

# **Central Valley Flood Protection Board**

## **Executive Officer Delegation Report**

Original Posting Date: October 6, 2020

Number of Applications Scheduled: 2

### **Application Number: 19444**

Applicant: Paramount Ranch Company

Location Description: The project is located within the Yuba River Designated Floodway, near Dantoni.

County: Yuba

Stream: Yuba River

Project Description: To construct the Sun Pacific Yuba River Pump Station Project which includes: a pump, a 18-inch diameter intake pipe partially enclosed in a 30-inch diameter pipe, a 12-foot by 12-foot platform, a self-cleaning retractable fish screen, a 30-foot-tall power pole, and electrical conduit along the left (south) bank of the Yuba River. The intake pipe and platform will be supported by 8-inch diameter piles set at various depths.

LMA Endorsement: Sacramento Maintenance Yard

CEQA Finding: The Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board), as a responsible agency under CEQA, has reviewed the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) (SCH No. 2019089003, June 2019), and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the Sun Pacific Fish Screen and Pump Station, prepared by the lead agency, the County of Yuba. These documents, including project design, are available for review in hard copy at the Board and the County of Yuba's offices.

The County of Yuba determined that the Sun Pacific Fish Screen and Pump Station project would not have a significant effect on the environment, and filed a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse and the Yuba County Clerk on September 16, 2019. The County of Yuba incorporated mandatory mitigation measures into the project plans to avoid or mitigate such impacts to a point where no significant adverse impacts will occur. These mitigation measures are included in the County of Yuba's IS/MND and address impacts to air quality, biological resources, and cultural resources/tribal cultural resources. The mitigation measures are further described in the County of Yuba's adopted IS/MND.

The Board, as a responsible agency, is responsible for mitigating or avoiding only the direct or indirect environmental effects of those parts of the project which it decides to carry out, finance, or approve (CEQA Guidelines § 15096(g); Public Resources Code § 21002.1(d)). The Board's responsibility under CEQA is limited to imposing conditions or mitigation related to effects on the State Plan of Flood Control.

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines § 15096, Board staff independently reviewed the County of Yuba's IS/MND and MMRP, and finds the environmental documents prepared by the lead agency adequately address hydrology impacts, including potential flood risk, for the CVFPB Executive Officer's approval of Permit No. 19444, to authorize work to construct a pump, intake pipe, platform, a self-cleaning retractable fish screen, a power pole, and an electrical conduit, which is within the Board's responsibility as it relates to effects on the State's flood control system.

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines § 15096(f) and (g), staff recommends that the CVFPB Executive Officer make responsible agency findings that approval of Permit No. 19444 would not result in any significant adverse impacts related to flood risk. The project will not adversely impact the State Plan of Flood Control; therefore, no additional mitigation measures within the Board's jurisdiction are required.

The documents and other materials which constitute the record of the Board's proceedings in this matter are in the custody of the Executive Officer, Central Valley Flood Protection Board, 3310 El Camino Ave., Suite 170, Sacramento, California 95821.

#### **Application Number: 7796-1**

Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric

Location Description: The project is located approximately 5 miles southeast of the City of Patterson in Stanislaus County, California.

County: Stanislaus

Stream: San Joaquin River

Project Description: To install a new 24-inch diameter Gas Transmission Pipeline (L-215-1) under the San Joaquin River by Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) to replace a section of an existing 12-inch diameter Gas Transmission Pipeline (L-215). The section of L-215 pipeline being replaced will be removed and/or abandoned at a later date.

LMA Endorsement: Reclamation District 1602 and 2063

CEQA Finding: Board staff has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines §15302) because the activity consists of the removal and replacement of an existing gas transmission pipeline with substantially the same purpose and capacity. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply.