment water requirements.

6d. Coastal Development Permits Issued to Moss Landing Power Plant since 1980

Coastal Development Permits issued by the California Coastal Commission

Installation of piping and valves to existing generator units Permit: 3-85-18

One story addition to an existing administration building Permit: 3-84-132

Motor Control Building and parking lot Permit: 3-84-14

Placement of riprap and sand to protect water intake structure and fuel oil pipeline Permit: 3-84-14

Main fuel oil additive storage tank and portable saltwater decanting tank Permit: E-83-2

Washroom and lockeroom Permit: E-82-27

Coastal Development Permits Issued by Montery County

Hazardous Materials Storage Building Permit: PC 7764

Filter press Permit: PC 7765

6e. Ongoing Regulatory Programs

Emergency Oil Spill Response Plan (EOSRP)

The power plant's primary goal is to prevent any type of oil spill from its offshore marine terminal facilities. The EOSRP, however, provides emergency response actions to protect Elkhorn Slough, beach resources, and to assure the safety of all potentially affected in the event of a spill. The plan is designed to assist PG&E personnel and contractors in responding rapidly and effectively to oil spills. The EOSRP has been filed with the Coast Guard and the Coastal Commission. Future revisions to the plan may require modifications to existing facilities, and construction of new facilities to conform with the plan's goals.

Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan (SPCC)

Pacific Gas and Electric Company has prepared a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan (SPCC) for Moss Landing Power Plant in order to minimize the potential for onshore oil spills; to contain

accidentally spilled oil; and to provide maximum efficiency in the cleanup of spilled oil. This plan supplements the Moss Landing Switchyard SPCC plan and the Moss Landing Power Plant Emergency Oil Spill Response Plan.

This plan has been prepared pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency regulations on oil pollution prevention, 40 CFR Part 112. This plan is reviewed and evaluated at least once every three years or immediately after a reportable spill event.

Containerized Hazardous Waste Management

Hazardous waste, such as oily rags, paint cans and aerosol cans, generated through plant activities, is identified and tracked. Clean hazardous waste storage drums are issued to trained personnel for accumulation of the materials. The phases of filling the drums, storage and disposal are tracked. Reporting is made to the Department of Health Services and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Stack Emissions Management

Exhaust gases discharged through the stack are continuously monitored for certain compounds specified by the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (APCD), such as nitrogen oxides and carbon dioxide. The plant has online systems which provide information on the makeup of the exhaust. Monthly and quarterly emissions reports are submitted to the APCD.

Proposition 65 Identification and Notification

This program was developed as a result of the California Proposition 65 (Prop 65) legislation passed in 1986. Prop 65, the Safe Drinking and Toxic Enforcement Act, requires organizations dealing with potentially hazardous substances to warn employees and the public who may come in contact with these substances. The program identifies, labels and tracks all chemicals used that are on the Prop 65 list. Employees are notified when their work involves exposure to these chemicals, and training is provided to all plant employees on safe work practices. The plant also encourages the use of substitute chemicals and changes in work practices to minimize the use of Prop 65 chemicals.

Waste Minimization and Recycling

Work practices at the plant generate both small quantities of containerized hazardous waste and larger amounts of waste liquids (stack and boiler cleanings, washings, etc.). In the development of work scope for these various jobs, alternate work practices and processes are evaluated to consider options which reduce the wastes generated. Material is recycled rather than dumped when another user can be found. The Waste Minimization Plan for the plant is updated annually and regulated by the Department of Heath Services and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Water Discharge Management

Water discharges from Moss Landing Power Plant are managed under the requirements of the RWQCB's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems Permit for the plant. This includes sampling discharges and reporting results quarterly and annually to the RWQCB.

6f. Additional Activities

Emergency Response Program

Pacific Gas and Electric Company has prepared an Emergency Response Program in order to ensure proper response to emergency situations. The plan includes response procedures for medical emergencies, fire, hazardous waste spills, bomb threats and other emergencies. It also includes procedures for emergency reporting requirements.

Bird Rescue Facility

A bird rescue facility at the plant was opened in February 1984. The facility can clean, dry, and rehabilitate birds which might be affected by an oil spill. The International Bird Rescue Research Center is currently under contract to assist in its operation. Future evaluations may be performed to determine the suitability of modification, relocation or expansion of the current facilities.

Foam Barrier Gates

Foam barrier gates were installed for Units 1-5 discharge to reduce visual impacts from foam generated by the discharge to Elkhorn Slough.

Monterey Bay Aquarium

PG&E is working with the Monterey Bay Aquarium to support their sea water holding tank facility. The Monterey Bay Aquarium is using sea water from the cooling water system of the Moss Landing Power Plant to fill holding tanks containing sealife captured for research purposes. The water was used to fill the tanks initially and is drawn regularly for water changes. The project became operational in October 1990.

Air Toxic Hot Spots

In compliance with California Assembly Bill AB 2588, Moss Landing Power Plant performed a Power Plant Air Toxic Hot Spots Act risk assessment. All air exhaust discharges from the plant, including sandblasting activities, vents from oil tanks, etc., were evaluated. An inventory and assessment of risk to human health and contribution to air pollution problems were performed on the data. The Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (APCD) has collected this data with information for the entire bay area.

Marine Mammal Center

PG&E agreed on January 25, 1993 to allow the Marine Mammal Center to operate a temporary holding and medical checkup facility at the plant. This facility is at the Unit 1-5 intake area. Marine mammals rescued in the Monterey Bay Area are brought to this facility for medical evaluation prior to transport to the Marine Mammal Center facility at the Marin Headlands in Marin County.

7. PROPOSED PROJECTS 1994 - 1998

The extent of development identified in this plan reflects PG&E's best judgment at this time regarding improvements and other projects which may occur during the next five years. Some listed projects are in early planning stages and when fully designed, may not require coastal development permits. Other projects will require some type of permit (though not a coastal development permit) from the county and are included for information. Minor modifications of existing equipment and routine maintenance are ongoing to assure safe, reliable, and efficient operation of the plant. The project list does not address unanticipated projects which may be required as a result of new or revised federal, state, or local mandates.

All projects will be designed in conformance with the policies and standards of the Moss Landing Community Plan, Monterey County Local Coastal Plan, Monterey County Coastal Implementation Plan and other local, state and federal regulations.

Project sites are identified in Figure 2.

1. Plant Start-up Steam Supply

Existing Conditions

During a facility start-up of either Unit 6 or Unit 7, an appreciable supply of steam is necessary to support numerous functions related to start-up operations. By design, the supply of start-up steam must be provided by a source external to the unit in start-up. The current facility configuration provides the ability to utilize the boilers dedicated to Units 1 through 3 in the production of those steam requirements.

The usage of start-up steam derived from these older boilers is currently essential for the reliable operation of Units 6 and 7. Unfortunately, these boilers are in excess of 40 years old and are at or nearing the end of their useful service life.

Project Description

PG&E is currently evaluating specific requirements for replacement of the Units 1-3 boilers as a start-up steam supply source. Any steam source replacement is expected to address the siting and installation of a make-up steam supply boiler (package boiler). The boiler will most likely be gas-fueled and will be housed in a suitable enclosed structure.

Potential Impacts

Visual and other impacts will not be known until the project site and associated facilities have been selected.

Mitigation

Appropriate mitigation measures will be proposed once impacts, if any, have been identified.

Location

Undetermined

Schedule

Operational in 1995 or 1996

2. Air Pollution Control Equipment

Existing Conditions

In order to meet NOx emission limits as specified in the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (MDUAPCD) Rule 431, equipment to limit the emission of NOx is required to be installed on Unit 7 before December 31, 1996. The MBUAPCD prepared and issued a Final Environmental Impact Report (June 1993) for proposed Rule 431, which is specifically for emissions from utility power boilers.

Unit 6 is scheduled to have equipment installed in 2000 and 2001 and that project will be discussed in a future revision to this general plan.

Project Description

PG&E proposes to meet the conditions of Rule 431 by installation and operation of NOx emission reduction equipment on the number 7-1 boiler. The conceptual design shows Selective Catalytic Reduction as the best proven option for reducing NOx. The project would entail extensive duct work between the boiler and air-preheaters for installation of the catalyst, installation of a chemical reagent holding tank and vaporization skid at ground level and possible rebuilding or replacement of the forced draft fans in their approximate same location.

Potential Impacts

The project may increase traffic to the plant by the chemical reagent transporter. Cranes which will likely be used during construction, may be seen from Dolan Road. Any other impacts will be determined once the project scope is clearly defined.

Mitigation

Appropiate mitigation measures will be proposed once impacts are identified.

Location

Unit 7, elevation 60' to 113' and ground level adjacent to Unit 7.

Schedule

Construction in 1995 and 1996. Operational in 1996.

3. Units 6 & 7 Grade 60 Offices/Control Room Remodel

Existing Conditions

Unit operations functions for Units 6 and 7 are directed and controlled from the control room and a small foreman's office situated on Grade 60 of the boiler structure. These work areas are very much the same as they were in 1967-68 when the units were placed in service.

Project Description

PG&E proposes to remodel and upgrade the control room and designated work areas on Grade 60. The upgrade will entail the installation of soundproofing, communications equipment, upgraded lighting and a general remodel of all workstations.

Potential Impacts

There are no visual impacts to the public associated with this project

Mitigation

None required

Location

Grade 60 of the Units 6 and 7 Boiler Structure

Schedule

1994

4. Remodel Chemistry Laboratory

Existing Conditions

The Chemistry Lab was installed in 1965 to perform plant cycle water chemistry analysis. As such, it was set up to perform titration and spectrophotometric analysis and some lube oil and fuel oil analysis. Today, the majority of lab activity has changed focus from plant cycle chemistry to environmental sampling and analysis, primarily analyzing trace contaminants and maintaining the associated paperwork. The type of equipment needed to perform these analysis, and to keep up on the plant water chemistry uses many more pieces of analytical equipment than was included in the original lab design. The current design of the lab does not allow sufficient counter space for the environmental analysis equipment.

Additionally, lab practices for hood operations have been modified in order to meet OSHA requirements for face velocity. While meeting the face velocity requirements, Chemists and Chemical Technicians must perform their analysis tasks under less than optimum conditions.

Project Description

As the environmental requirements on the plant increase, it has become more important to ensure that the Chemistry Lab be equipped to handle the additional requirements. Modification of the laboratory and the associated office space is needed in order to operate efficiently, improve productivity and maintain our current laboratory certification.

Potential Impacts

No impacts are anticipated in conjunction with this project.

Mitigation

None required

Location

Administration Building, Second Floor

Schedule

1994

5. Harbor/Slough Erosion and Access Protection

Existing Conditions

PG&E's Moss Landing Power Plant personnel use structures and equipment necessary for the Plant's operation at the shore line of both the Moss Landing Harbor and Elkhorn Slough PG&E's property lines and easements at the shoreline of the harbor and slough extend beyond these structures/equipment To protect and provide safe access to these facilities, PG&E has historically maintained the shorelines within the property lines or easements.

