

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX G OF THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM

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Environmental Checklist Form

1. Project Title:

Relief Reach – Kennedy Meadows Riparian Restoration and Streambank Stabilization Project

2. Lead Agency Name and Address:

State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

3. Contact Person and Phone Number:

Jeff Wetzel, Senior Water Resources Control Engineer
(916) 323-9390

4. Project Location:

The Kennedy Meadows Project will occur along a 3,000-linear foot reach of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River in the reach identified as “Kennedy Meadows” (also known as the Project Reach) on land owned by Tuolumne County, California. The property is surrounded by public land managed by the United States Department of Agriculture - Forest Service. Kennedy Meadows is located along Highway 108, approximately 57 miles east of Sonora and 50 miles south of South Lake Tahoe.

5. Project Sponsor’s Name and Address:

Justin Smith, Senior Land Planner
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
2730 Gateway Oaks Dr. Ste. 220
Sacramento, CA 95833
(916) 923-7038

6. General Plan Designation:

Public (Tuolumne County General Plan)

7. Zoning:

The parcel is zoned as a commercial and general recreation district. The area surrounding the Project Reach is zoned for Timberland.

8. Description of the Project: (Describe the whole action involved, including but not limited to later phases of the project, and any secondary, support, or off-site features necessary for its implementation. Attach additional sheets if necessary).

The Project is comprised of the following three components to provide streambank stabilization and to protect, enhance, and create riparian, meadow, and aquatic habitats: (1) construction of streambank stabilization bioengineering design elements in seven treatment areas along a 3,000-foot reach of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River in Tuolumne County, California; (2) implementation of best management practices (BMPs) and avoidance, protection, and minimization measures (APMMs) to minimize potential construction impacts; and (3) a maintenance and monitoring plan. The objectives of the Project are to: provide streambank stabilization and reduce extent of active erosion; increase riparian cover on streambanks within the Project Reach; and enhance aquatic, riparian, and meadow habitats. Refer to Project Description for additional information on the Project.

9. Surrounding Land Uses and Setting: Briefly describe the project's surroundings.

The Kennedy Meadows Project is located on lands owned by Tuolumne County. The surrounding lands are managed by the Stanislaus National Forest (Forest), including the Emigrant Wilderness, which is located less than 0.5 miles southeast of the Kennedy Meadows Project. The Project Reach and vicinity provide important outdoor recreation and wildlife habitat in the remote upper elevations of the Sierra Nevada. The Kennedy Meadows Resort and Pack Station, a popular recreation destination, is located approximately 0.5 mile to the northwest of the Project. The Forest is managed for multiple uses including recreation, open space, timber management, wildlife habitat, and water quality. A prominent feature near Kennedy Meadows is the Huckleberry Trail, along the Kennedy Meadows Road, which provides equestrian, angling, and hiking access to the Emigrant Wilderness.

10. Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing, approval, or participation agreement)

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will rely upon this document for use in its issuance of a Streambed Alteration Agreement to PG&E under Section 1602 of the California Fish and Game Code.

The Project will also require the following permits and approvals prior to construction:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) CWA Section 404 Nationwide Permit (NWP) 27, *Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Establishment and Enhancement Activities*.
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement
- State Water Board CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification
- California General Construction Permit, permit registration documents to be filed with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) that include a Notice of Intent (NOI) and a Stormwater Pollution and Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED

The environmental factors checked below () could be affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a “potentially significant” impact, as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Forestry Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology/Soils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology/Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use/Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities/Service Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |

Determination

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

I find that the Project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find that although the Project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions to the project have been made or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find that the Project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

I find that the Project MAY have a “potentially significant impact” or “potentially significant unless mitigated” impact on the environment, but at least one effect (1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (2) has been addressed by Mitigation Measures based on the earlier analysis, as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

I find that although the Project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or Mitigation Measures that are imposed upon the Project, nothing further is required.

Signature

Date

Jeff Wetzel

California Water Resources Control Board

I. Aesthetics

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less-Than-Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-Than-Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Have a substantially adverse effect on a scenic vista?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

II. Agricultural and Forest Resources

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less-Than-Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-Than-Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to nonagricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code Section 12220[g]) or timberland (as defined in Public Resources Code Section 4526) or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g))?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to nonforest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to nonagricultural use or conversion of forest land to nonforest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

III. Air Quality

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations:

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less-Than-Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-Than-Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is nonattainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

IV. Biological Resources

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

V. *Cultural Resources*

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in 15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to 15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

V. *Tribal Cultural Resources*

Would the project:

Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a Tribal Cultural Resources, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe that is:

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. A Resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in Subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

VI. Geology and Soils

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less-Than-Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-Than-Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ii. Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
iv. Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

VII. Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less-Than-Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-Than-Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment, based on any applicable threshold of significance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

VIII. Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less-Than-Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-Than-Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

IX. Hydrology and Water Quality

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less-Than-Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-Than-Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h. Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
j. Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

X. Land Use and Planning

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less-Than-Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-Than-Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Physically divide an established community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

XI. Mineral Resources

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less-Than-Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-Than-Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

XII. Noise

Would the project result in:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less-Than-Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-Than-Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

XIII. Population and Housing

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less-Than-Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-Than-Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

XV. Recreation

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less-Than-Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-Than-Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

XVI. Transportation/Traffic

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less-Than-Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-Than-Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance policy establishing a measure of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and nonmotorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Result in inadequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bikeways, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise substantially decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

XVII. Utilities and Service Systems

Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less-Than-Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporated	Less-Than-Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g. Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

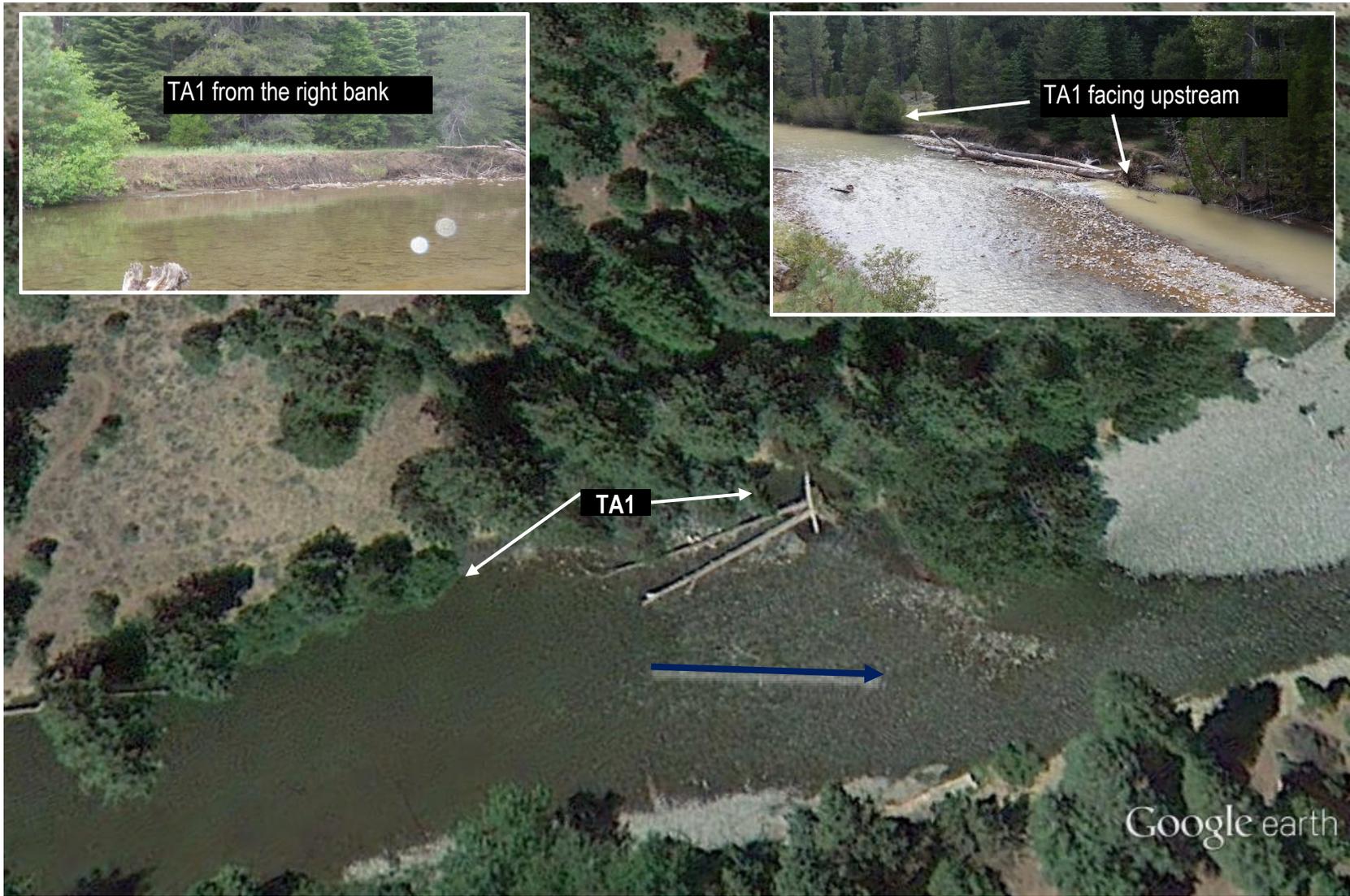
XVIII. Mandatory Findings of Significance

