

Public Notice - 401 Certification/Dredge or Fill Waste Discharge Requirements Application

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Project Name:

Line 5000 Phase 2 Validation Digs Project, Riverside County, California
WDID No. 7A333241001 , RM: 446783 , Place ID: 879745

Receiving Water:

Unnamed Waterbody (three unnamed ephemeral streams)

Location:

City or area: Desert Center, Riverside County, California
Latitude/Longitude: Dig 1 (33.694764, -115.318571); Dig 2 (33.703754, -115.354037)
USGS 7.5 Minute Quad Map - Corn Springs, Township 5 South, Range 16 East, Section 30/33

Project Description:

The Project involves the inspection, repair, and/or replacement of Line 5000 natural gas pipeline, between SoCalGas's Blythe Compressor Station and Cactus City Compressor Station within eastern Desert Center in Riverside County. SoCalGas needs to inspect, repair, and/or replace a section of Line 5000 where two anomalies were identified during an internal inspection. Project work will take place within an existing SoCalGas Right-Of-Way (ROW).

The project will require exposing approximately 60 linear feet of Line 5000 at each location. Repair work will include exposing the pipeline at each dig site and inspecting the anomaly that was previously identified during internal pipeline inspection activities. If pipeline repairs are required, repairs will be completed while the pipeline is exposed and may include pipeline replacement and re-coating. Construction activities will generally include establishing a 50-foot-wide temporary work area, excavating a trench measuring approximately 15 feet wide and up to eight (8) feet

deep, and backfilling the trench. No water diversion plan is anticipated because work is not expected to occur within flowing or ponded water. Once the repair work is complete, SoCalGas will restore the area to pre-construction contours to the extent feasible.

The three unnamed ephemeral streams where the excavation will take place is a water of the state. The Project will temporarily impact a total of 0.06 acres/165 linear feet of ephemeral streams as a result of dredge and fill. The ephemeral streams do not have any connectivity to federal waters. The project will not result in permanent impacts.

SoCalGas will implement measures to protect fish, wildlife, and plant resources, including seasonal work periods to avoid sensitive species; avoid impacts to riparian vegetation; and use best management practices. SoCalGas will also implement the measures outlined in their Biological Opinion and California Endangered Species Act Memorandum of Understanding.

Anticipated Project Start and End Dates:

May 1, 2022 - April 30, 2027

US Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit Number(s):

n/a

Action:

Pending

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