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**La Notificación y el Resumen Ejecutivo de la Declaración Negativa Mitigada en español, están disponibles para su revisión en:**

<https://www.slc.ca.gov/ceqa/pge-lease5438>

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Lease 5438.1B; A2043

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND INTENT TO ADOPT A  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

(State CEQA Guidelines, sections 15072 and 15073)

The California State Lands Commission (CSLC) is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.) and has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in response to an application submitted by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) for the Pacific Gas & Electric Company R-687 L-215 San Joaquin River Crossing Replacement Project (Project). CSLC prepared the MND in compliance with the requirements of CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15000 et seq.), and CSLC Regulations (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 2901 et seq.).

**Project Title:** Pacific Gas & Electric Company R-687 L-215 San Joaquin River Crossing Replacement Project

**Project Location:** Approximately 4 miles southeast of Patterson, California, and is adjacent to and extends across the San Joaquin River in Stanislaus County

**Project Description:** A portion of the 12-inch-diameter L-215 pipeline is exposed above the San Joaquin riverbed near the southeast shoreline. Due to this exposure, PG&E is proposing to replace the existing L-215 pipeline crossing with an extension of the 24-inch-diameter L-215-1 pipeline using horizontal directional drilling (HDD) at a new location to eliminate the risk of further pipeline exposure due to severe flooding, river scour and channel migration that could lead to pipeline failure. The existing L-215 pipeline would then be decommissioned by removing the segment under the riverbed and abandoning other segments in place.

The Project MND can be downloaded, in PDF format, at

<https://www.slc.ca.gov/ceqa/pge-lease5438>.

***At this time, libraries in Stanislaus County and the CSLC Office are closed to the public due to public health and safety concerns regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); therefore it is not currently feasible to provide paper copies for review at the Patterson Public Library or the CSLC Office. Please contact Cynthia Herzog (contact information below) for the most up-to-date information on the availability of the MND or if you would like to receive a hard copy.***

The MND is available for at least a 30-day review and comment period beginning Wednesday, April 22, 2020, and ending Friday, May 22, 2020. All comments must be received by **5:00 PM Friday, May 22, 2020**, to [CEQA.comments@slc.ca.gov](mailto:CEQA.comments@slc.ca.gov) (write **R-687 L-215 San Joaquin River Crossing Replacement Project** in the email's subject line) or mailed to:

California State Lands Commission  
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### **Important Notes to Commenters**

1. If you represent a public agency, please provide the name, email address, and telephone number for the contact person in your agency for the Project.
2. Before including your mailing or email address, telephone number, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be aware that the entire comment—including personal identifying information—may become publicly available, including in the MND and posted on the Internet). The CSLC will make available for inspection, in their entirety, all comments submitted by organizations or businesses or by individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses.

The CSLC will consider adopting the MND and, if adopted, take action on the proposed Project at its scheduled meeting in June 2020. Please check CSLC's website at <https://www.slc.ca.gov/> to confirm the specific date, time, and location. Should you have any questions or if you need additional information, please contact Cynthia Herzog at (916) 574-1310 or [cynthia.herzog@slc.ca.gov](mailto:cynthia.herzog@slc.ca.gov).

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