Project Description

Maintenance on the harbor's and slough's shoreline is performed routinely on an as-needed basis. The majority of the maintenance is erosion control or corrective work which usually follows a storm or bad weather. Maintenance consists of replacing, relocating or installing additional tidal zone erosion control protection. Occasionally, some back fill is needed. PG&E's objective is to insure the safety of its staff and the community, the protection of the environment and the protection of the structures and equipment.

Potential Impact

Work crews and equipment will be visable along the shore line while maintenance is in progress. The time frame of their presence would be from a few hours to a few weeks depending on the scope of the maintenance work. No perceivable or visible changes to the shore line are expected except in cases of extreme storm damage.

Mitigation

None required.

Locations

Along the east side of Moss Landing Harbor tidal zone from a point 300 feet south of the Units 6 & 7 cooling water intake structure to a point approximately 1500 feet north of the Plant's Units 1 through 5 cooling water intake structure.

Along a 100 foot wide PG&E easement for cooling water discharge tunnels from Units 6 & 7 that cross the Moss Landing Harbor

On PG&E owned property on Sandholt Island in the vicinity of the plant's cooling water discharge tunnels.

Along a PG&E easement for a fuel oil receiving line north of the Unit 1 through 5 intake structure and south of the Moss Landing Highway 1 Bridge.

Near the openings of Moss Landing Harbor and Elkhorn Slough where PG&E maintains several sea curtain (boom) tie off points required for the Oil Spill Prevention and Containment Plan.

The area around the Units 1 through 5 cooling water system discharge structures along the south shore of Elkhorn Slough north of the plant.

Schedule

1994 to 1998 (as needed)

6. Install Additional Groundwater Monitoring Wells

Existing Condition

The current groundwater monitoring wells were installed in the mid 1980s. Although they met permit conditions and regulations at the time, new regulations and interpretations have caused the California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) to issue an enforcement order that identifies the wells as deficient. In a meeting with DTSC, PG&E agreed to install four new monitoring wells, two new piezometer wells and to abandon three old monitoring wells.

Project Description

To fulfill the regulatory requirements from DTSC for the groundwater monitoring well system, two new downgradient monitoring wells and two background monitoring wells are required to be added to the areas around the Metal Cleaning Waste Ponds along with two new piezometer wells. Three of the old monitoring wells will be abandoned in accordance with legal and safety requirements.

Potential Impacts

There are no impacts anticipated to other plant systems in conjunction with the project.

Mitigation

None required

Location

In the area around the metal cleaning waste ponds.

Schedule

1994/1995

7. Remodel Plant Restrooms (ADA)

Existing Conditions

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990. The ADA requires that we make existing facilities used by employees and the public readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.

Project Description

PG&E is currently evaluating how the ADA applies to Moss Landing Power Plant and will upgrade its facilities accordingly.

Potential Impacts

Impacts will not be known until the specific requirements are determined.

Mitigation

Appropriate mitigation measures will be proposed once impacts, if any, have been identified.

Location

Undetermined at this time

Schedule

1994-1995

8. Transmission System Maintenance & Construction (M&C) Facility

Existing Condition

Transmission system personnel from various departments are currently utilizing temporary facilities for office, operations, equipment and materials storage at various locations throughout the plant.

Project Description

Modular-type buildings are proposed to consolidate the various departmental activities into one complex. The plan for the M&C Facility also includes a metal sided (Butler type) shop building. The proposed building will be located upon an asphalt area outside the northeast corner of the 500 kV yard. The buildings will not be visible from Highway 1 or Dolan Road.

Potential Impacts

No adverse environmental impacts are anticipated as a result of the proposed consolidation.

Mitigation

None required

Location

Northeast corner of the 500 kV yard, (the abandoned paint yard)

Schedule

Operational in 1994

9. Erect Protective Roof for Standby Feedpump LCI

Existing Conditions

Units 6 and 7 have an available backup feedwater pump which is a variable speed electric motor driven (DC) pump. Power for this pump is converted from alternating current to direct current as a matter of necessity in the design of large variable speed motors. Such a conversion in electric current characteristics is made possible through the use of a load commutated inverter (LCI).

The LCI dedicated to the Units 6 & 7 Standby Feedpump is housed in a shelter intended to provide a controlled cool and dry environment, as is required for sensitive electrical equipment of this nature. The shelter itself, is very similar in size and proportion to a standard cargo container. It is supported by a large industrial style air conditioning system with all equipment and ductwork exposed to weather and environment.

The performance of this shelter and air conditioning system in mitigating moisture entry into the LCI has been poor during inclement weather conditions and has contributed to a diminished reliability for the LCI

and the Standby Feedpump. This, in turn, has adversely effected the reliability of Units 6 and 7 since the availability of the electric driven feedpump is a critical backup and start-up feature in the operation of Units 6 and 7.

Project Description

PG&E proposes to design and erect a suitable roof structure that will provide positive protection of the LCI housing and air conditioning equipment against the impacts of wet and inclement weather.

Potential Impacts

The proposed roof structure will be visible from Highway 1 as allowed through the existing trees adjacent to the Highway 1 fence line.

Mitigation

The tree line that is adjacent to the Highway 1 fence will be maintained.

The height and profile of the proposed protective roof will be minimized as much as possible.

Location

North of the Units 6 & 7 Machine Shop.

Schedule

1995

Proposed Project Text Change to Moss Landing Power Plant Master Plan Section 7. Proposed Projects 1994-1998

10. Installation of new 115 kV Switchyard Equipment and Building a New Control Building

Existing Conditions

The current Moss Landing Power Plant property encompasses a number of operational facilities including the 115, 230 and 500 kV switchyards located east of Hwy. 1 in the northern portion of the site. The switchyards are critical links in the PG&E transmission system and supply approximately 80% of the electric power for the Central Coast Division, an area covering Hollister, Salinas, Monterey and Santa Cruz. Due to growth occurring in the Division, Pacific Gas and Electric is planning to modify the 115 kV switchyard to provide better system reliability and to serve the increased demand in the Central Coast area.

Project Description

The 115 kV switchyard is located in the northwestern portion of the Moss Landing Power Plant site. The switchyard is not visible from the highway and is shielded from public view by a grove of trees and shrubs. Currently, the 115 kV switchyard encompasses an area approximately 350 feet by 760 feet in size. The capacity modification work entails mostly the installation of new electric transmission equipment. A new control building will be constructed to house the equipment. All the work will be performed within the interior portion of the Plant site and predominately within the switchyard area. The planned modifications to the switchyard would entail the following work:

Existing Equipment New, Replacement

Transformer Bank No. 1 - 230 kV

Disposition / Purpose

Transformer Bank No. 1 will be connected from a different 230 kV source and will be used as a spare transformer to pick up load in an emergency.

Install new 230/115 kV transformer bank.

Remove one 115 kV oil circuit breaker.

To accommodate the increased capacity demand of the 115 kV system.

The old breaker will be stored for future use.

Install three new 115 kV SF6 gas circuit breakers.

Build a new unstaffed control building approximately 24 by 40 feet in size. One breaker is for the new transformer bank. The other two are to upgrade the 115 kV system.

The new building is needed to house the additional relaying and controls equipment for the new transformer and circuit breakers which can not be accommodated in the existing control building inside the power plant. Both buildings would operate. The new building would be an unstaffed.

Additional space is required to accommodate the new control building, new transformer bank, 115 kV and 230 kV transmission poles.

The 115 kV feeds from the new transformer to the new circuit breaker.

The poles will connect Transformer Bank No. 1 to the existing 230 kV source of Transformer Bank No. 3 which will be disconnected and nonoperational.

Potential Impacts

The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under Section 15303. No adverse impacts are anticipated as result of this project because the construction activity would be limited to areas of the substation property that have been previously disturbed. None of the equipment or the control building would be visible from HWY. 1. Additionally the new transformer would operate more efficiently and quieter than the older transformer. No traffic impacts are anticipated.

Mitigation

Move part of the 115 kV and 230 kV switchyard's south fence approximately 101 feet south of the existing fence line and extending eastward by 713 feet.

Install two steel poles for new transformer 115kV output.

Install four wood poles for Transformer Bank No. 1.

None required.

Location

The proposed modifications would take place in the 115 kV switchyard located n the northwestern portion of the site. Refer to the attached arrangement/site plan.

Schedule

Construction is anticipated to start February 1, 1998 and will be completed by September, 1998.

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APPENDIX A

MOSS LANDING POWER PLANT MASTER PLAN 1994-1998

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

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BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

1.0 PURPOSE

This report describes the vegetation and wildlife, threatened, endangered and candidate species, and sensitive natural communities found within 1/2 mile of the boundary of the fee property surrounding Moss Landing Power Plant. The information presented is based on a literature search and review of aerial photographs.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

Moss Landing Power Plant is located between two ecologically important estuarine systems. To the north is Elkhorn Slough, to the south is Moro Cojo Slough. These sloughs are important habitats for a number of threatened and endangered species of plants and animals. West of the power plant these two sloughs join and form Moss Landing Harbor. The harbor provides facilities for about 300 commercial fishing and pleasure boats. The gently rolling uplands surrounding the estuaries are used principally for row crops (artichokes, cole crops, beans, lettuce, melons, and sugar beets), irrigated pasture and dairy operations, and residential housing (Browning 1972).

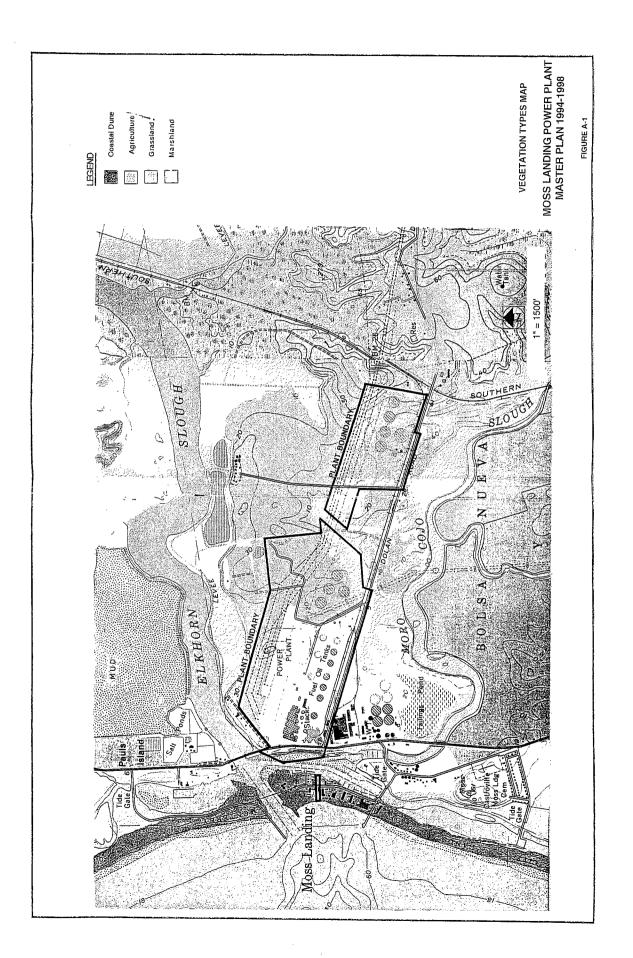
3.0 VEGETATION TYPES

Figure A-1 shows the vegetation types in the study area. Non-native grassland is the dominate vegetation community within the PG&E fee property. The property contains little habitat necessary for the survival of the threatened and endangered species that potentially occur in the area. A remnant parcel of marsh is located between the east set and west set of fuel tanks.