Does the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

APPENDIX B
PROJECT REACH PHOTOGRAPHS



Overview of the Kennedy Meadows Project Reach



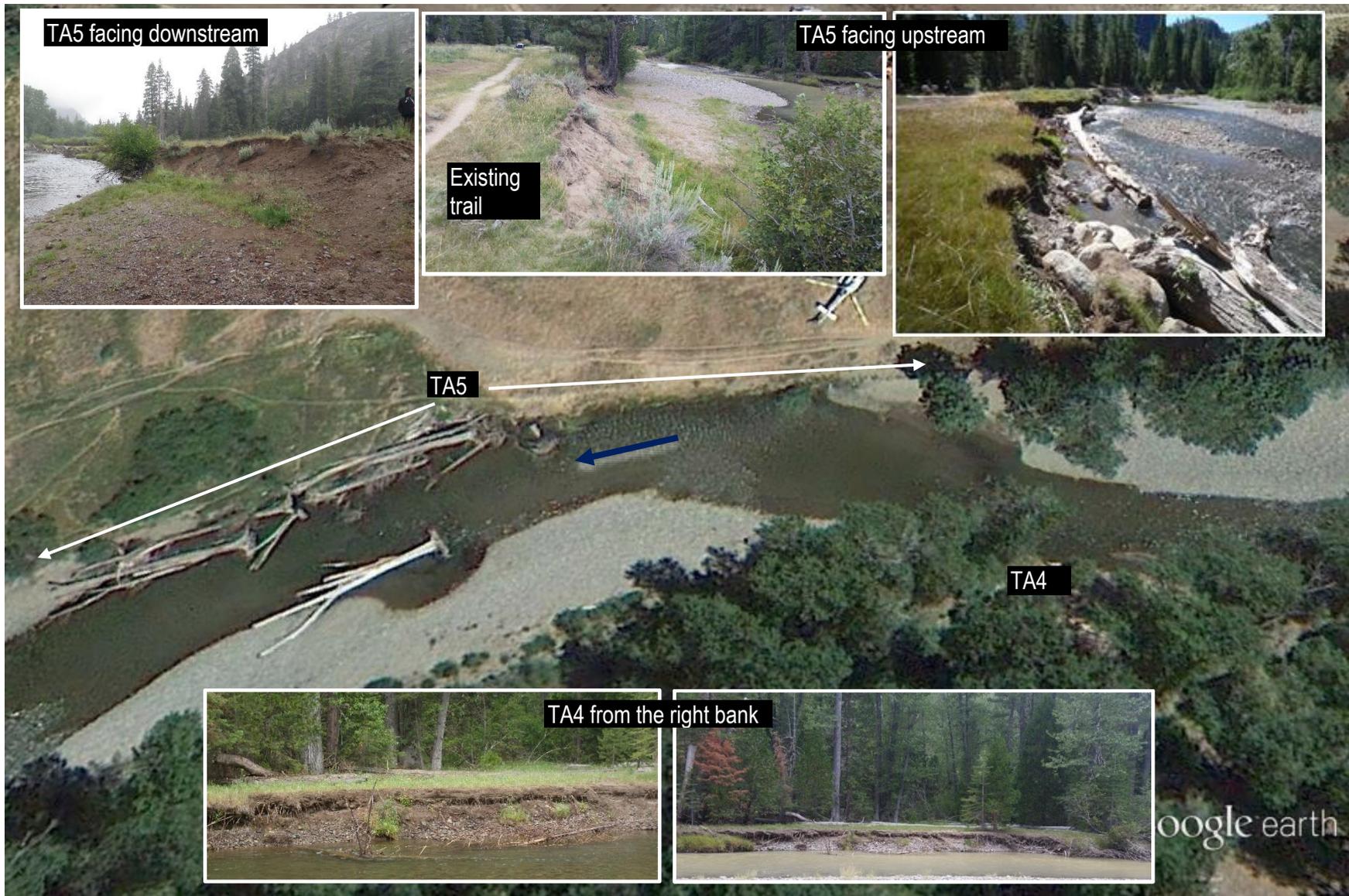
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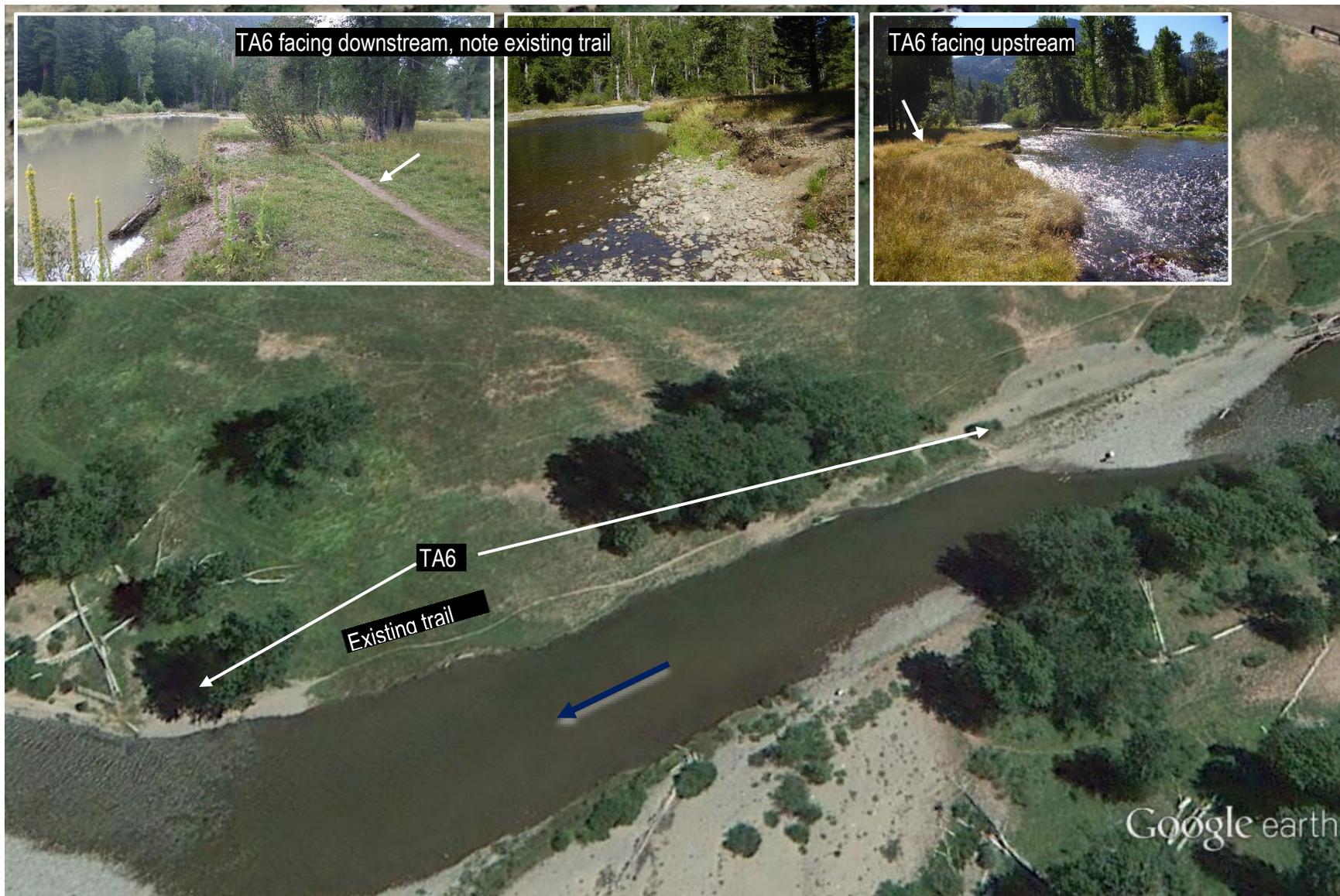
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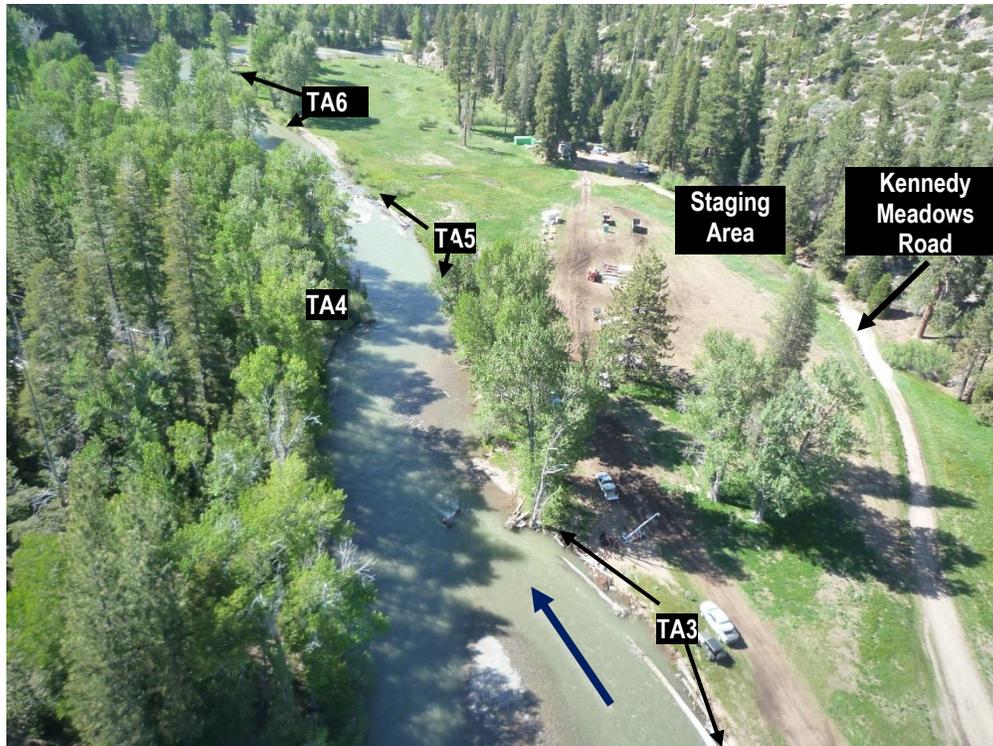
Treatment Areas 4 and 5



Treatment Area 6



Treatment Area 7



Overview of the Project Reach; Treatment Area 3, 4 and 5; staging area, and Kennedy Meadows Road.



