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PROJECT MEMORANDUM

WINDSOR SUBSTATION PROJECT

To: Jamie Dean, PG&E Environmental Compliance Lead

From: Vida Strong, Aspen Monitoring Project Manager

Date: August 19, 2016

Subject: Revision of Conceptual Landscape Plan

We have reviewed the Windsor Substation Project Revision of Conceptual Landscape Plan submitted by PG&E on August 11, 2016.

The Revision of Conceptual Landscape Plan included an arborist's assessment recommending up to four trees be removed as shown in Attachment A. Removal of these trees is recommended because it was determined that ground disturbance and removal of existing concrete will adversely impact tree health and likely cause death.

To minimize impacts to existing vegetation and maintain tree health, tree trimming and protective fencing will be implemented around trees that will be in close proximity to project activities as shown in Attachment A. The CPUC EM shall review the protective fencing at the site prior to tree trimming and ground disturbing activities.

Existing vegetation around the substation site will be supplemented with the implementation of the landscaping plan as shown in Attachment B. The landscaping plan includes planting vegetation along the east, west, and north sides of the project site.

The conceptual landscape plan provided in the MND includes approximately eight coast live oak and five valley oak trees, as well as four coast redwoods. In order to plant all of the replacement oaks associated with substation construction on site and in accordance with APM BIO-15, PG&E proposes to replace the four coast redwoods with protected oak species, for a total of 17 protected oak species trees, as noted as a revision on the conceptual landscape plan. The replacement of the four coast redwoods with protected oak species is anticipated to have a beneficial effect, as oaks are more drought tolerant and would require less water to establish than the redwood trees. Aspen concurs that this plan is consistent with the tentative plans described in the MND.