A small parcel of coastal dune habitat is located on the west side of Moss Landing Harbor. Within this coastal strand community stabilizing vegetation is sparse. Lupine (*Lupinus* spp.), yellow sand verbena (*Abronia latifolia*) and a number of grass species exist in this community.

The northern boundary of the parcel containing the power plant runs nearly adjacent to Elkhorn Slough. This slough is one of the few relatively undisturbed coastal wetlands remaining in California. Approximately 10% of Elkhorn Slough consists of open water or channels, 20% is mudflat, 50% is salt marsh, and the remainder consists of dunes, beaches and salt ponds (Browning 1972). Vegetation along the edge of the slough is predominately pickleweed (*Salicornia virginica*) and saltgrass (*Distichlis spicata*). A narrow band of trees separates this area of the salt marsh from the upland area near the fee property. The upland area is predominately grassland. Northeast of the plant, and north of the eastern set of fuel tanks is a large parcel of agricultural land. Map 1 shows the wetland habitats of Elkhorn Slough.

PG&E land east of the Southern Pacific Railway and north of Dolan Road is dominated by non-native grassland. Further north is Parson's Slough, a part of the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Sanctuary. The National Estuarine Sanctuary is characterized by uplands of oak and grasslands, salt marsh, mud flats, and open water. The Sanctuary is managed by the California Department of Fish and Game with guidance from the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration and a Sanctuary Advisory Committee.



West of the Southern Pacific Railway and south of Dolan Road is Moro Cojo Slough. Moro Cojo Slough is much smaller than Elkhorn Slough and consists of more freshwater marsh (ABA 1988). Map 2 shows the wetland habitats of Moro Cojo Slough.

Lands east of the Southern Pacific Railway and south of Dolan Road are primarily residential and agricultural.

Plant species potentially occurring in the vicinity of the Moss Land Power Plant are listed in Tables 1 and 2.

4.0 WILDLIFE

Most of the wildlife species in the vicinity of the Moss Landing Power Plant are those dependent on the tidal and freshwater marshes of Elkhorn and Moro Cojo sloughs. These habitats as well as the adjacent grasslands support numerous wildlife species (Tables 1 and 2). Over 400 species of invertebrates, 29 species of reptiles and amphibians, 200 species of birds, and 59 species of mammals have been identified from the vicinity of Elkhorn Slough.

5.0 THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

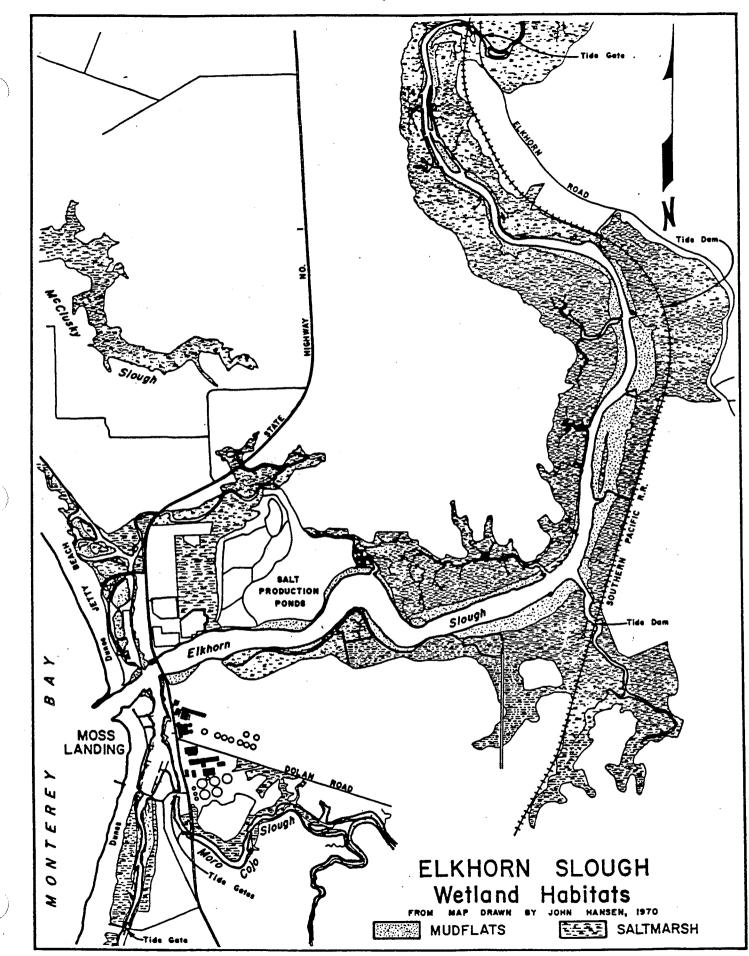
A list of threatened, endangered and candidate species including status, is presented in Table 3. This list was generated through the California Natural Diversity Data Base.

6.0 SENSITIVE NATURAL COMMUNITIES

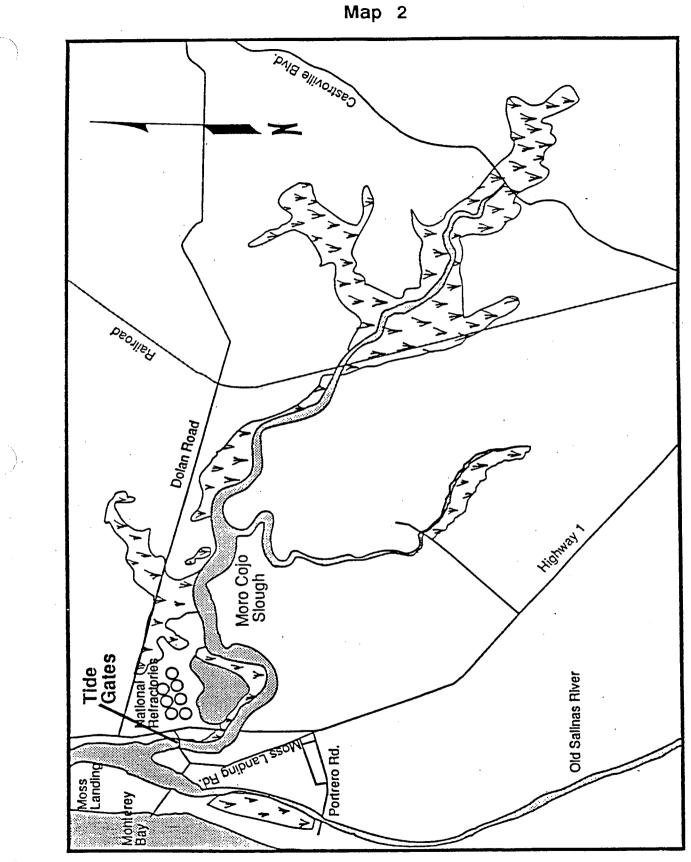
Sensitive natural communities are unique assemblages of biotic diversity. They tend to provide the habitat necessary for the survival of many of California's threatened and endangered species. Both Northern Coastal Salt Marsh and Coastal Brackish Marsh are found in the vicinity of the Moss Landing Power Plant.

The Northern Coastal Salt Marsh found in Elkhorn Slough is dominated by pickleweed, which accounts for more than 90 % of the plant cover (ABA 1989). It provides habitat for the California clapper rail, western snowy plover, and the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander.

The Coastal Brackish Marsh found in Moro Cojo Slough is dominated by bulrush (*Scirpus* spp.), cattails (*Typha* spp.), rushes (*Juncus* spp.), and pickleweed. This marsh provides habitat for the California brackishwater snail as well as the California clapper rail, western snowy plover, and the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander.



Source: Browning, 1972



Source: ABA Consultants, 1988

The present wetland habitat in Moro Cojo Slough.



SPECIES LISTS

List of species found along Elkhorn Slough and its immediate environs, including adjacent beach and upland habitat.

Beta vulgaris

VASCULAR PLANTS¹

Abronia latifolia Yellow Sand Verbena Achillea borealis Common Yarrow Adenostoma fasciculatum Chamise Alisma plantago-aquatica Water-Plantain Allocarya chorisiana hickmanii Hickman's Allocarya Amsinckia spectabilis Seaside Amsinckia Amsinckia sp. Fiddleneck Anagallis arvensis Scarlet Pimpernel Anthemis sp. Dog Fennel Arabis sp. Rock Cress Arbutus menziesii Madrone Arctostaphylos hookeri Hooker's Manzanita Arctostaphylos paiaroensis Pajaro Manzanita Arctostaphylos tomentosa Brittleleaf Manzanita Artemisia californica California Sage Artemisia douglasiana Douglas' Mugwort Asclepias eriocarpa Indian Milkweed Aster chilensis Common California Aster Astragalus nuttallii Coastal Dunes Nettleweed Atriplex patula hastata Fat Hen Atriplex semibaccata Australian Saltbush Avena barbata Slender Wild Oat Avena fatua Wild Oat Baccharis pilularis Coyote Brush Baccharis douglasii Salt Marsh Baccharis Baccharis viminea Mule Fat

Wild Beet Brassica campestris Common Field Mustard Brassica nigra Black Mustard Briza minor Little Ouaking Grass Brodiaea pulchella Blue Dicks Bromus mollis Soft Chess Bromus rigidus Ripgut Grass Cakile maritima Sea Rocket Carex brevicaulis Short-stemmed Sedge Carex sp. Sedge Cardamine oligosperma Few-seeded Bitter Cress Castilleja foliolosa Wholly Painted Cap Castilleja latifolia Monterey Paintbrush Castilleia sp. Indian Paintbrush Ceanothus dentatus Dwarf Ceanothus Ceanothus griseus Carmel Ceanothus Ceanothus rigidus albus White Ceanothus Ceanothus thyrsiflorus Blue-blossom Chenopodium ambrosioidea Mexican Tea Chenopodium macrospermum Coast Goosefoot Chenopodium rubrum Red Goosefoot Chlorogalum pomeridianum Soap Root Cichorium intybus Chickory Cirsium californicum California Thistle Cirsium occidentale Cobweb Thistle Cirsium vulgare **Bull Thistle**