Overview of the Project Reach; Treatment Area 6 and 7.



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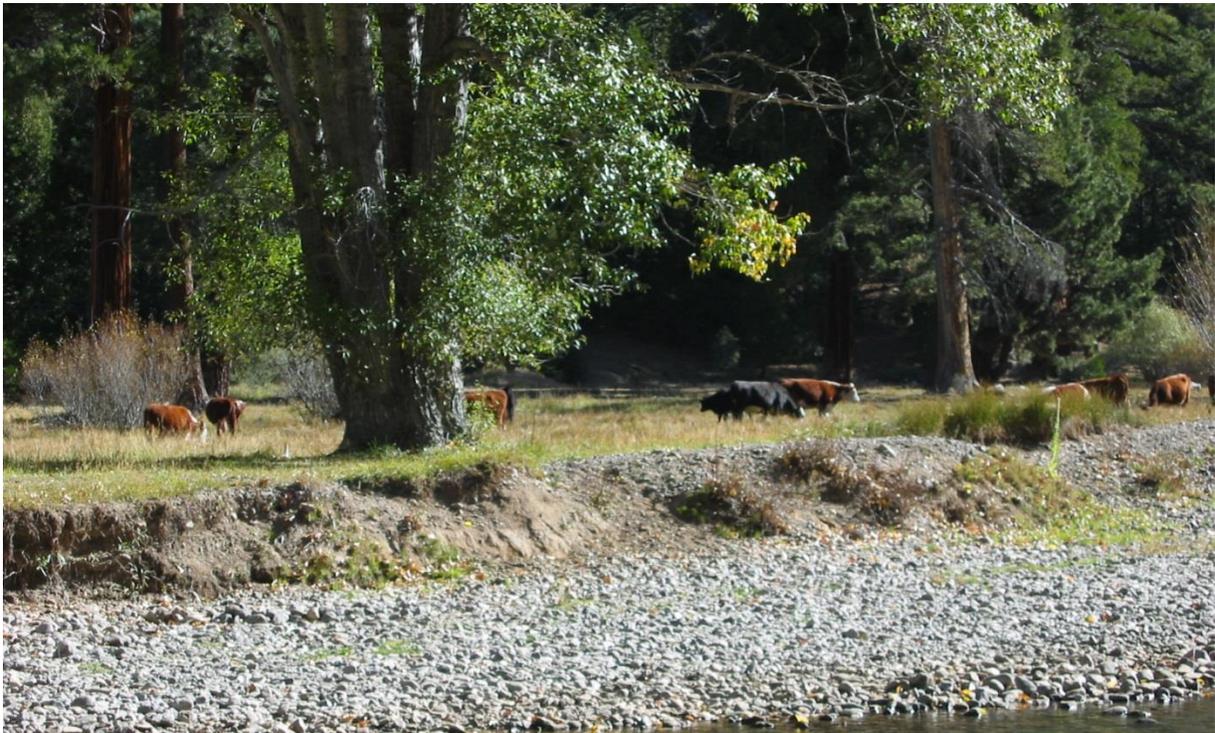
Staging Area (photo shows staging for different project in 2011).



Recreation activities along Kennedy Meadows Road adjacent to the Project staging area.



Cattle watering in the river across from Treatment Area 6.



Cattle grazing; on the meadow adjacent to Treatment Area 6.



Cattle watering in the cottonwood riparian forest located in the west meadow.



Cattle grazing in the east meadow where the staging area is located. Note the piled manure in the foreground.



Pack animal grazing on the east meadow.



Recreation Use within Treatment Area 2; facing upstream.

APPENDIX C

MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING PLAN

(Appendix G in PG&E's Relief Reach Riparian Vegetation Restoration and Streambank Stabilization – Project Description 100% Design Level Report for the Spring Gap-Stanislaus Project [FERC Project No. 2130], 2015 [dated April 2016])

APPENDIX G

MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING PLAN

This Maintenance and Monitoring Plan (MMP) has been developed for the Relief Reach Riparian Vegetation and Streambank Stabilization Project (Project) in Kennedy Meadows for PG&E. The purpose of the MMP is to help achieve the Project goals and objectives through periodic maintenance and monitoring of specific channel and riparian attributes.

The primary goals of the Project are to:

- Provide streambank stabilization, and
- Enhance the riparian and aquatic habitats within the Project reach of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River.

The objectives of the Project to meet these goals are to:

- Reduce the extent of actively eroding streambanks, and
- Increase riparian cover on the streambanks within the reach.

This MMP, addressing maintenance (including inspections and repair) and monitoring, will be implemented upon completion of the Project's construction (i.e., "post-construction"). Maintenance will be performed to identify problems needing remedial action (e.g., repairing damage from floods, winds, or snow; weeding; irrigation; re-seeding of areas disturbed during construction, etc.) until success criteria are met and through the remainder of the license term (2039; see schedule below). Monitoring will be performed to provide information to assess progress of the Project toward meeting the success criteria; monitoring will conclude when success criteria are met or as agreed upon by the resource agencies (described below). As the Project goals and objectives are focused on improving conditions within the Kennedy Meadows reach, the monitoring will focus on evaluating bank and riparian conditions for the reach as a whole, and will not monitor each treatment area as an individual area.

Maintenance and monitoring will be conducted by qualified personnel¹. The most intensive maintenance and monitoring period will be take place immediately after the restoration work over a two-year period to quickly identify potential issues with survival and disturbance.

Success Criteria

The following criteria will be used as the basis for determining the success of the Project:

- Establish approximately 1,885 feet (38 percent) of new riparian habitat within the Kennedy Meadows reach by Year 5 after construction (based on cumulative linear distance from the combined restoration treatment areas).
- Improve bank stability along approximately 1,885 feet (38 percent) of streambank within the Kennedy Meadows reach by Year 5 after construction (based on cumulative linear distance from the combined restoration treatment areas).

If success criteria for the increase in riparian cover and/or improved bank stability conditions are not achieved after five years, PG&E will consult with the resource agencies to determine the appropriate next actions. Additional actions (e.g., more planting or more bank treatments) may not be required if it is agreed that the Project objectives have been achieved (reduced extent of eroding streambanks and enhanced cover of riparian vegetation). If it is determined that additional planting or installation of new stabilization treatments is required to meet Project objectives, maintenance and monitoring will be required until success criteria are achieved.

Schedule

The most intensive maintenance period will take place over a two-year period immediately after the restoration work is completed to quickly identify potential areas within the restored reach that may require additional actions due to plant losses or presence of unstable areas of the bank (see Figure G-1 for schedule).

¹ Personnel conducting maintenance activities will review the MMP, previous completed forms, and photo point locations prior to the completing the activities.

- Maintenance:
 - Year 1: Once per month between May (or later depending on Highway 108 access) and October.
 - Year 2: Three times in May (or later depending on Highway 108 access); in August and October after the cattle have left Kennedy Meadows.
 - Years 3, 4, and 5: Twice per year, in May and October, after the cattle have left Kennedy Meadows.
 - Remainder of License Term: Once per year, every five years, and the first summer after a high flow that exceeds 950 cfs on a daily average basis (measured at the USGS gage 11292000)² known as gage S-52 in PG&E nomenclature.
- Monitoring:
 - Year 1: Baseline monitoring to establish as-built conditions
 - Years 1, 2, and 5 (or until success criteria are met as described above): conducted in August

Maintenance

The purpose of maintenance is to help ensure the overall quantity and quality of survival of the plantings and structural integrity of the bioengineering treatments to achieve success criteria and maintain conditions through the license term.

Maintenance will be accomplished by periodically inspecting the treatment areas post-construction until success criteria are met, including:

- Bioengineered structures for damage or displacement
- Installed vegetation for insect and/or disease infestations, moisture stress, damage by high flows, herbivory, damage by other uses of the meadow, and other conditions that could impact survival
- Need for irrigation or plant protections (e.g., wire cages)

² This flow occurs about every 2.5 years on a daily average flow basis.

