



Mendocino County

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Planning and Building Services

Meeting Date: August 6, 2019

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Item Type: Consent Agenda

Time Allocated for Item: N/A

Agenda Title:

Acceptance of Informational Report Regarding the Issuance of Emergency Coastal Development Permit EM_2019-0001 (Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E)) to Repair the Existing Failed Transformer Bank 2 and Associated Improvements, located at 39200 Old Stage Road, Gualala (APN 145-091-07)

Recommended Action/Motion:

Accept the informational report regarding the issuance of Emergency Coastal Development Permit EM_2019-0001 (Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E)) to repair the existing failed transformer bank 2 and associated improvements, located at 39200 Old Stage Road, Gualala (APN 145-091-07).

Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:

In 1991 the Board adopted Division II of Title 20 of Mendocino County Code through Ordinance No. 3785. Included in Division II is Section 20.536.055 which allows Permits for Approval of Emergency Work. In cases of a verified emergency, temporary emergency authorization to proceed with remedial measures may be given by the Director or his or her designee until such time as a Coastal Development Permit application is filed. The Director shall report in writing to the Board of Supervisors at each meeting the emergency permits applied for or issued since the last report, with a description of the nature of the emergency and the work involved. The report of the Director shall be informational only. The decision to issue an emergency permit is solely at the discretion of the Director. Notice of emergency permits shall be provided by phone or letter to the California Coastal Commission within three (3) days, following issuance of the emergency permit.

Summary of Request:

When the transformer Bank 2 failed, PG&E engineering team performed an assessment of the bank to determine what was the most expeditious and prudent manner of replacing the bank. Due to the age of the bank, the amount of deterioration it had sustained, the lack of replacement parts and the efficiency of the bank compared to new equipment, it was determined that the bank was not salvageable. PG&E's Transmission Planning group also performed an operation assessment of the load in the area and determined that the current loading at the substation (using transformer bank 1 only) was at a critical level and could not be sustained or continued for any extended period without causing a significant risk to the transmission system in the area. Operating at the current levels is not in compliance with California Public Utility Commission and California Independent Systems Operators acceptable standards for long term safe operations of the system. If Bank 1 fails about 3700 customers could experience power outages/loss of service and it could take up to two

days to restore service. This emergency permit is effective immediately and shall become null and void at the end of sixty (60) days. *Prior to expiration of this Emergency Permit, the applicant shall submit a standard Coastal Development Permit application for the work authorized by this permit.*

Alternative Action/Motion:

None, informational item.

Supervisory District: District 5

vote requirement: Majority

Supplemental Information Available Online At: N/A

Fiscal Details:

source of funding: N/A

current f/y cost: N/A

annual recurring cost: N/A

budgeted in current f/y: N/A

if no, please describe:

revenue agreement: N/A

budget clarification: N/A

Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel: N/A

CEO Liaison: Steve Dunncliff, Deputy CEO

CEO Review: Yes

CEO Comments:

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Executed By: Lindsey Dunham, Deputy Clerk I

Date: August 7, 2019

Final Status: No Action Taken