Conium maculatum Poison Hemlock Convolvulus occidentalis Beach Morning-glory Conyza canadensis Horseweed Corethrogyne sp. Corethrogyne Cortaderia jubata Pampas Grass Corylus californica Hazelnut Cotula coronopifolia Brass Buttons Cressa truxillensis vallicola Alkali Weed Cupressus macrocarpa Monterev Cypress Cuscuta salina Salt Marsh Dodder Cynodon sp. Bermuda Grass Cyperus egarostis Tall Cyperus Cyperus sp. Umbrella Sedge Danthonia californica California Oat Grass Dendromecon rigida Tree Poppy Distichlis spicata Salt Grass Dryopteris arguta Coastal Wood Fern Dudleva farinosa Live-forever Eleocharis sp. 🗉 Spike-rush Elymus mollis American Dune Grass Elvmus triticoides Alkali Rye Grass Epilobium sp. Fireweed Erechtites arguta Cut-leaved Coast Fireweed Éricameria aricoides Mock Heather Ericameria fasiculata Mock Heather Eriogonum latifolium nudum Wild Buckwheat

Eriogonum nudum Naked-stemmed Eriogonum Eriophyllum confertiflorum Golden Yarrow Erodium botrys Long-beaked Filaree Erodium moschatum White-stemmed Filaree Eryngium sp. Coyote Thistle Eschscholzia californica California Poppy Eucalyptus globosus Blue Gum Festuca mvuros Rattail Fescue Festuca sp. Fescue Foeniculum vulgare Sweet Fennel Fragaria californica California Strawberry Frankenia grandifolia Alkali Heath Franseria chamissonis Beach-bur Galium aparine Goose Grass Galium californicum California Bedstraw Galium nuttallii Climbing Bedstraw Garrya elliptica Coast Silk-tassel Geranium dissectum Cut-leaved Geranium Geranium molle Cranesbill Gnaphalium californicum California Everlasting Gnaphalium purpureum Cudweed Grindelia humilis Marsh Grindelia Grindelia latifolia Gum Plant Helenium puberulum Sneezeweed Heleocharis sp. Spike-rush Helianthella sp. Helianthella Helianthemum scoparium Rock-rose Heliotropium curassavicum Seaside Heliotrope Heterotheca grandiflora Telegraph Weed Holocarpha macradenia Santa Cruz Tarplant

Holodiscus discolor Cream Bush Hordeum geniculatum Mediterranean Barley Horkelia cuneata Wedge-leaved Horkelia Hordeum leporinum Farmer's Foxtail Hydrocotyle sp. Marsh Pennywort Hypochaeris radicata Hairy Cat's Ear Iris douglasiana Douglas' Iris Iris longipetala Long-petaled Iris Iris pseudocorus Yellow Iris Jaumea carnosa Fleshy Jaumea Juglans sp. Walnut Juncus bufonius Toad Rush Juncus effusus pacificus Pacific Bog Rush Juncus lesuerii Salt Rush Juncus patens Common Rush Juncus phaeocephalus Brown-headed Rush Juncus xiphioides Iris-leaved Rush Lasthenia glabrata Yellow-rayed Lasthenia Lathyrus jepsonii californicus Wild Pea Lavatera cretica Tree Mallow Lemna sp. Duckweed Leptospermum sp. Australian Tea Tree Lilaea scilloides Flowering Quillwort Limonium californicum Sea Lavender Linaria canadensis Toad Flax Lobularia maritima Sweet Alyssum Lolium multiflorum Italian Ryegrass Lolium perenne Perennial Ryegrass Lomatium dasycarpum Lace Parsnip Lonicera involucrata Twinberry

Lotus corniculatus Bird's Foot Trefoil Lotus formosissimus Coast Trefoil Lotus scoparius Deerweed Lotus subpinnatus Chile Trefoil Lupinus albifrons Silver Lupine Lupinus aboreus Yellow Beach Lupine Lupinus bicolor Lindley's Annual Lupine Lupinus chamissonis Blue Beach Lupine Lupinus nanus Sky Lupine Lupinus succulentus Succulent Annual Lupine Lupinus sp. Lupine Lythrum hyssopifolia Hyssop Loosestrife Madia sp. Tarweed Malva parvifolia Cheeseweed Malva sp. Mallow Marah fabaceus Common Manroot Marah sp. Wild Cucumber Marrubium vulgare Horehound Medicago hispida Bur Clover Medicago polymorpha vulgaris Yellow Bur-clover Metilotus albus White Sweet Clover Melilotus indicus Yellow Sweet Clover Mentha pulegium Pennyroyal Mesembryanthemum chilense Sea Fig Mesembryanthemum edule Hottentot Fig Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum Slender-leaved Iceplant Mimulus guttatus Large Monkeyflower Mimulus aurantiacus Sticky Monkeyflower Monardella villosa Coyote Mint Montia perfoliata Miner's Lettuce

Myrica californica California Wax Myrtle Nasturtium officinale Water Cress Navarretia intertexta Navarretia Navarretia squarrosa Skunkweed Oenanthe sarmentosa Pacific Oenanthe Oenothera micrantha Primrose Oenothera ovata Sun Cups Orthocarpus densiflorus Owl's Clover Orthocarpus erianthus Butter and Eggs Orthocarpus pusillus Dwarf Orthocarpus Oxalis pes-caprae Bermuda Buttercup Oxalis sp. Wood Sorrel Parapholis incurva Sickle Grass Paspalum dilatatun Dallis Grass Pedicularis densiflora Indian Warrior Pellaea mucronata Bird's Foot Fern Phalaria tuberosa stenoptera Harding Grass Photinia arbutifolia Tovon Picris echioides Bristly Ox Tongue Pinus radiata Monterey Pine Pityogramma triangularis Goldenback Fern Plantago bigelowii Annual Plantain Plantago coronopus Cut-leaved Plantain Plantago erecta California Plantain Plantago heterophylla Plantain Plantago hirtella galeottiana Mexican Plantain Plantago lanceolata Ribwort Plantago major White Man's Foot Plantanus racemosa Sycamore Poa annua Annual Bluegrass

Polygala californica California Milkwort Polygonum aviculare Doorvard Knotweed Polygonum coccineum Swamp Knotweed Polygonum persicaria Lady's Thumb Polygonum punctatum Water Smartweed Polypodium californicum **Resurrection Fern** Polypogon monspeliensis Rabbit's Foot Grass Potentilla egedii grandis Pacific Silverweed Pteridium aquilinum Bracken Fern Quercus agrifolia Calfiornia Live Oak Ranunculus sp. Buttercup Raphanus sativus Wild Radish Rhamnus californica Coffeeberry Rhus diversiloba Poison Oak Ribes divaricatum Straggly Gooseberry Rosa californica California Rose Rubus ursinus California Blackberry Rumex acetosella Sheep Sorrel Rumex conglomeratus Green Dock Rumex crispus Curley Dock Rumex sp. Dock Ruppia maritima Ditch Grass Salicornia virginica Pickleweed Salix lasiolepis Arroyo Willow Salix sp. Willow Salsola kali tenuifolia **Russian** Thistle Salvia mellifera Black Sage Sambucus mexicana Blue Elderberry Sanicula crassicaulis Gambleweed Satureja douglasii Yerba Buena

Scirpus acutus Giant Bulrush Scirpus californicus California Bulrush Scirpus microcarpus Panicled Bulrush Scirpus olneyi Olney's Bulrush Scirpus robustus Prarie Bulrush Scrophularia california California Figwort Scutellaria tuberosa Danie's Skull Cap Scrophularia californica California Bee Plant Selaginella bigelovi **Bigelow's Club Moss** Senecio vulgaris Common Groundsel Senecio mikanioides German Ivy Sidalcea malviflora Checkera Silvbum marianum Milk Thistle Sisyrinchium bellum Blue-eved Grass Solanum nodiflorum Black Nightshade Solanum umbelliferum Blue Witch Solanum sp. Nightshade Solidago sp. Goldenrod Sonchus oleraceus Common Sow Thistle Sonchus sp. Sow Thistle Sparganium eurycarpum Broad-fruited Burreed Spergularia marina Salt-marsh Sand Spurry Stachvs bullata Hedge Nettle Stellaria media Common Chickweed Stipa cernua Needlegrass Stipa pulchra Nodding Stipa Suaeda californica California Sea-Blite Symphoricarpos sp. Snowberry Taraxacum oficinale Common Dandelion Tillaea erecta Pigmyweed

Trifolium angustifolium Narrow-leaved Clover Triflolium incarnatus Crimson Clover Trifolium sp. Clover Triglochin concinna Slender Arrow Grass Triglochin maritima Seaside Arrow Grass Trillim ovatum Wake Robin Typha angustifolia Narrow-leaved Cat-tail Typha latifolia Broad-leaved Cat-tail Typha sp. Cattail Urtica holosericea Stinging Nettle Urtica urens Dwarf Nettle Vaccinium ovatum California Huckleberry Verbena lasiostachvs Western Verbena Vinca major Periwinkle Viola pedunculata Johnny Jump-up Xanthium spinosum Spiny Clotbur Xanthium strumarium Cocklebur Zantedeschia aethiopica Calla Lily Zauschneria californica California Fuchsia Zigadenus fremontii Star Lily Zostera marina Eelgrass

AMPHIBIANS²

SALAMANDERS

Aneides lugubris Arboreal Salamander Ambystoma macrodactylum croceum Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamander Ambystoma tigrinum californiense California Tiger Salamander Batrachoseps pacificus Pacific Slender Salamander Ensatina eschscholtzii Monterey Salamander Taricha torosa torosa Coast Range Newt

FROGS AND TOADS

Bufo boreas halophilus California Toad Hyla regilla Pacific Treefrog Rana aurora draytonii California Red-legged Frog Rana boylii Foothill Yellow-legged Frog Rana catesbeiana Bullfrog

REPTILES²

TURTLES

Clemmys marmorata marmorata Southwestern Pond Turtle

LIZARDS

Anniella pulchra nigra Black Legless Lizard Eumeces skiltonianus skiltonianus Northwestern Fence Lizard Gerrhonotus coeruleus coeruleus San Francisco Alligator Lizard Gerhonotus multicarinatus multicarinatus California Alligator Lizard Phrynosoma coronatum Coast Horned Lizard Sceloporus occidentalis occidentalis Northwestern Fence Lizard

SNAKES

Charina bottae bottae Pacific Rubber Boa Coluber constrictor mormon Western Yellow-bellied Racer Contia tenuis Sharp-tailed Snake Crotalus viridis oreganus Northern Pacific Rattlesnake Diadophus punctatus vandenburghi Monterey Ringneck Snake Lampropeltis getulus californiae California Kingsnake

Masticophis lateralis lateralis Alameda Whipsnake Pituophis melanoleucus catenifer Pacific Gopher Snake Thamnophis couchi atratus Santa Cruz Garter Snake Thamnophis elegans terrestris Coast Garter Snake

Thamnophis sirtalis parietalis Red-sided Garter Snake

BIRDS³

- LOONS Arctic Loon Common Loon Red-throated Loon Yellow-billed Loon
- GREBES Eared Grebe Horned Grebe Pied-billed Grebe Red-necked Grebe Western Grebe

TUBENOSES Black-footed Albatross Laysan Albatross Northern Fulmar Ashy Storm Petrel Black Storm Petrel Fork-tailed Storm Petrel Galapagos Storm Petrel Leach's Storm Petrel Least Storm Petrel Wilson's Storm Petrel Buller's Shearwater Fresh-footed Shearwater Manx Shearwater Pink-footed Shearwater Short-tailed Shearwater Sooty Shearwater Streaked Shearwater

PELICANS CORMORANTS Brandt's Cormorant Double-crested Cormorant Pelagic Cormorant Magnificent Frigatebird American White Pelican Brown Pelican Red-billed Tropicbird

HERONS

American Bittern Black-crowned Night Heron Cattle Egret Great Blue Heron Great Egret Green Heron Least Bittern Reddish Egret Snowy Egret

IBISES, SPOONBILLS American Flamingo

Roseate Spoonbill White-faced Ibis

WATERFOWL

Whistling Swan Canada Goose Brant Emperor Goose Greater White-fronted Goose Snow Goose Ross' Goose Mallard Gadwall Common Pintail Green-winged Teal Blue-winged Teal Cinnamon Teal American Wigeon Northern Shoveler Wood Duck Redhead **Ring-necked** Duck Canvasback Greater Scaup Lesser Scaup Common Goldeneye Barrow's Goldeneye Bufflehead Oldsquaw Harlequin Duck King Eider White-winged Scoter Surf Scoter Black Scoter Ruddy Duck Fulvous Tree Duck Hooded Merganser Common Merganser Red-Breasted Merganser

HAWKS

Turkey Vulture Black-shouldered Kite Sharp-shinned Hawk Cooper's Hawk Red-tailed Hawk Harlan's Hawk Red-shouldered Hawk Swainson's Hawk Rough-legged Hawk Ferruginous Hawk Golden Eagle Bald Eagle Northern Harrier Osprey Prarie Falcon Peregrine Falcon Merlin American Kestrel

QUAIL, PHEASANT California Quail Ring-necked Pheasant

RAILS, COOTS Clapper Rail Virginia Rail Sora Common Gallinule American Coot

SHOREBIRDS Black Ovstercatcher Black-necked Stilt American Avocet Semipalmated Plover Killdeer Snowy Plover Lesser Golden Plover Black-bellied Plover Mountain Plover Marbled Godwit Whimbrel Long-billed Curlew Greater Yellowlegs Lesser Yellowlegs Willit Wandering Tattler Ruddy Turnstone **Black** Turnstone Wilson's Phalarope Northern Phalarope Red Phalarope Common Snipe Short-billed Dowicher Long-billed Dowicher Surfbird Red Knot Sanderling Western Sandpiper Least Sandpiper Baird's Sandpiper Pectoral Sandpiper Solitary Sandpiper Semipalmated Sandpiper Sharp-tailed Sandpiper Rock Sandpiper Buff-breasted Sandpiper Spotted Sandpiper Dunlin Stilt Sandpiper Ruff

GULLS Pomarine Jaeger Parasitic Jaeger Long-tailed Jaeger South Polar Skua Glaucous Gull Glaucous-winged Gull Western Gull Herring Gull Thaver's Gull California Gull Ring-billed Gull Mew Gull Franklin's Gull Bonaparte's Gull Heermann's Gull Laughing Gull Little Gull Sabine's Gull Black-legged Kittiwake Forster's Tern Common Tern Artic Tern Least Tern Roval Tern **Elegant** Tern Caspian Tern Black Tern Black Skimmer

- AUKS, MURRES Common Murre Pigeon Guillemot Marbled Murrelet Ancient Murrelet Craveri's Murrelet Xantu's Murrelet Cassin's Auklet Rhinoceros Auklet
- PEGEONS, DOVES Band-tailed Pigeon Rock Dove Mourning Dove

CUCKOOS Roadrunner Yellow-billed Cuckoo

OWLS Barn Owl Great Horned Owl Burrowing Owl Short-eared Owl Snowy Owl

NIGHTHAWKS Lesser Nighthawk

SWIFTS, HUMMINGBIRDS Vaux's Swift White-throated Swift Anna's Hummingbird Rufous Hummingbird Allen's Hummingbird Calliope Hummingbird Black-chinned Hummingbird

KINGFISHERS Belted Kingfishers

WOODPECKERS

Common Flicker Acorn Woodpecker Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Hairy Woodpecker Downy Woodpecker Nuttall's Woodpecker

FLYCATCHERS

Tropical Kingbird Western Kingbird Cassin's Kingbird Ash-Throated Flycatcher Black Phoebe Say's Phoebe Western Flycatcher Western Peewee Willow Flycatcher Gray Flycatcher Olive-sided Flycatcher

LARKS

Horned Lark

SWALLOWS Violet-Green Swallow Tree Swallow Rough-winged Swallow Bank Swallow Barn Swallow Cliff Swallow Purple Martin

JAYS, CROWS California Jay Yellow-billed Magpie American Crow

CHICKADEES, BUSHTITS Chestnut-backed Chickadee Plain Titmouse Bushtit

WRENTIT

NUTHATCHES, CREEPERS White-breasted Nuthatch Red-breasted Nuthatch Pygmy Nuthatch

Brown Creeper

WRENS

House Wren Winter Wren Bewick's Wren Long-billed Marsh Wren

MOCKINGBIRDS, THRASHERS Northern Mockingbird California Thrasher

THRUSHES

American Robin Varied Thrush Hermit Thrush Swainson's Thrush Western Bluebird Townshend's Solitaire

KINGLETS,

GNATCATCHERS Ruby-crowned Kinglet Golden-crowned Kinglet Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

WATER PIPIT CEDAR WAXWING LOGGERHEAD SHRIKE EUROPEAN STARLING

VIREOS Hutton's Vireo

Red-eyed Vireo Warbling Vireo

WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler Nashville Warbler Yellow Warbler Yellow-rumped Warbler Black-throated Gray Warbler Townshend's Warbler Northern Waterthrush Common Yellowthroat Wilson's Warbler Magnolia Warbler Hermit Warbler Blackpoll Warbler Palm Warbler MacGillivray's Warbler Yellow-breasted Chat American Redstart

HOUSE SPARROW

BLACKBIRDS, ORIOLES Western Meadowlark Yellow-headed Blackbird Red-winged Blackbird Tricolored Blackbird Brewer's Blackbird Brown-headed Cowbird Northern Oriole

WESTERN TANAGER

FINCHES, SPARROWS

Black-headed Grosbeak **Evening Grosbeak** Purple Finch House Finch Pine Siskin American Goldfinch Lesser Goldfinch Lawrence's Goldfinch Rufous-sided Towhee Brown Towhee Oregon Junco Savannah Sparrow Brewer's Sparrow White-crowned Sparrow Fox Sparrow Lincoln's Sparrow Swamp Sparrow Song Sparrow Lark Sparrow Chipping Sparrow Lazuli Bunting Lapland Longspur Chestnut-collared Longspur

MAMMALS²

MARSUPIALS

Didelphis marsupialis Opossum

INSECTIVORES

Nurotrichus gibbsi Shrew Mole Scapanus latimanus California Mole Sorex ornatus Ornate Shrew Sorex trowbridgei Trowbridge Shrew Sorex vagrans Vagrant Shrew

BATS

Antrozous pallidus Pallid Bat Eptesicus fuscus Big Brown Bat

Lasiurus borealis Red Bat Lasiurus cinereus Hoary Bat Myotis californica California Myotis Myotis evotis Long-eared Myotis Myotis leibii Small-footed Myotis Myotis lucifugus Little Brown Myotis Myotis thysanodes Fringed Myotis Myotis volans Long-legged Myotis Myotis yumanensis Yuma Myotis Pipustrellus hesperus Western Pipistrel Plecotus townsendi Western Big-eared Bat Tadarida brasiliensis Brazilian Free-tailed Bat

CARNIVORES

Bassariscus astutus Ringtail Canis latrans Coyote

Enhydra lutris Sea Otter Felis concolor Mountain Lion Lynx rufus Bobcat Mephitis mephitis Striped Skunk Mustela frenata Longtail Weasel Procyon lotor Raccoon Spilogale putorius Spotted Skunk Taxidea taxus Badger Urocyon cinereoargenteus Gray Fox Vulpes Fulva Red Fox

PINIPEDS

Phoca vitulina Harbor Seal Zalophus californianus California Sea Lion

RODENTS

Castor canadensis Beaver Dipodomys heermanni Heermann Kangaroo Rat Dipodomys venustus Santa Cruz Kangaroo Rat Microtus californicus California Vole Mus musculus House Mouse Neotoma fuscipes Dusky-footed Wood Rat Ondatra zibethica Muskrat Perognathus californicus California Pocket Mouse Peromyscus californicus California Mouse Peromyscus maniculata Deer Mouse Peromyscus truei Piñon Mouse

Rattus norvegicus Norway Rat Rattus rattus Black Rat Reithrodontomys megalotis Western Harvest Mouse Sciurus carolinensis Eastern Gray Squirrel Sciurus griseus Western Gray Squirrel Scirus niger Fox Squirrel Spermophilus beecheyi California Ground Squirrel Thomomys bottae Valley Pocket Gopher

HARES and RABBITS

Lepus californicus Blacktail Jackrabbit Sylvilagus audubonii Audubon Cottontail Sylvilagus bachmani Brush Rabbit

UNGULATES

Odocoileus hemionus Blacktail Deer

CETACEANS

Eschrichtius robustus Gray Whale Phocoena phocoena Harbor Porpoise

¹Compiled from: Harvey and Stanley Associates (1985), King and Griffin (1983), Schettler (1985). 2From Schafer (1986).

³From Ramer, Ramer, and Warriner (1978)

TABLE 2 SPECIES LIST

Plant and Animal Species observed or likely to occur in the lower Moro Cojo Slough wetlands habitats.