- Removal of invasive weeds included on the target list in the approved *Spring Gap-Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project Invasive Weed Management Plan* (PG&E 2011e) or other competing vegetation using manual methods (within a 3-foot radius of the planting)
- Additional fencing and other exclusion features on the meadow and in the riparian area and signage, particularly after winter
- Need for additional permanent exclusion features after removal of the temporary fencing

Maintenance for the remainder of the license term after success criteria are met will involve periodically inspecting:

- Bioengineered structures for damage or displacement
- General condition of riparian vegetation (damage by high flows, other uses of the meadow, or other conditions that could be affecting condition)
- Fencing and other exclusion features on the meadow and in the riparian area and signage

Repairs to the bioengineered structures will not be made if the treatment is still stable and continues to function by stabilizing the streambank. The condition of the features will continue to be monitored during subsequent maintenance. If the features are non-functional due to flows, repairs will be made as soon as practicable (see additional consultation that may be required in Section 5.0). Repairs may require use of large equipment to adjust large wood and/or rock into more stable positions. PG&E will consult with the resource agencies if the damage or displacement is caused by non-Project uses of the meadow/ riparian corridor, high flows, or other potential causes to discuss potential other options.

Vegetation maintenance will be focused on plant survival until the success criteria are met. Vegetation that is not in acceptable growing condition during the first three years after construction will be noted, removed, and replaced with materials of the same species and size as originally specified when conditions are suitable for re-planting (typically late fall). PG&E will hand weed aggressive invasive plants within the treatment areas. PG&E will water/irrigate or install plant protections (e.g., wire cages) if growing conditions are limited by water availability or deer browsing. Watering is only initially proposed to enhance initial survival of the plantings and

should be infrequent to encourage deep rooting of the plantings. If plantings show indications of stress during a maintenance visit (e.g., leaf drop or failure of several pole plantings), the plantings will be watered during that maintenance visit. If herbivory by deer and other animals is resulting in planting mortality such that success criteria may not be achieved, PG&E will install plant protections as soon as practicable.

PG&E will consult with the resource agencies on remedial actions required to address low plant survival beyond typical required maintenance. Once success criteria are met, vegetation maintenance will no longer be conducted.

Damage or displacement of the fencing and other exclusion features on the meadow and in the riparian corridor by flows or winter weather conditions will be repaired by PG&E as soon as practicable. PG&E will consult with the agencies on any excessive or repeated damage to these features to determine if other actions may be required. If observations indicate that non-Project land uses are adversely affecting the condition of the vegetation or treatment features, PG&E will discuss potential actions at the next agency meeting. Specifically, if these uses are resulting in vegetation mortality and/or bank erosion, PG&E will discuss installation of temporary or permanent fencing and signage at these locations. The temporary fencing would likely remain in place in the summer/fall until the damage to the vegetation recovers. Additional permanent fencing would be discussed as an option if the temporary fencing were not successful in addressing use through the riparian corridor.

Maintenance will also include inspection of the disturbed areas that were seeded after construction, and re-seeding if necessary. Seeded areas will be inspected for percent cover once approximately one year after construction in the fall. If percent cover meets or exceeds 70 percent, the seeding will be determined to be successful and no additional maintenance will be required. If percent cover of the seeded areas does not exceed 70 percent, the area will be reseeded, maintenance inspections will continue the following year, and until the 70 percent success criteria are met. The areas will be photographed to document cover.

The maintenance datasheet is provided in Appendix G, Attachment A.

Permanent photo-monitoring stations will be established at each treatment area as part of the Monitoring (see Photo Point section described below under Monitoring). Photographs will also be taken to document any areas that may require repairs or replacement plantings. The photographs will document overall condition of the treatment structures, vegetation condition, condition of exclusion features, and any other notable feature through the license term. Photographs will also be taken to document any damage that occurs within the treatment areas. Photographs of the treatment areas at the photo-point locations will continue as part of the periodic maintenance through the license term.

A brief summary memo, including photographs, will be prepared to document the maintenance that will include general condition of the treatment areas, any damage or plant mortality identified, and remedial actions taken to address deficiencies. The summary memo will also include the photographs and completed datasheets. This memo will be incorporated into a Maintenance and Monitoring Memorandum (Memo), as described below.

Responsibility for Repairs

Table G-1 identifies the repairs that PG&E will be responsible for providing and those that will require consultation with the resource agencies. PG&E will not be financially responsible for repairing damage or displacement that is attributable to non-Project uses of the meadow/ riparian corridor.

Table G-1. Summary of Responsible Parties for Repairs of Stabilization Treatment Areas.

Issue	Cause	Responsible Party
Damage to or Displacement of Bioengineered Structures (see below for vegetation survival)		
	Flows or winter weather conditions	PG&E; discuss with agencies if repeated damage by flows
	Non-Project uses of meadow/ riparian corridor	Discuss with resources agencies
Vegetation Survival until Success Criteria are Met		
	Insect/disease infestations	PG&E
	Moisture stress	PG&E
	High flows or winter weather conditions	PG&E; discuss with agencies if repeated damage by flows
	Aggressive invasive plants	PG&E
	Deer herbivory	PG&E
	Non-Project uses of meadow/ riparian corridor	Discuss with resources agencies
Vegetation Survival (through license term)		
	High flows or winter weather conditions	PG&E; discuss with agencies if repeated damage by flows
	Non-Project uses of meadow/ riparian corridor	Discuss with resources agencies
Exclusion Features (temporary and permanent fencing)		
	Flows or winter weather conditions	PG&E
	Non-Project uses of meadow/ riparian corridor	Discuss with resources agencies

Monitoring

The purpose of the monitoring is to track the progression of the restoration activities toward meeting the Project success criteria described above. If anything that may compromise the success of the restoration is identified, appropriate remedial actions may be implemented and will be documented in the Memo. Baseline monitoring will initially be conducted to document the as-built conditions of the Project and to identify any initial potential threats to Project success. Subsequent monitoring will be conducted as specified in Figure G-1 above. The following methods will be used to determine if the Project success criteria are being met:

- Improved Streambank Stability – Stream Condition Inventory (SCI) surveys (Forest Service 2005) and photo points
- New Riparian Habitat – Longitudinal transects (greenline³ surveys [Winward 2000]) and photo points

Streambank stability and cover may decrease in other portions of the reach due to circumstances beyond the control of PG&E (e.g., high flows, wind throw, other uses of the meadow). If any of these types of events occur, the circumstances will be documented and PG&E will consult with the agencies.

Improved Streambank Stability

A SCI streambank survey will be conducted to document streambank stability conditions within the reach. The survey will begin at the upstream end of the Treatment Area 1 and extend downstream to the downstream end of Treatment Area 7. Both left and right streambanks will be surveyed in their entirety.

Survey protocols will follow those outlined in the Forest Service Region Stream Condition Inventory Guidebook (Forest Service 2005), and are provided in Appendix G, Attachment B. The entire reach will be surveyed on foot. The streambank condition will be categorized as “Stable,” “Vulnerable,” or “Unstable,” as described in Forest Service (2005). The results will be mapped in

³ The greenline is defined as: ‘The first perennial vegetation that forms a lineal grouping of community types on or near the water’s edge. Most often it occurs at or slightly below the bankfull stage’ (Winward 2000).

GIS. Photopoints will also be used to document bank conditions over time; those methods are outlined below.

New Riparian Habitat

New riparian habitat within the Kennedy Meadows Reach will be monitored over time using the greenline method (horizontal transect) (Winward 2000). The greenline intercepts the permanent vegetation closest to the channel. This line may be at, below, or above bankfull depending on where vegetation is established. The survey will begin at the upstream end of the Treatment Area 1 and extend downstream to the downstream end of Treatment Area 7. Both left and right streambanks will be surveyed in their entirety. This method is consistent with the vegetation surveys completed for the relicensing (PG&E 2002) and for the 2011 Riparian Progress Report (PG&E 2012a).

Data collected using the longitudinal transect method will be used to characterize the species distributions, and cover of litter, woody debris, woody trees and shrubs⁴, and substrate particle size⁵ along the streambank (Winward 2000). Composition data (dominant groundcover, shrub, and tree species present) will be obtained by walking along the stream margins, measuring, and recording the length of cover of each dominant or co-dominant species that intersects the greenline. Sub-dominant species found with the dominant species also will be recorded. When a change in the dominant species is observed, a new data entry will be recorded. In addition, the length of areas of bare ground, leaf litter, and large wood will be recorded along each transect. If the lengths of these attributes are different from the vegetation coverage lengths, these attributes will be recorded as separate entries on the datasheet. The lengths of the vegetation and other corridor attributes are then related to the length of the greenline survey to determine the proportion of each along the streambank (Winward 2000). A sample datasheet is provided in Appendix G, Attachment C.

⁴ All cover measurements will be made with a densiometer.

⁵ See Appendix G, Attachment C for substrate size classes.

Evidence of unusual stress or mortality, and/or evidence of wildlife use, also will be noted. In addition, invasive weed and special-status plant species will be documented if encountered during field surveys. Photopoints will also be used to document bank conditions over time; those methods are outlined below.

Photo Points

Photo documentation provides a visual record of the conditions of the riparian community and streambank and land use (Elzinga et al. 1998; Burton et al. 2007). The photographs will document changes in vegetation cover along the streambank and bank stability for monitoring until success criteria are met, and will continue through the license term as part of the maintenance. The photo point procedures are described in Appendix G, Attachment D.

