

PERMIT APPLICATIONS 2023.002.00 AND 2023.003.00MD

APPLICANT: PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY

ANALYST: ROWAN YELTON

MAY 16, 2024

PROJECT

- 5-year Operations and Maintenance of Existing Electrical and Gas Transmission Facilities
- Maintenance, repair, replacement, removal, retirement and modification
- Temporary fill for site access
- No significant net Bay fill
- No permanent adverse impacts to Public Access



EXAMPLE ACTIVITIES

- Repairing cracks and spalls in tower foundations
- Trimming vegetation near towers and lines
- Replacing corroded hardware, insulators, and structural components of towers and poles
- Replacing underground gas pipelines



LOCATION

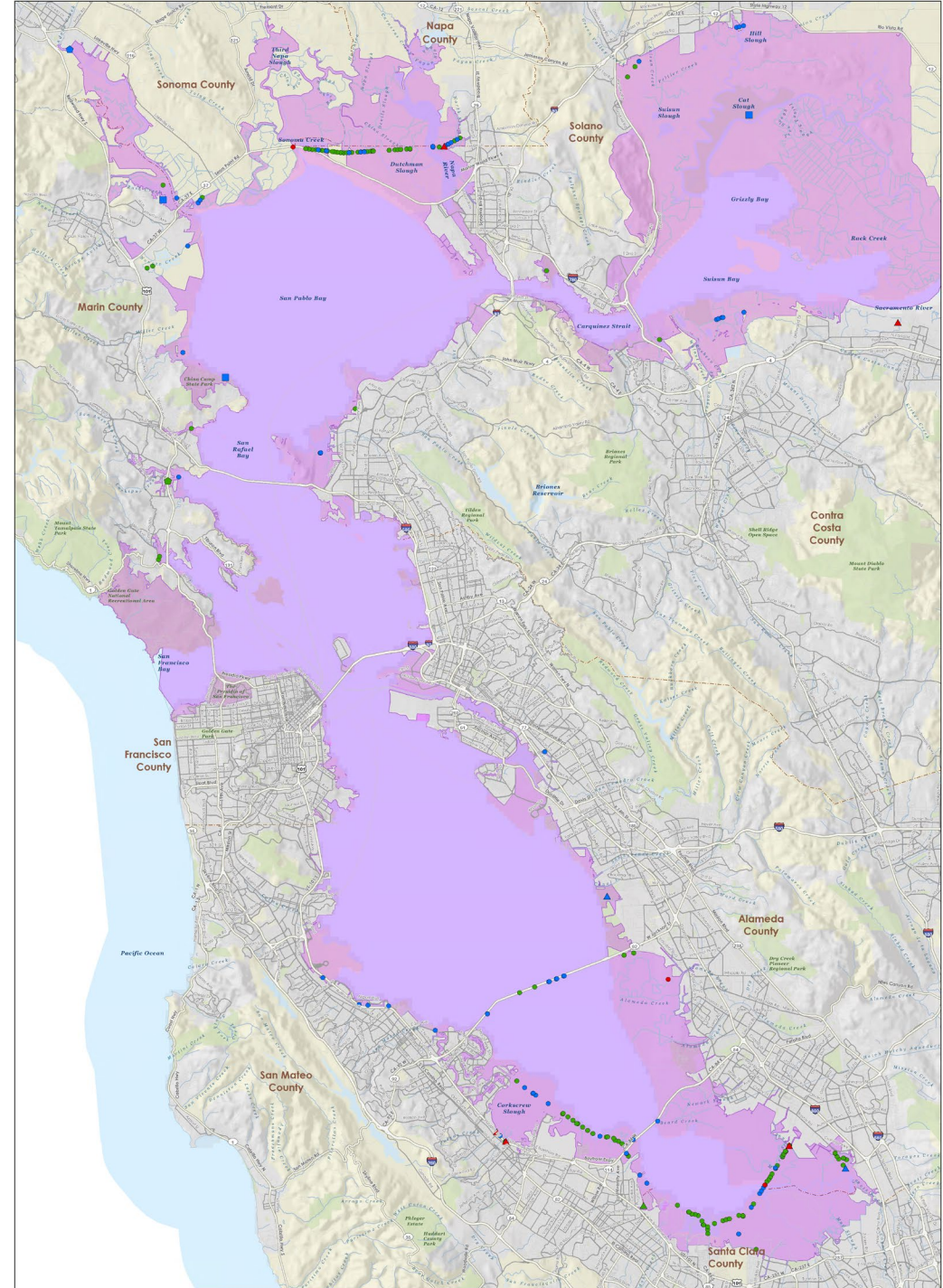
2023.002.00

Throughout the Commission's jurisdiction,
with the exception of the Suisun Marsh

2023.003.00md

In the Primary Management Area of the
Suisun Marsh

Including the Bay, shoreline band, certain
waterways, salt ponds and managed
wetlands



PREVIOUS PERMIT HISTORY

M1987.074.00A (amended 17 times) and M1989.055.00md (amended 6 times)

- Authorized similar operations and maintenance programs
- Repeatedly extended, both expire May 30, 2024

Why new permits?

- Outdated authorizations and conditions
- Overly restrictive of some activities

Why Major permits?