VASCULAR PLANTS

Common Names

Scarlet Pimpernel Fat Hen Australian Saltbush Wild Oat Salt Marsh Baccharis Covote Brush Common Field Mustard Soft Chess Ripgut Grass Sea Rocket Coast Goosefoot Red Goosefoot Cobweb Thistle Bull Thistle Poison Hemlock Brass Buttons Salt Marsh Dodder Salt Grass Wild Rye Grass Alkali Rye Grass White-stemmed Filaree Alkali Heath Beach-bur Cut-leaved Geranium Gum Plant **Telegraph Weed** Farmer's Foxtail Fleshy Jaumea Tree Mallow Perennial Ryegrass Coast Trefoil Bur Clover Pennyroyal Sea Fig Hottentot Fig Bermuda Buttercup

Scientific Names

Anagallis arvensis Atriplex patula hastata Atriplex semibaccata Avena fatua Baccharis douglasii Baccharis pilularis Brassica campestris Bromus mollis Bromus rigidus Cakile maritima Chenopodium macrospermum Chenopodium rubrum Cirsium occidentale Cirsium vulgare Conium maculatum Cotula coronopifolia Cuscuta salina Distichlis spicata Elymus glaucus Elymus triticoides Erodium moschatum Frankenia grandifolia Franseria chamissonis Geranium dissectum Grindelia latifolia Heterotheca grandiflora Hordeum leporinum Jaumea carnosa Lavatera cretica Lolium perenne Lotus formosissimus Medicago hispida Mentha pulegium Mesembryanthemum chilense Mesembryanthemum edule Oxalis pes-caprae

Appendix A

VASCULAR PLANTS (continued)

Common Names

Cut-leaved Plantain Rabbit's Foot Grass Pacific Silverweed Wild Radish Curley Dock Ditch Grass Pickleweed Common Groundsel Milk Thistle Salt-marsh Sand Spurry

Scientific Names

Plantago coronopus Polypogon monspeliensis Potentilla egedii grandis Raphanus sativus Rumex crispus Ruppia maritima Salicornia virginica Senecio vulgaris Silybum marianum Spergularia marina

INSECTS

Scientific Names

Ceatopogonidae Coccinella california Copromyza sp. Drapotis sp. Enochris sp. Ephydra riparia Hydrophilidae Neoscatella setosa Psyllidae Pelomyiella melanderi Tricorxixa riticulata Tropisternus salsaureutus

REPTILES

Scientific Names

Gerhonotus multicarinatus multicarinatus Sceloporus occidentalis occidentalis

Common Names

Fly Beetle Fly Fly Beetle Shore Fly Beetle Fly Aphid Fly Water Boatman Beetle

Common Names

California Alligator Lizard Northwestern Fence Lizard

Common Names

Great Blue Heron Great Egret Snowy Egret Mallard Gadwall Cinnamon Teal Turkey Vulture Red-tailed Hawk American Kestrel American Coot Black-necked Stilt American Avocet Semipalmated Plover Killdeer Black-bellied Plover Willit Northern Phalarope Red Phalarope Long-billed Dowitcher Least Sandpiper Western Gull **Ring-billed Gull** Bonaparte's Gull Forster' Tern **Elegant** Tern

Common Names

Opposum California Mole Ornate Shrew Vagrant Shrew Coyote Striped Skunk Longtail Weasel Raccoon Gray Fox Red Fox California Vole House Mouse Muskrat Deer Mouse

BIRDS

Common Names

Caspian Tern Belted Kingfishers Black Phoebe Barn Swallow American Robin Loggerhead Shrike European Starling House Sparrow Red-winged Blackbird Brewer's Blackbird Lesser Goldfinch Savannah Sparrow

MAMMALS

Scientific Names

Didelphis virginianus Scapanus latimanus Sorex ornatus Sorex vagrans Canis latrans Mephitis mephitis Mustela frenata Procyon lotor Urocyon cinereoargenteus Vulpes Fulva Microtus claifornicus Mus musculus Ondatra zibethica Peromyscus maniculata

MAMMALS (continued)

Common Names

Norway Rat California Ground Squirrel Valley Pocket Gopher Blacktail Jackrabbit Audubon Cottontail

Scientific Names

Rattus norvegicus Spermophilus beecheyi

Thomomys bottae Lepus californicus Sylvilagus audubonii

TABLE 3

Threatened, Endangered and Candidate species that could potentially occur within 1/2 mile of the PG&E Moss Landing Fee Property Line

COMMON NAME	SPECIES	STATE STATUS	FEDERAL STATUS
California brackishwater snail	Tryonia imitator		Candidate
California tiger salamander	Ambystoma californiense		Candidate
Santa Cruz long-toed salamander	Ambystoma macrodactylum croceum	Endangered	Endangered
California brown pelican	Pelecanus occidentalis californicus	Endangered	Endangered
Bald eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Endangered	Endangered
Swainson's hawk	Buteo swainsoni	Threatened	
Peregrine falcon	Falco peregrinus anatum	Endangered	Endangered
Western snowy plover	Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus		Threatened
California clapper rail	Rallus longirostris obsoletus	Endangered	Endangered
California least tern	Sterna antillarum	Endangered	Endangered
Bank swallow	Riparia riparia	Threatened	
Monterey spineflower	Chorizanthe pungens var pungens		Proposed
			Endangered
Menzies' wallflower	Erysimum menziesii	Endangered	Candidate
Sand gilia	Gilia tenuiflora arenarila	Threatened	Candidate
Seaside bird's-beak	Cordylanthus rigidus littoralis	Endangered	Candidate
Santa Cruz tarplant	Holocarpha macradenia	Endangered	Candidate
Eastwood's goldenbush	Ericameria fasciculata		Candidate

Source: California Department of Fish and Game, Natural Diversity Data Base Report 12/23/93 California Department of Fish and Game, State and Federal Endangered and Threatened Animals of California. Revised January 1993.

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APPENDIX B

MOSS LANDING POWER PLANT MASTER PLAN 1994-1998

GEOLOGY AND SOIL ELEMENTS

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APPENDIX B MOSS LANDING POWER PLANT MASTER PLAN 1994-1998 GEOLOGY AND SOIL ELEMENTS

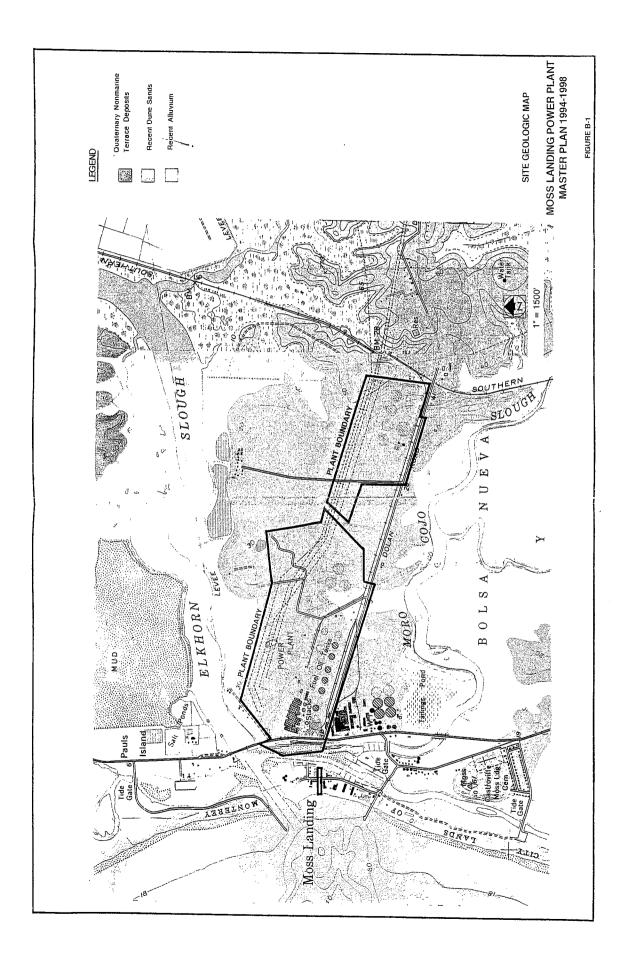
INTRODUCTION AND REGIONAL GEOLOGY

The Moss Landing Master Plan Study Area lies along the central California coast within the Coast Ranges Geomorphic province. This province is characterized by northwest trending mountain ranges and intervening valleys which reflect the structural grain imparted by regional plate tectonics. This grain is dominated by the San Andreas fault zone, which separates the Pacific and North American plates by strike slip faulting. The fault zone separates contemporaneous though differing basement complexes. East of the fault zone, well east of the project site area, the basement rocks are comprised of Mesozoic Franciscan Formation units and associated serpentinite and coeval Mesozoic sedimentary rock units and surficial deposits of marine and continental origin except where uplifted to form ranges such as the Gabilan Range and the Sierra de Salinas. Earth materials exposed in the project areas are comprised of the young, surficial units which overlie crystalline rocks at great depth.

SITE GEOLOGY

The topography of the site area has been formed by two processes acting together. Fluctuations of sea level throughout the Pleistocene in response to the Ice Ages has resulted in the formation of wide, wave-cut benches. These benches are characteristic of a narrow band of terrain along the central coast of California. Subsequent to bench formation and the deposition of littoral sediments, subaerial erosion has altered these surfaces in most areas. Such is the case in the study area where erosion and stream flows have produced a gentle relief from the wave-cut bench. Three geologic units are exposed in the project study area (Jennings, C.W. and R.G. Strand, 1958) and are shown on Figure B-1, Site Geologic Map. These units range in age from Pleistocene (about 2 million years before present) to Recent (within the last 10,000 years). The oldest units lie at the eastern, landward portion of the site area in hilly terrain. These units are briefly described below:

Recent Dune Sands (Qs) - This unit includes Recent sand dune deposits found along the edge of Monterey Bay and is comprised of light-colored, loose, fine to coarse-grained quartz and feldspar sand derived from the weathering of granitic highlands. The dunes are partially arrested from movement by vegetation, especially on their leeward side. Isolated exposures of Recent dune sands are found landward of the shoreline.



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Recent Alluvium (Qal) — Recent alluvial deposits, comprised of water-lain materials ranging in gradation from clay to gravel, predominately medium to fine-grained, make up this unit. The unit also includes horizons of organic-rich, fine-grained sediments containing decaying vegetation. These alluvial deposits are found in the lower-lying portions of the site area.

Quaternary Nonmarine Terrace Deposits (Qt) — Quaternary terrace and alluvial fan deposits, comprised of sandy to clayey gravels and finer sediments, belong to this unit. The unit's surface horizons generally have sparse gravel content. These materials form terraces and low hills in the eastern portion of the study area with elevations generally above 10 feet. These terrace deposits overlie older alluvial materials containing shell fragments of probable marine origin at depth based upon borings made the power plant site (Dames & Moore, 1948, 1962).

A number of borings have been made at the site area for the Moss Landing Power Plant and ancillary facilities (Dames & Moore, 1948, 1962; Mittlehauser Corporation, 1987; PG&E, TES, 1989). Information from a sampling of the boring logs from an extensive number of borings indicates that the site area has a varied subsurface comprised of marine and nonmarine sediments. In general, the soil profile at the power plant site can be described as sands and silty sands to depths up to 20 feet, grading to clays, silty clays, and organic clays at depths of about 30 feet, and grading to clean, dense sands at depths of about 40 feet. These deeper sands overlie a thick sequence of stiff clays containing oyster shells which grade to dense sands at depths of over 70 feet. Bedrock at the site is at depths of several hundred feet. The ground water table is slightly above mean sea level and reflects the surface topography.

SEISMICITY AND GEOLOGIC HAZARDS

The site area is in a seismically active region dominated by the San Andreas fault. Strong ground shaking and damage occurred at the site during the magnitude 7.1 Loma Prieta earthquake on October 17, 1989. Additional strong events can be expected to occur in the site area. Table 1 lists those mapped faults in the site region (Jennings, 1975) which may be the source of future earthquakes.

TABLE 1Significant Faults in Site Region

Fault

Calaveras Cypress Point King City Monterey Bay Zone Palo Colorado-San Gregorio San Andreas Sargent Zayante

Distance and Direction from Site, Miles

20, East 22, Southwest 7, Southwest 5, West 19, West 11, Northeast 14, Northeast 12, North

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Table 2 lists potential geologic hazards and evaluates their likelihood of affecting the site area. This assessment is based upon a review of site operational history, geologic literature, and field observations. The effects of major earthquake events will impact the site area more significantly than other listed potential geologoic hazards.

TABLE 2Potential Geologic Hazards

Potential Hazard

Likelihood of Occurrence During Life of Facility

Surface fault rupture Strong ground shaking Liquefaction Lurching and lateral spreading Differential settlement Landslides Expansive soils Soil Erosion Volcanism Tsunami Seiches Loss of mineral resources Unique geologic features None High¹ Moderate² Moderate³ Moderate⁴ Low⁵ Low⁶ Moderate None Low⁷ Low⁸ None None

¹Strong ground shaking would be caused by strong earthquakes occurring on the faults identified on Table 1.

²Limited liquefaction probably occurred during Loma Prieta earthquake. More pronounced effects may accompany a larger event.

³Lurching effects may occur during major earthquake. Some power plant areas experienced lateral spreading during the Loma Prieta earthquake.

⁴Localized differential settlement of fill occurred during Loma Prieta event.

⁵Some slope instability has occurred along Dolan Road. Most of the site areas have good slope stability.

⁶Near-surface soils are generally non-expansive in developed areas. Areas of Quaternary alluvium may have expansive soils.

⁷Low-lying seaward portions of the site area are protected from tsunami hazard by sand dune deposits.

⁸Slight potential for seiches in Elkhorn Slough.

Appendix B

SOIL RESOURCES

Figure B-2 shows the distribution of soil series mapped in the site area by the Soil Conservation Service (USDA, 1978). Seventeen mapping units representing eight soil series area shown. Table 3 gives a description of the mapping units and Table 4 provides information about their soil characteristics.

Soil belonging to the Cropley, Diablo, Elkhorn, Oceano, and Santa Ynez series and the xerothents class are found on the elevated portions of the site areas. These soils are generally sandy loams except for the Cropley and Diablo series soils, which are clayey. These upland soils developed in the soft sedimentary deposits (Qt). Clayey soils predominate in the lower lying portions of the site over Quaternary alluvium (Qal). These low lying soils include clays and clay loams of the Alviso and Rindge soil series. Although the dune lands (Qs) have some vegetation, they do not have a well-developed soil horizon.

Soils on the terrace deposits support agricultural and dairy activities. Dune soils and those in the low-lying areas support watershed and estuarine habitat.

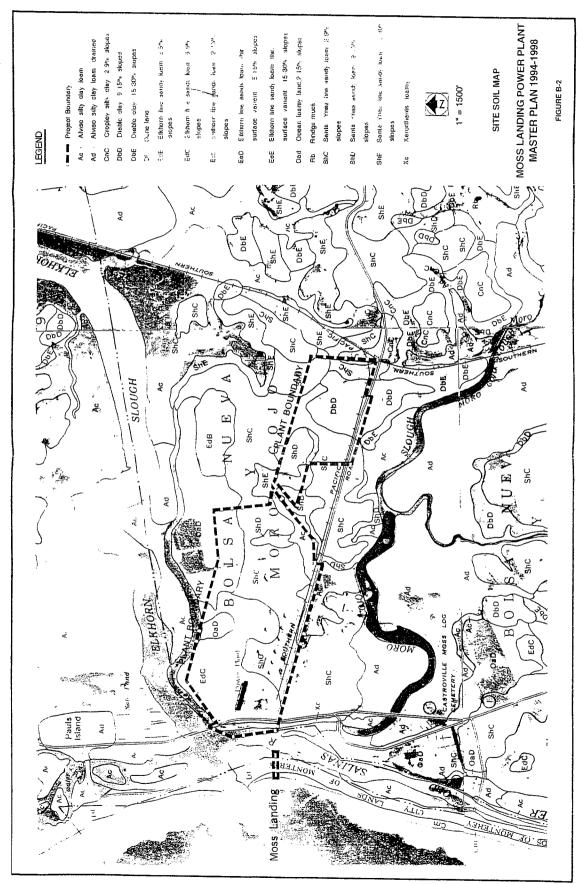


TABLE 3 Soil Map Unit Description

Series Name	<u>Map Unit</u>	Map Unit Name	ğ
Alviso	Ac	Alviso silty clay loam	Gray silty c
Alviso	Pd	Alviso silty clay loam, drained	Gray, silty (
Cropley	CnC	Cropley silty clay, 2-9% slopes	Dark gray s
Diablo	DbD	Diablo clay, 9-15% slopes	Dark gray c
Diablo	DbE	Diablo clay, 15-30% slopes	Dark clay o
Dune Land	Df	Dune land	Tan, wind-
Elkhorn	EdB	Elkhorn fine sandy loam, 2-5% slopes	Brown, fine
Elkhorn	EdC	Elkhorn fine sandy loam, 5-9% slopes	Brown, fine
Elkhorn	EdD	Elkhorn fine sandy loam, 9-15% slopes	Brown, fine
Elkhorn	EeD	Elkhorn fine sandy loam, thin surface	Brown, fine
		variant, 5-15% slopes	
Elkhorn	EeE	Elkhorn fine sandy loam, thin surface	Brown, fine
		variant, 15-30% slopes	
Oceano	OaD	Oceano loamy land, 2-15% slopes	Grayish-bro
Rindge	Rb	Rindge muck	Black, orga
Santa Ynez	ShC	Santa Ynez fine sandy loam, 2-9% slopes	Grayish-bro
Santa Ynez	ShD	Santa Ynez fine sandy loam, 9-15% slopes	Grayish-bro
Santa Ynez	ShE	Santa Ynez fine sandy loam, 15-30% slopes	Grayish-bro
Xerorthents	Xc	Xerorthents, loamy	Variable co
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Source: Soil Survey of Monterey County, California. USDA, Soil Conservation Service 1978.

Description

Gray silty clay loam in nearly level basins and tidal flats. Gray, silty clay loam in level basins and tidal flats. Dark gray silty clay on sloping fans, terraces, and terrace breaks. Dark gray clay on strongly sloping uplands. Dark clay on moderately steep uplands Tan, wind-deposited sand on sloping and steep hills and mounds. Brown, fine sandy loam on gently sloping marine terraces. Brown, fine sandy loam on strongly sloping marine terraces. Brown, fine sandy loam on strongly sloping marine terraces.

Brown, fine sandy loam on fairly steep hills and marine terraces.

Grayish-brown, loarny sand on rolling dunelike hills. Black, organic, nearly level soil in old slough, tidal and lake basins. Grayish-brown, fine sandy loam on gently to fairly sloping terraces. Grayish-brown, fine sandy loam on strongly sloping terraces. Grayish-brown, fine sandy loam on dissected, hilly terraces. Variable colored and sloped loamy soils on steep bluffs and banks.

General Soil Characteristics TABLE 4

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Capability <u>Class</u>	VIII	IIIA	П	Ш	N	Q	П	П	Ш	III	N	N	١٧	IV	Ν	۲۷ ا	IV
Erosion <u>Hazard</u>	Ч	Г	L-M	Г	X	Ð	L	L-M	M	X	Н	L-M	z	L-M	M	Н	L-H
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Erosion Factor <u>K</u> <u>T</u>	Ð	Ð	0.24	0.24	0.24	Ð	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.1	Ð	0.43	0.43	0.43	Q
Shrink-Swell Potentia 1	M	M	Н	Н	Н	Q	L	L	Г	Ц	Г	Г	Ч	Г	Г	Г	Г
Unified Soil Classification	CL,CH	CL,CH	CL,CH	CL,CH	CL,CH	Ð	SM	SM	SM	SM	SM	SP-SM, SM	Ft	SM	SM	SM	cr
Surface Horizon <u>Depth, in.</u>	0-14"	0-14"	0-69"	0-53"	0-53"	Ð	0-26"	0-26"	0-26"	0-17"	0-17"	0-80"	0-60"	0-18"	0-18"	0-18"	0-60"
Land Position	Basins, tidal flats	Basins, tidal flats	Fans, terraces	Uplands	Uplands	Sand Dunes	Marine terraces	Dune-like hills	Sloughs, basins	Terraces	Terraces, hills	Dissected terraces	Bluffs, banks, fans				
<u>Map Unit</u>	Ac	PA	CnC	DbD	DbE	Df	EdB	EdC	EdD	EeD	EeE	OaD	Rb	ShC	ShD	ShE	Xc
Series Name	Alviso	Alviso	Cropley	Diablo	Diablo	Dune Land	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	Elkhorn	Oceano	Rindge	Santa Ynez	Santa Ynez	Santa Ynez	Xerothents

General Notes:

Reference for table is Soil Survey of Monterey County, USDA, 1978.
 See Figure B-2 for location of soil map units.
 See Table 3 for descriptions of map units.
 H equals High; M equals Medium; L equals Low; ND equals No Data in soils report.

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APPENDIX C

MOSS LANDING POWER PLANT MASTER PLAN 1994-1998

HYDROLOGIC DESCRIPTION

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HYDROLOGIC DESCRIPTION

1.0 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This study addresses the existing climactic and hydrologic conditions at Moss Landing Power Plant and its surrounding areas within a half-mile radius of the plant's property.

2.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Moss Landing Power Plant was built in 1950 and is located in Monterey County on approximately 370 acres. The major surface water bodies within a half-mile radius of the project site are: 1) Elkhorn Slough on the north; 2) Bennett Slough on the northeast; 3) Moss Landing Harbor on the west; 4) Old Salinas River on the southwest; and 5) Moro Cojo slough on the south. Moss Landing Harbor is a manmade harbor which receives its water mainly from the sloughs and Monterey Bay through tidal exchanges.

3.0 DESCRIPTION OF CLIMATOLOGY

3.1 Precipitation: The mean annual precipitation (MAP) isoheytal map compiled by S.E. Rantz [1] of the U.S. Geological Survey shows that the MAP depth for Moss Landing Power Plant is about 18 inches. This map also shows that the variation of the annual rainfall depth over the project vicinity is small, varying from 16 to 20 inches within the 15-mile radius of the plant.

There is no weather station at Moss Landing. However, there is a weather station (NWS No. 5795) at Monterey, located about 16 air miles south of Moss Landing. This station has 40 years of published records, starting from 1949 to 1988. Because of the closeness of Moss Landing and Monterey in distance and their proximity to Monterey Bay, the climactic conditions of Monterey and Moss Landing can be considered similar. Thus, the records for Monterey can be used for the plant. Table 1 summarizes the 40 years of records at Monterey.

TABLE 1

PRECIPITATION AT MONTEREY

Precipitation	Depth (in)	Time Occurring
Mean annual	18.67	1949 to 1988
Maximum annual	37.70	1983
Minimum annual	8.95	1953
Maximum monthly	9.79	December 1955
Maximum 24-hour	3.85	December 23, 1955

Rainfall distribution over the project area is highly seasonal with about 90 percent of the annual precipitation occurring from November to April. Table 2 shows the average monthly rainfall depths recorded at Monterey.

TABLE 2

AVERAGE MONTHLY RAINFALL SEASONAL VARIATION

Month	Rainfall Depth (in)
January	3.88
February	2.78
March	3.18
April	1.61
May	0.39
June	0.19
July	0.08
August	0.11
September	0.30
October	0.82
November	2.52
December	3.01

The 24-hour, 100-year rainfall depth derived statistically by the Department of Water Resources [2] over the Monterey area is 3.9 inches.

3.2 Temperature: The weather at Moss Landing is mild with the year-round average daily temperatures between 40 to 70°F. Based on 40 years of record at Monterey, the recorded extreme and computed average temperatures are summarized in Table 3.

TABLE 3

MONTHLY TEMPERATURE (°F) SEASONAL VARIATION

Month	Average High	Average Low	Recorded Maximum	Recorded Minimum
January	60	43	84	22
February	62	44	85	26
March	61	45	85	32
April	64	45	93	35
May	65	48	95	38
June	67	50	101	42
July	68	52	98	43
August	69	53	95	45
September	73	53	101	43
October	70	51	104	35
November	66	47	95	35
December	61 ⁻	44	89	23

3.3 Wind: Based on about 155,000 hourly observations taken from 1948 to 1969 at Monterey, the annual average wind speed is 5.7 mph with the modal wind from the northwest at about 8.0 mph.

4.0 DESCRIPTION OF HYDROLOGY

4.1 Hydrologic Setting: The project area is bounded by Elkhorn Slough on the north and Moro Cojo Slough on the south. On the west is Moss Landing Harbor, which is also the confluence of these two sloughs. There are no available flow data for any of the waterways running into Moss Landing Harbor.

Both the Old Salinas River and Moro Cojo Slough are regulated by tide gates at their mouths. Old Salinas River is regulated by ten 48-inch gates and three 48-inch concrete ground culverts and Moro Cojo Slough by four 48-inch gates. The tide gates on the Old Salinas River are opened during ebb tides to drain and closed during high tides to keep the harbor water out. The gates on Moro Cojo are operated in such way to keep the water in the slough below mean sea level.

Elkhorn Slough is the largest waterway in the project area and it drains about 50 square miles at the Highway 1 crossing. Except for the reach behind Elkhorn Road crossing located about 5 miles upstream of Moss Landing, Elkhorn Slough is greatly affected by the tides and near-shore currents in Monterey Bay. There are also 7 gates at the Elkhorn Road crossing.

Bennett Slough is drained by a pipe and gate system at the Jetty Road crossing.

4.2 Surface Hydrology: The major surface water features near Moss Landing Power Plant are Moss Landing Harbor and Elkhorn Slough. These two surface water bodies also provide the source water for the power plant. The water surface level of Moss Landing and Elkhorn Slough is dictated by the currents in Monterey Bay and the tidal exchange between the bay and harbor. The major currents offshore are associated with the California Current, which flows southward and parallel to the coastline. The nearshore currents are controlled primarily by wind, wave, and tidal currents.

There are only limited tidal data available for Moss Landing Harbor. Table 4 summarizes the tidal information record during the summers of 1986 and 1987 by a NOAA gage (No. 9413623, Elkhorn Slough at Highway 1 Bridge, Moss Landing.)

TABLE 4

TIDAL INFORMATION

Tide	Elevation
Mean lower low	0.00
Mean low	1.08
Mean	2.86
Mean high	4.64
Mean higher high	5.33

4.3 Surface Drainage: The drainage area above Moss Landing is small. It is estimated from the 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle map (Moss Landing, Calif.) that the total drainage area including the power plant is less than one square mile. Much of the plant site is drained by two separate storm sewer systems consisting of a network of catch basins and drainage pipes. The storm runoff collected by the storm sewer systems is discharged either to Elkhorn Slough or directly to Monterey Bay through the outfalls. The rainfall excess not collected by the systems would follow the ground contours and flow southward to Moro Cojo Slough.

Because of its small size in drainage area, the presence of the power plant has very little effect on the regional drainage pattern.

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4.4 Flooding Potential: A 100-year flood study was conducted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in 1986. This map shows that the entire project site is located outside the inundation limits that has one percent chance of occurring on the average in every given year. The 100-year inundation limits are shown in Figure C-1.

Because of the low 24-hour, 100-year storm depth and small drainage area, local runoff at Moss Landing Power Plant would be small. Therefore, except for minor local ponding, flooding at the power plant is not expected.

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APPENDIX D

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CULTURAL RESOURCES GUIDELINES

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Appendix D

MOSS LANDING POWER PLANT MASTER PLAN Cultural Resource Guidelines

INTRODUCTION

The following is information regarding cultural resource sensitivity at Moss Landing Power Plant. Guidelines for operations, maintenance and future development are provided.

The numerous cultural resource investigations which have been undertaken at Moss Landing Power Plant were examined in preparation of these guidelines. The references for these investigations are provided at the end of this document. Additionally, the extensive collection of photographs that document construction of the plant beginning from 1940s was reviewed to obtain information on previous earth-moving activities. Several employees who have worked at the plant since the 1950s were also interviewed about their knowledge of plant construction throughout the years.

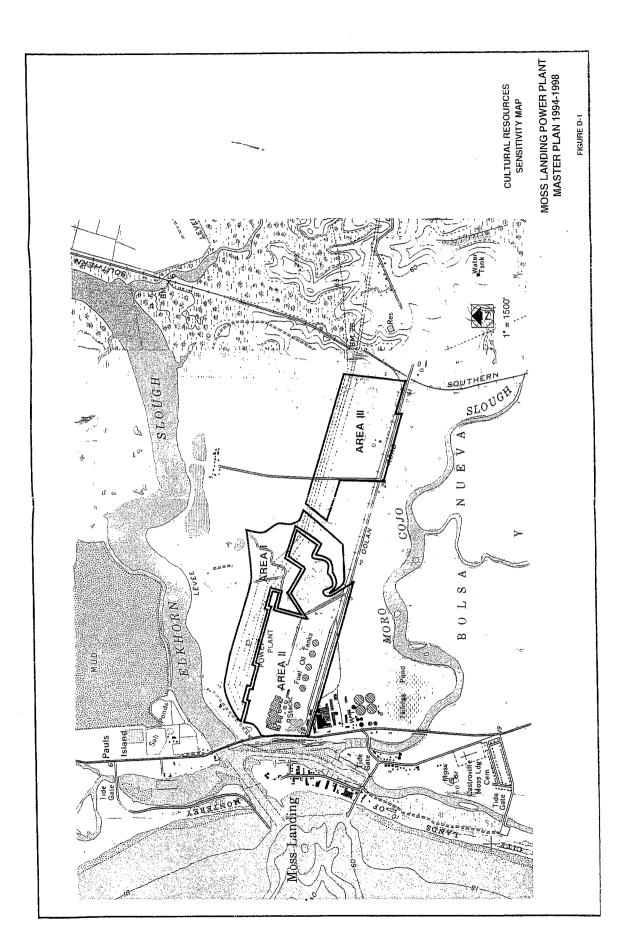
Construction photographs and interviews have revealed that earth-moving activities in Areas II and III (see Figure D1) of the Plant have been extensive. Construction of Units 1 through 7 involved excavation to depths exceeding 20 feet. All fuel oil tank farms were excavated 10 to 15 feet below surface. The 115, 230, and 500 kV switchyards have all been graded and contain underground conduits. The open area between the switchyards, power units, and fuel oil tanks contains underground storm drain lines, circulating water lines and the discharge conduit for Units 1, 2, and 3.

In June 1986, subsurface auger testing was performed at the sites of the then proposed sandblasting and switchyard control buildings to check for the presence of cultural resources. This area is located north of fuel tank No. 10 and south of the 230 kV switchyard. Soil stratigraphy in the auger hole sidewalls revealed extensive mixing of fill with original soil to at least three feet below ground surface. Back dirt from the auger hole contained a high amount (20%) of non-indigenous gravel, further confirming that fill has been mixed with original soil.

Based on the above information, archaeological sensitivity was assessed for the Plant. Removal and disturbance of original ground surface in Area II of the Plant has been so extensive that this area has been determined to have extremely low potential for undisturbed cultural resources.

Portions of Area III have not experienced ground surface disturbance from construction activities. All of area III was surveyed in 1973 by Greenwood. No archaeological sites were found on the survey. As such, additional archaeological clearance for proposed construction in Area III is not required.

Costonoan Indians occupied the Moss Landing area and evidence of their past habitation is plentiful. Fishing and farming dominated the area in the recent past. Two documented archaeological sites are present on the plant property: CA-MNT-229 and CA-MNT-277. CA-MNT-229 is adjacent to the existing leach line system in the northwest corner of the Plant. CA-MNT-277 is in Area I.



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Area I: It is recommended that archaeological clearance be performed in Area I prior to any ground disturbing activities. This area, traversed by transmission lines on the north one-third of the Plant property, has received minimal surface disturbance from Plant activities.

Areas II and III: These areas include the operating portions of the Plant: Units 1 through 7, all fuel tank farms, three switchyards, intake units, shops, warehouses, and offices. Earth-moving associated with plant construction began in the 1940s and has been so extensive that the possibility of the presence of cultural resources in these areas is extremely remote. It is not necessary to perform cultural resources clearances in Areas II and III. However, should cultural remains (e.g. human bones or artifacts) be discovered during the course of any construction activities in these areas, work at the location of the find should halt and the Plant Manager should be notified. The Manager should at that time contact the PG&E archaeologists. Work should not commence until archaeological clearance has been obtained.

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