Permanent photo point locations will be selected to document conditions at each of the stabilization treatment areas. One or two photo point locations will be selected for each treatment area. The location of each photo point will initially be documented in relation to a permanent landmark feature (reference point) and with a Global Positioning System (GPS). If a photo point marker is eroded or removed, an attempt will be made to relocate the marker using the previous photographs, reference points, and GPS coordinates. If the location cannot be identified, a new location in close proximity will be established.

Photographs from the previous year will be taken into the field each year to assist in orienting the camera. The photographs will be taken from the same location. The photographs will be stored electronically in a photo log with pertinent information such as date, time, number, environmental information (such as recent high flows, land uses, etc.).

Reporting and Consultation

Report Consultation

PG&E will prepare a Maintenance and Monitoring Memo to document installation of the stabilization treatments and summarize results of the maintenance and monitoring as specified in Table G-2.

The memos will be provided to the resource agencies at least 30 days prior to the Forest Service Annual Consultation meeting (between March 15 and April 15) and the results and recommendations will be discussed at a time corresponding with the Forest Service Annual Consultation meeting. The memos will be subsequently filed with FERC.

Repair Consultation

If the bioengineered structures are damaged by high flows such that they no longer stabilize the banks, repair work may require construction activities within the channel. PG&E will notify the USACE, State Water Board, and CDFW of the required repair work, and discuss the appropriate next steps to most efficiently and effectively implement the necessary repairs.

Table G-2. Analyses and Reporting to be Included in Each Maintenance and Monitoring Report.

Report	Analyses and Reporting
Baseline Conditions Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarize baseline conditions immediately after planting • As-built maps (treatment structures and plantings) • Before-and-after photographs
Year 1 Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of Year 1 maintenance visits • Results of Year 1 monitoring in comparison to baseline results, including photo point comparisons) and results in PG&E 2002 and 2012 • Recommendations to improve success in the treatment areas • Any circumstances that may adversely impact bank stability or vegetation cover in non-treatment areas within the Project reach
Year 2 Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of Year 2 maintenance visits • Results of Year 2 monitoring in comparison to baseline results, including photo point comparisons) and results in PG&E 2002 and 2012 • Recommendations to improve success • Any circumstances that may adversely impact bank stability or vegetation cover in non-treatment areas within the Project reach
Year 5 Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of Years 3-5 maintenance visits • Results of Year 5 monitoring in comparison to baseline results, including photo point comparisons), results in PG&E 2002 and 2012, and success criteria • Recommendations to improve success in the treatment areas • Any circumstances that may adversely impact bank stability or vegetation cover in non-treatment areas within the Project reach
Years 10, 15, and 20 Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of all maintenance activities, including photo point comparison • Any circumstances that may adversely impact bank stability or vegetation cover in non-treatment areas within the Project reach

APPENDIX G - ATTACHMENT A

MAINTENANCE DATASHEET

**Kennedy Meadows Streambank Stabilization
Maintenance Datasheet – Until Success Criteria are Met
(Page 1; Date:_____)**

Name: _____

General Site Conditions & Overall Observations:		
Describe:		
Disturbed Area Re-seeding:		
Reseeded Area	Photograph ID	Percent Cover and Notes
Photograph Descriptions of Each Treatment Area		
Treatment Area	Photograph ID	Description
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		

**Kennedy Meadows Streambank Stabilization
Maintenance Datasheet – Until Success Criteria are Met
(Page 2; Date: _____)**

Natural/Fenced Exclusion Structures & Signage:		
Any damage? (circle one)	Y or N	
If yes,	Photograph damage (photograph ID)	
	Describe:	
	Potential cause of damage:	
	Actions/Recommendations (circle all that apply)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixed damage on-site
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return trip required to repair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss at next agency consultation meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other: 	
Invasive Species		
Weeding required in treatment areas?	(circle one) Y or N	
If yes,	Identify treatment area(s) where work was performed:	
	Approximate area(s):	

**Kennedy Meadows Streambank Stabilization
Maintenance Datasheet – Until Success Criteria are Met
(Page 3; Date: _____)**

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Is the vegetation in good condition? (circle one) Y or N																												
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**Kennedy Meadows Streambank Stabilization
Maintenance Datasheet – After Success Criteria are Met
(Page 1; Date: _____)**

Name: _____

General Site Conditions & Overall Observations:		
Describe:		
Photograph Descriptions of Each Treatment Area		
Treatment Area	Photograph ID	Description
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
Natural/Fenced Exclusion Structures & Signage:		
Any damage? (circle one) Y or N		
If yes,	Photograph damage (photograph ID)	
	Describe:	
	Potential cause of damage:	
	Actions/Recommendations (circle all that apply)	
	• None required	• Fixed damage on-site
	• Return trip required to repair	• Discuss at next agency consultation meeting
• Other:		

Vegetation Condition		
Is the vegetation in good condition? (circle one) Y or N		
If no,	Photograph vegetation (photograph IDs)	
	Identify treatment area with issues:	
	Degree of plant mortality or reduced vigor: (select one)	<u>Severe:</u> 50% or greater mortality within treatment area. <u>Moderate:</u> Reduced vigor or mortality of up to 50% of cover; potential to reduce project success. <u>Minor:</u> A few individuals with reduced vigor or dead; but minimal effect on overall coverage within treatment area.
	Describe potential cause of plant condition:	
	Actions/Recommendations (circle all that apply)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss at next agency annual consultation meeting • None required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other:
Bioengineered Structures		
Any observed damage to or displacement of bioengineered treatment structures? (circle one) Y or N		
If yes,	Photograph (photograph IDs)	
	Identify treatment area(s) with damage or displacement:	
	Degree of damage or displacement (select)	<u>Severe:</u> Loss of function to stabilize banks <u>Moderate:</u> Failure of substantial portion of structure, but function of structure is not threatened <u>Minor:</u> Some minor scour of small issues observed but are not considered to be a threat to the structure.
	Cause of failure (choose all that apply)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toe scour • Overtopping • Displacement of wood • Other meadow uses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scour behind structure • Scour of vegetation • High flows • Other:
	Recommendations (circle one)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed examination required – possible repair • Continue to watch – immediate action not • Discuss at next agency annual consultation meeting 	

APPENDIX G - ATTACHMENT B

**FOREST SERVICE REGION STREAM
CONDITION INVENTORY (SCI)
GUIDEBOOK – STREAMBANK
STABILITY SURVEY METHODS
(FOREST SERVICE 2005)**

Streambank Stability

(Core Attribute)

Importance:

Channel stability is a key indicator of channel condition. Stable streambanks are essential for achieving desired stream channel morphology. Stable banks maintain or help restore low width-depth ratio which in turn helps maintain a high water table, vegetative productivity and favorable habitat for aquatic and riparian dependent wildlife. In many low gradient channels, unstable banks are a major erosion source.

Objectives of This Measurement:

Calculate streambank stability of the sensitive reach.

How Many Observations to Make:

Make 100 observations (50 each bank). Sample points are located at each channel transect.

Where to Take the Measurement:

Streambank stability is a measure of cover that protects streambanks against erosion. Streambanks lie immediately adjacent to the edge of the streambed and are susceptible to the erosive force of water during high flows. Cover consists of perennial vegetation, rock, down wood, or similar erosion resistant material. Cover most commonly occurs above the bankfull stage of stream channels. However, vegetative cover can exist below this level. For example, live plants often grow slightly below bankfull stage along low gradient streams with fine textured streambanks. Where a cover component occurs below bankfull stage record it since it contributes to bank stability.

Streambank stability is measured by observing cover within a plot on the surface of the streambank (Figure 5). The plot is .30 m (12") wide, perpendicular to flow and extends the length of the streambank as defined below.

How to Take the Measurement:

Identify the base of the streambank. It is the point of greatest slope change between the streambed and streambank.

Locate the point on the streambank where vegetative cover is first encountered above the streambed or at bankfull stage, whichever occurs first. Begin the stability plot at that point and extend it upwards as follows:

For channels less than 2% gradient with fine textured streambanks, to the crest of the first convex slope above bankfull stage. This is usually a terrace or an alluvial fan (see Figure 5).

For channels greater than 2% gradient with coarser textured streambanks, to the crest of the first convex slope above bankfull stage or twice maximum bankfull depth, whichever occurs first. Record the following streambank stability class for each plot:

- **Stable** - Stable streambank plots have 75% or more cover of living plants and/or other stability components that are not easily eroded, and have no indicator of instability.
- **Vulnerable** - Vulnerable streambank plots have 75% or more cover but have one or more instability indicators.
- **Unstable** - Unstable streambank plots have less than 75% cover and may have instability indicators. Unstable streambanks are often bare or nearly bare banks composed of particle sizes too small or uncohesive to resist erosion at high flows.

