

Resolution No.
County Administration Building
Santa Rosa, California

Date

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SONOMA COUNTY WATER AGENCY DETERMINING THAT THE GRANTING OF EASEMENT WILL NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE AGENCY IN ANY RESPECT AND WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT CONVEYING PROPERTY RIGHTS TO THE PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER/CHIEF ENGINEER TO FILE A NOTICE OF DETERMINATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (4/5 VOTE REQUIRED).

WHEREAS, the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) owns certain real properties located along Copeland Creek (Property); and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) proposes to construct the Highway 101 HOV Lane Widening and Improvements Project from Old Redwood Highway to Rohnert Park Expressway to widen a portion of Highway 101 through Rohnert Park; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has requested an easement over the Property to relocate transmission lines to accommodate the CALTRANS Project; and

WHEREAS, the grant of easement to PG&E will not adversely affect the Agency in any respect; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has determined that adequate consideration for the easement is \$4,000; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has reviewed the proposed grant of easement to the City of Santa Rosa, and the General Manager/Chief Engineer has determined that it will not have significant adverse effects on the environment; and

WHEREAS, CALTRANS, as lead agency, has prepared an Environmental Assessment/Environmental Impact Report for the Highway 101 HOV Lane Widening and Improvements Project from Old Redwood Highway to Rohnert Park Expressway, dated August 2007; and

WHEREAS, CALTRANS approved the Project on August 31, 2007 and filed a Notice of Determination on September 12, 2007 for said Project; and

WHEREAS, the Agency, as a responsible agency, has prepared a Notice of Determination for granting of the easement to PG&E in accordance with CEQA, the State CEQA guidelines, and the Agency's Procedures for the Implementation of CEQA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Water Agency (Agency) hereby finds, determines, and declares as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. Based on review of the Notice of Determination prepared by Agency Staff, this Board hereby determines that the granting of the easement to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.
3. The Board hereby finds that the grant of easement to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company will not adversely affect the Agency in any respect.
4. The Chair is authorized and directed to execute, in accordance with Section 9 of the Agency Act, the Easement Agreement with the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, in the form presented to this Board.
5. The General Manager/Chief Engineer is hereby authorized and directed to file a Notice of Determination with the Sonoma County Clerk in accordance with provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

DIRECTORS:

BROWN:	KERNS:	ZANE:	CARRILLO:	KELLEY:
Ayes	Noes	Absent	Abstain	

SO ORDERED.