- Though each individual activity qualifies as a “minor repair and improvement”, the cumulative number of projects over 5-years could not reasonably be construed as a single activity that should be permitted administratively

UPDATED SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- Restore sites after construction
- Adhere to appropriate work windows
- Avoid and minimize public access impacts
- Use Best Management Practices in marshes
- Comply with conditions of other agency approvals
- No net Bay fill increase
- Limits to the duration of temporary fill
- Limits to relocation and redesign of structures
- Disallow permanent public access impacts



ACTIVITY REVIEW PROCESS SPECIAL CONDITION

Ensure compliance with the special conditions and track the program throughout its 5-year timespan.



APPLICABLE POLICIES

Bay Plan

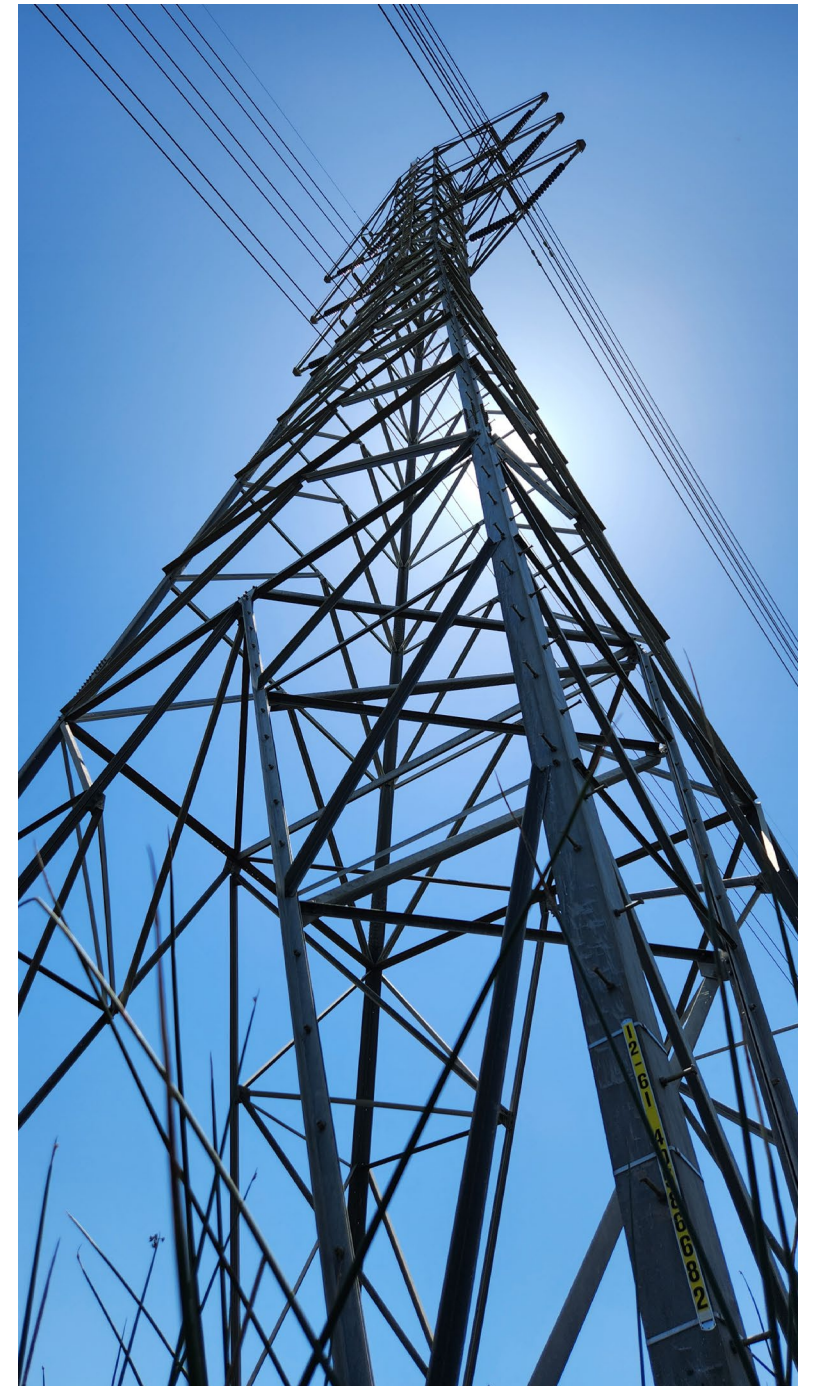
- Tidal Marshes and Tidal Flats
- Fish, Other Aquatic Organisms and Wildlife
- Mitigation
- Public Access
- Other Uses of the Bay and Shoreline Policy

Suisun Marsh Protection plan

- Land Use and Marsh Management

RELEVANT POLICY ISSUES:

1. Whether the fills resulting from the activities are consistent with regulation section 66605
2. Whether the special conditions of the permit are appropriate to avoid and minimize adverse impacts to public access and the Bay environment without requiring compensatory mitigation



2023.002.00 STAFF RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS

Authorization

5-year program for the operations and maintenance of electrical and gas transmission facilities throughout the Bay Area (except the Primary Management Area of the Suisun Marsh)

Select Special Conditions

Activity Proposal and Review

Habitat and Species Protection

Public Access and Views

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