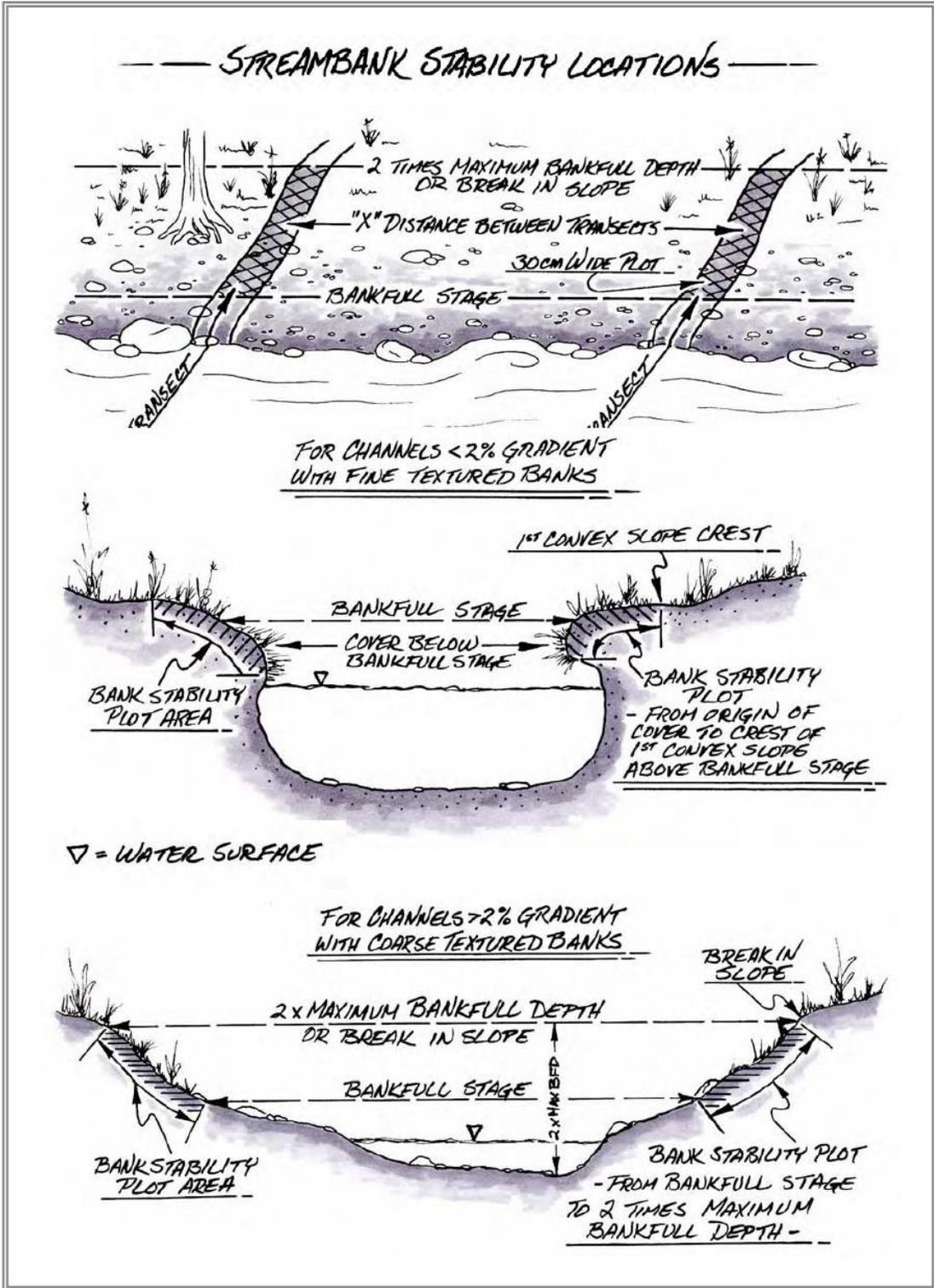


Figure 5 – Streambank Stability

Remember that there are 100 plots that make up the average bank stability for the reach. Do not spend a lot of time determining individual plot condition. Once familiar with this rating system, streambank stability plots can be rated accurately and quickly. Record the numeric value (1 = stable, 2 = vulnerable or 3 = unstable) on Form 9 and move on to the next plot.

Cover Components:

Live Plants - (1) Perennial herbaceous species, such as grass-sedge-rush; (2) woody shrubs (willows, etc.); (3) broadleaf trees (cottonwood, aspen, alder, etc.); (4) conifer trees, and (5) plant roots that are on or near the surface of the streambank and provide substantial binding strength to the substrate beneath.

Rock - Boulders (>256mm), bedrock, and cobble/boulder aggregates when combined as a stabilizing mass.

Down Wood - Logs that are firmly embedded into stream banks.

Erosion Resistant Streambank Soil – In very limited cases, hardened conglomerate or highly cohesive clay/silt stream banks.

Instability Indicators:

Fracturing, blocking, or slumping – This includes cracks near the top of the streambank (often parallel with flow), slumping banks without cracks, and blocks of soil/plant material, which have fallen off or have been pushed down the bank. Usually associated with streams with gradients <2% and fine-textured banks.

Mass Movement - this includes stream bank failure from deep-seated landslides and gravity erosion of oversteepened slopes adjacent to the channel. Mass movement is usually associated with streams with >2% gradient.

Calculating Streambank Stability:

Tally the number of stable plots recorded. Divide the number of stable plots by the number of total plots and multiply by 100 to obtain percent streambank stability. For example, if a 100 plot survey segment has 85 stable plots, dividing by 100 and multiplying by 100 = 85% streambank stability. Vulnerable plots are not classified as stable because they have instability indicators.

References:

Bauer and Burton 1993

Rosgen 1996

Geomorphic Conditions Assessment and Streambank Stability Focused Study Component
DRAFT Streambank Stability Datasheet

Study Site:		Date:		Name:		Survey/ Plot Interval (ft):				
Bank	L	R	L	R	L	R	L	R	L	R
Survey/ Plot No.	1		2		3		4		5	
Stability Rating:										
Survey/ Plot No.	6		7		8		9		10	
Stability Rating:										
Survey/ Plot No.	11		12		13		14		15	
Stability Rating:										
Survey/ Plot No.	16		17		18		19		20	
Stability Rating:										
Survey/ Plot No.	21		22		23		24		25	
Stability Rating:										
Survey/ Plot No.	26		27		28		29		30	
Stability Rating:										
Survey/ Plot No.	31		32		33		34		35	
Stability Rating:										

Study Site:		Date:		Name:		Survey/ Plot Interval (ft):					
Bank	L	R	L	R	L	R	L	R	L	R	
Survey/ Plot No.	36		37		38		39		40		
Stability Rating:											
Survey/ Plot No.	41		42		43		44		45		
Stability Rating:											
Survey/ Plot No.	46		47		48		49		50		
Stability Rating:											

¹ Stability Rating:- 1: >75% cover; 2: >75% cover with instability elements (cracking, bank failure, etc.), 3: <75% cover.

APPENDIX G - ATTACHMENT C

LONGITUDINAL TRANSECT (GREENLINE) DATASHEETS

Riparian Vegetation Focused Study Component

Greenline Datasheet

Stream Segment and Site: _____ Date: _____ Name: _____

GPS Waypoint: _____ River Mile: _____

Left Bank Greenline Length (m): _____ Left bank transect crosses greenline at (m): _____ Left bank: zero = US or DS

Right Bank Greenline Length (m): _____ Right bank transect crosses greenline at (m): _____ Right bank: zero = US or DS

L or R Bank	Attribute ¹			Sub-Dominant Species	Other ³	Distance on Greenline (m)	Notes ²
	Dominant Species						
	Species	% Cover ⁴	Tree Height ⁵				
						Start	
						Stop	
						Start	
						Stop	
						Start	
						Stop	
						Start	
						Stop	
						Start	
						Stop	

- ¹. Species, community type, or attribute (litter, bare ground, substrate, woody debris, dead vegetation).
- ². Fluvial landform, decadence, senescence, grazing, other land use activities.
- ³. Litter, duff, woody debris, bedrock, boulder, cobble, gravel, sand, fines, dead vegetation.
- ⁴. Percent cover for the species.
- ⁵. Average tree height of the species.

APPENDIX G - ATTACHMENT D

PHOTO POINT PROCEDURES

Photo Point Procedures

Images taken at the photo points will be landscape photographs that will be taken each monitoring period from the same locations. The views in the photographs will be the same so that differences between monitoring periods can be compared.

Photo point locations will be established at each treatment area. The locations will be established at a location from which multiple view photographs could be taken, if possible. Within each view, an identifiable object, such as a large rock, will be included, if possible, to assist with scale and orientation during the monitoring periods. The photo point markers will be located in places that will likely not be eroded easily by high floods or disturbed by other activities, such as vandalism. Markers will be as inconspicuous as possible to minimize the potential for vandalism.

This appendix describes the procedure for documenting the photo point locations and for retaking the photographs each monitoring period. A field datasheet is provided. One datasheet will be filled out for each photo point location. For those locations where more than one view is taken from the same photo point location, all the views can be recorded on the same datasheet.

Documenting Photo Point Locations

A site marker, such as a stake or a permanent feature each treatment area will be selected at each treatment area. During the first monitoring period, the photo point locations will be established, using the following procedure:

- The photographer will stand immediately over the site marker/permanent feature, if possible. If this is not possible, the location of the photographer relative to the marker will be recorded on the datasheet (distance and angle from the marker).
- The time of the photograph, camera type, focus distance, height of the camera above the ground, compass bearing, and vertical angle of the view will be recorded on the datasheet.
- At least one reference point will be established for each photo point location. The reference point will be within 200 feet of the photo point location. A reference point could be a large tree outside of the flood zone or a large rock. The distance, compass bearing, and vertical

angle will be measured and recorded from the reference point to the photo point location. A marker will be placed on the reference point. The reference point will be described on the datasheet and a site sketch will be drawn showing major landmarks and the locations of the photo points and reference points. The information from the initial sketch with the reference point locations identified, will be transferred to GIS for display over a high-resolution aerial image and stored electronically.

- Additional photographs will be taken of the reference point and the photo point locations. The locations of each will be marked and labeled on the photographs for future use in the field. All information on the location of the photo points and reference points will be stored electronically.
- The locations of the photo and reference points will be recorded with GPS. These locations will be overlain on aerial photographs of each monitoring site to document the approximate locations of the points. The maps will be completed at a scale with sufficient detail to identify obvious landmarks and trees. These maps will be electronically stored for future use.
- Each photo point will be given an identification number, which will be used through the duration of the monitoring.

Repeat Photography

The procedures for the photo points that will be followed during the subsequent monitoring periods are described below:

- For each photo point monitoring period, the field crew will take copies of the original photo point documentation on the locations of the photo and reference point markers, copies of the photographs, and maps. The same camera will be used, if possible. If it is not available, a camera similar to the original one will be used. The new camera type will be noted on the datasheet.
- The photographer will stand at the same place and height as that which the first photographs were taken. The camera will be aligned with the view at the same compass bearing as

recorded during the initial photographs. The view will be compared with the previous photographs to ensure that it is as close as possible to the original.

- The time of the photograph, camera type, focus distance, height of the camera above the ground, compass bearing and vertical angle of the view will be recorded for this monitoring period.
- If the photo point marker cannot be located, an attempt will be made to locate a new photo point as close as possible to the original location using the reference point documentation, maps, and previous photographs. This will be noted in the summary memorandum.
- The new photographs will be catalogued with the previous photographs and stored electronically. The photographs will be compared with the previous photographs in the summary memorandum.

Photo Point Datasheet

Site Name: _____ **Photo Point Identification Number:** _____

Date: _____ **Time:** _____ **Weather Conditions:** _____

GPS Coordinates: _____ **Photographer:** _____

Camera Type: _____

Subject of Photograph and Purpose of Photographs:

Photo 1	Photo 2	Photo 3
Camera Height (ft):	Camera Height (ft):	Camera Height (ft):
Camera Angle:	Camera Angle:	Camera Angle:
Azimuth: °	Azimuth: °	Azimuth: °
Focus Distance:	Focus Distance:	Focus Distance:
Photo No.:	Photo No.:	Photo No.:
Camera No.:	Camera No.:	Camera No.:
Photo 4	Photo 5	Photo 6
Camera Height (ft):	Camera Height (ft):	Camera Height (ft):
Camera Angle:	Camera Angle:	Camera Angle:
Azimuth: °	Azimuth: °	Azimuth: °
Focus Distance:	Focus Distance:	Focus Distance:
Photo No.:	Photo No.:	Photo No.:
Camera No.:	Camera No.:	Camera No.:

Reference Point 1	Sketch of Photo and Reference Point Locations:
Description:	
Marking:	
Azimuth: ° Angle:	
Distance to photo point marker (ft):	
Reference Point 2	
Description:	
Marking:	
Azimuth: ° Angle:	
Distance to photo point marker (ft):	
Reference Point 3	
Description:	
Marking:	
Azimuth: ° Angle:	
Distance to photo point marker (ft):	

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APPENDIX D

WETLAND DELINEATION INFORMATION

**Aquatic Resource
Wetland Delineation Report
PG&E Relief Reach
Kennedy Meadows Riparian Restoration
and Streambank Stabilization Project**

**Spring-Gap Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project,
Tuolumne County, California**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A routine-level wetland delineation with onsite inspection and preliminary jurisdictional determination was conducted on behalf of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for PG&E's Spring Gap-Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [FERC] Project No. 2130) in support of the Relief Reach – Kennedy Meadows Riparian Restoration and Streambank Stabilization Project (Project or Project) located in Tuolumne County, California. The Project is a requirement of PG&E's License for the Spring Gap-Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project that was issued on April 24, 2009.

This report summarizes field surveys conducted in 2010 and 2015 to delineate aquatic resources in the vicinity of the Project area that could be impacted during construction of the Project. The 2015 survey period was the fourth consecutive year of drought for the region, whereas in 2010 the water year was classified as a Normal-Wet year.¹ The information contained in this report is being used to inform design and construction planning for the Project.

The Project proposes to enhance approximately 1,885 feet of streambank (1.2 acres) along a 3,000-foot reach of the river (Project Reach) by implementing bioengineered streambank stabilization and revegetation measures to reduce streambank erosion and enhance the quality of the riparian corridor. The proposed Project will also enhance aquatic habitat within the reach and downstream by improving water quality, providing additional in-stream cover, and canopy cover. PG&E met with the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE), Sacramento District on October 1, 2015. The meeting was attended by Jordan Krug and Mary Pakenham-Walsh from the USACE. During the meeting, the USACE agreed that a Nationwide Permit 27 (NWP 27; Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Establishment, and Enhancement Activities) would be appropriate for this Project.

A total area of 24 acres was delineated in 2010 and 2015. The delineation survey area encompassed the area in which the Project construction activities will occur, including laydown and staging areas, access areas, and the approximate 3,000-foot Project Reach where the streambank stabilization and revegetation activities will be implemented. All field surveys were conducted in accordance with the 1987 *United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Wetland Delineation Manual* (USACE 1987), the *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region* (Version 2.0) (USACE 2010). Guidance on identification and mapping of variable channel features within the OHWM was taken from *A Field Guide to the Identification of the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) in the Arid West Region of the United States* (USACE 2008).

Field surveys in 2010 and 2015 identified four riverine and four palustrine aquatic resources that are potentially jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act (CWA) due to their hydraulic connectivity to the Stanislaus River, listed by the Sacramento District of the USACE as a "navigable" river. The Middle Fork Stanislaus River is a tributary of the Stanislaus River. Palustrine resources included four Wet Meadows, totaling 6.019 acres within the survey area. These Wet Meadows supported a preponderance of hydrophytic vegetation and positive indicators of hydric soils and wetland hydrology. Riverine resources within the survey area included the Middle Fork Stanislaus River and three tributaries, totaling 7.018 acres (3,211 feet). The boundaries of all riverine features were extended to their Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM). All aquatic resources were in natural condition and unaltered at the time of delineation, with the exception of one tributary. This tributary heads in a dispersed campground area above the Middle Fork Stanislaus River and

¹ Water year types are based on May 1 inflow to New Melones Reservoir for the Middle Fork Stanislaus River, as reported in PG&E's June 16, 2014 FERC filing: Spring Gap/Stanislaus River Project – FERC No. 2130. Forest Service 4(e) Condition No. 33; 5-Year Water-year Type Summary. FERC eLibrary No. 20140617-5027.

flows through a 30-inch diameter steel culvert under the campground access road and into the Middle Fork Stanislaus River.

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

APMM	Avoidance, Protection and Minimization Measure
BMP	Best Management Practices
Cardno, Inc.	Cardno
cfs	cubic feet per second
CWA	Clean Water Act
FERC	Federal Energy Relicensing Commission
GPS	Global Positioning System
NAD	North American Datum
NWI	National Wetland Inventory
OHWM	Ordinary High Water Mark
OWUS	Other waters of the United States
RPW	Relatively Permanent Water
SEC	Sequoia Ecological Consulting, Inc.
State Water Board	State Water Resources Control Board
TNW	Traditional Navigable Water
US	United States
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USDA NRCS	United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service
Forest Service	United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service
USEPA	United State Environmental Protection Agency
USGW	United States Geological Survey

1.0 Introduction

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) conducted a routine-level wetland delineation and preliminary jurisdictional determination for PG&E's Spring Gap-Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2130) in support of the Relief Reach – Kennedy Meadows Riparian Restoration and Streambank Stabilization Project (Project or Project). This Project is a requirement of PG&E's License for the Spring Gap-Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project, issued on April 24, 2009.

This report presents the results of all aquatic resource delineation investigations completed in the Project area and provides an assessment of potential jurisdictional aquatic resources potentially subject to jurisdiction by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under Section 404 of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA).

REPORT SCOPE

The purpose of this Aquatic Resource Delineation Report is to provide a concise summary of existing information about all aquatic features, as well as other known sensitive species and cultural/historical properties in the Project area and vicinity. This document also documents aquatic resource boundary determinations to be used by regulatory authorities. The information provided in this report is being use to avoid and minimize impacts to aquatic resources during the design of the Project.

The survey area was 24 acres and included all areas in which the Project construction activities will occur. Information reported herein is based on two wetland delineation surveys (2010 and 2015)² that together encompassed the Project area, and a recent literature review.

This report follows guidance provided by the USACE in *Minimum Standards for Acceptance of Aquatic Resources Delineation Reports* (USACE 2016). According to that guidance, the purpose of this report is to “identify and describe aquatic resources and, to identify known possible sensitive plant, fish, wildlife species, and cultural/historic properties in the survey area” (USACE 2016).

Additional background information and details on the Project design; sensitive plant, aquatic, and wildlife species; and minimization of impacts to aquatic resources are provided in the *Relief Reach Riparian Vegetation Restoration and Streambank Stabilization Project Description 100% Design Level (Project Description)* (PG&E 2016). This report can be provided upon request. Information on biological resources is also provided in the *Relief Reach-Kennedy Meadows Riparian Restoration and Streambank Stabilization Project – Biological Determination*, included in PG&E's CWA Section 404 permit package.

PG&E met with the USACE, Sacramento District on October 1, 2015. The meeting was attended by Jordan Krug and Mary Pakenham-Walsh from the USACE. During the meeting, the USACE agreed that a Nationwide Permit 27 (NWP 27; Aquatic Habitat Restoration, Establishment, and Enhancement Activities) would be appropriate for the Project, and that compensatory mitigation is not required because aquatic enhancement is a requirement for use of this permit. As such,

² Parameters evaluated for wetland delineations (presence of wetland vegetation, soils, and hydrology) would not be expected to have changed between 2010 and 2015. Land use and the flow regime remained the same during this time period.

Aquatic Resource Functional Assessment forms are not required for this Project. The Aquatic Resource Excel Sheet is provided in Appendix H.

RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

The Project is located in lands that were previously owned by PG&E. In winter 2013, PG&E donated the Kennedy Meadows parcel to Tuolumne County. PG&E still maintains an easement over the land in order to operate and maintain the Spring Gap Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project, of which the Project is part. The area surrounding the Tuolumne County-owned parcel is the Stanislaus National Forest.

Project design support including delineation surveys were provided by Cardno, Inc. (Cardno) with support from Sequoia Ecological Consulting, Inc. (SEC). Contact information for the 2010 and 2015 delineators is provided below.

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The following section provides general background on the Project.

PROJECT BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

The Project is a requirement of PG&E's License for the Spring Gap-Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project to address eroding streambanks and degraded riparian corridor conditions. The requirements derive from Article 401 in the license which implements the United States Department of Agriculture-Forest Service (Forest Service) 4(e) Conditions and conditions contained in the California State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) 401 Certification.

The purpose of the Project is to restore and enhance approximately 1,885 feet of streambank and riparian vegetation within an approximate 3,000-foot reach of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River in Kennedy Meadows. Unstable streambanks and a lack of riparian vegetation were identified during 2001 relicensing studies of the Spring Gap-Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project and subsequent studies conducted in 2009 to 2013 in support of this Project.

The Project is comprised of the following three components to provide streambank stabilization and to enhance and create riparian, meadow, and aquatic habitat:

- (1) Construction of streambank stabilization bioengineering design elements in seven treatment areas along the 3,000-foot reach of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River;
- (2) Implementation of best management practices (BMPs) and avoidance, protection, and minimization measures (APMMs) to minimize potential construction impacts; and
- (3) A maintenance and monitoring plan.

The treatment types recommended to address the streambank instability and lack of riparian vegetation include a combination of bioengineering techniques, such as streambank grading, native vegetation plantings, and large wood and rock placement. The overall design and support for design components, as well as a concise description of the Proposed Action that includes the restoration and enhancement treatments, BMPs and APMMs, and the maintenance and monitoring plan, are provided in the *Project Description* (PG&E 2016). The *Project Description* also evaluates construction activities in relation to delineated waters of the US and wetlands and provides estimates of dredge and fill.

2.0 Project Location

Kennedy Meadows is located in Tuolumne County, California along Highway 108, about 57 miles east of Sonora, six miles east of the town of Dardanelle, and 50 miles south of South Lake Tahoe at an elevation of approximately 6,400 feet. The Project is located in the Sonora Pass United States Geological Survey (USGS) Quadrangle, in Section 2 of Township 5N, Range 20E. The latitude and longitude of the site is 38.302569 North and -119.741307 West (North American Datum [NAD] 83).

Figure B-1 (Appendix B) shows the regional location of the Project and the area that was surveyed for aquatic resources. Figure B-2 (Appendix B) shows the areas where construction activities will occur, including seven specific treatment areas where streambank stabilization and riparian revegetation activities will be implemented.

DIRECTIONS TO THE PROJECT LOCATION

The Project Reach is located 8.65 miles east of the town of Dardanelle and approximately 1.6 miles from the Kennedy Meadows turn off from Highway 108. Access from the highway is along a dirt road, approximately 0.5 miles past the Kennedy Meadows campground general store. The signed statement from PG&E allowing access to the survey area is provided in Appendix G.

SURVEY AREA

The survey area encompassed 24 acres and included the area in which the Project construction activities will occur. The survey area encompassed the 3,000-foot Project Reach of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River where the streambank stabilization and revegetation activities will be implemented, as well as laydown, staging, and access areas located in the adjacent Kennedy Meadows. The survey area is bordered to the east by a dirt road (Kennedy Meadows Road) and is generally bound to the west by the western bank of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River (Figure B-2; Appendix B).

3.0 Methods

Following are the methods utilized to identify aquatic resources within the survey area, including wetlands and Waters of the U.S., describe their characteristics, and map the potential jurisdictional boundaries of each resource.

AQUATIC RESOURCES

Qualified biologists from Cardno and SEC conducted routine-level delineations of all aquatic resources within the survey area on June 30, 2010 and June 29, and July 24, 2015. The 2010 survey was conducted in a portion of the meadow on the east floodplain (river right floodplain, facing downstream). The 2015 survey extended the 2010 survey area to encompass the total area in which all the Project construction activities are anticipated to occur, including laydown and staging areas (Figure B-2; Appendix B). Survey details are provided in the following two technical reports:

- *Wetland Delineation and Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination. Spring-Gap Stanislaus Hydro Electric Project, Tuolumne County, California* (Cardno ENTRIX 2010).
- *Wetland Delineation and Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination. Spring-Gap Stanislaus Project, Tuolumne County, California* (SEC 2015).

Both of these can be provided upon request. A review of the literature was conducted in 2016 including a query of the National Wetland Inventory (NWI), to cross-reference field results (USFWS 2016).

Terminology pertaining to potentially jurisdictional aquatic resources and specific delineation methods described in the following sections is based on guidance provided in:

- *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valley, and Coast Region (Version 2.0)* (USACE 2010);
- *U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jurisdictional Determination Form Instructional Guidebook* (USACE and USEPA 2007);
- *Rapanos guidance document* (USACE and USEPA 2008); and
- *Regulatory Guidance Letter No. 05-05. Subject: Ordinary High Water Mark Identification* (USACE 2005).

The survey area was evaluated for the presence of jurisdictional waters of the US (as defined by 33 CFR 328.3(a) of the CWA) including other waters such as “intrastate lakes, rivers, intermittent streams, mudflats sandflats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, or natural ponds, the use, degradation or destruction of which could affect interstate or foreign commerce...” (Federal Register 1986). Following the *Rapanos v. US* and in *Carabell v. US* (referred to as *Rapanos*) decision in 2006, the scope of the definition of waters of the US was further defined to include: Traditional Navigable Waters (TNWs); all wetlands adjacent to TNWs; non-navigable tributaries of TNWs that are relatively permanent (i.e., relatively permanent waterbodies [RPWs] – tributaries that typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally); and wetlands that abut such tributaries. In addition, if a significant nexus with a TNW exists, the following waters will also be found jurisdictional: non-navigable tributaries that are not relatively permanent, wetlands adjacent to non-navigable tributaries that are not RPWs and

wetland adjacent to but that do not directly abut a relatively permanent non-navigable tributary (USACE and USEPA 2007).

Wetlands

The routine-level wetland delineation was conducted in accordance with the *1987 USACE Wetland Delineation Manual* (USACE 1987), the *Jurisdictional Determination Form Instructional Guidebook* (USACE and USEPA 2007), and the *Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region (Version 2.0)* (USACE 2010). A Level 2 Onsite Inspection was conducted (as defined in the *Wetland Delineation Manual*), evaluating three parameters that identify and delineate the boundaries of jurisdictional wetlands, including: (1) the dominance of wetland vegetation; (2) the presence of hydric soils; and (3) hydrologic conditions that result in periods of inundation or saturation on the surface from flooding or ponding. The methods for each are described below.

Data on vegetation, soils, and hydrologic characteristics were recorded in the field on *USACE Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast – Version 2.0 data forms* (Appendix E). The boundary of each potential jurisdictional wetland area was recorded using a handheld Global Positioning System (GPS) (Spectra Precision Mobile Mapper 20 unit) capable of geo-rectified sub-meter accuracy.

Vegetation

The USACE wetland criterion for vegetation is satisfied if the area is dominated by wetland vegetation.

A visual assessment was made of all plant communities and plants located within and around the areas where construction activities are anticipated to occur, including laydown and staging areas and access routes in order to determine the presence or absence of hydrophytic vegetation. Vegetation communities were classified pursuant to Sawyer et al. (2009), and plants were identified to the species level using the *Jepson Manual: Vascular Plants of California (Second Edition)* (Baldwin et al. 2012). The *Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast 2014 Regional Wetland Plant List* (Lichvar et al. 2014) was used to determine the wetland indicator status of plants observed during the delineation (Appendix D).

The procedure for determining the presence of hydrophytic vegetation followed the methodology that is identified in USACE (2010). Specifically, it involved the following assessment for each sample plot:

1. Apply Indicator 1 (Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation).
 - a. If the plant community passes the rapid test for hydrophytic vegetation, then the vegetation is hydrophytic and no further vegetation analysis is required.
 - b. If the rapid test for hydrophytic vegetation is not met, then proceed to step 2.
2. Apply Indicator 2 (Dominance Test).
 - a. If the plant community passes the dominance test, then the vegetation is hydrophytic and no further vegetation analysis is required.
 - b. If the plant community fails the dominance test, and indicators of hydric soil and/or wetland hydrology are absent, then hydrophytic vegetation is absent unless the site meets requirements for a problematic wetland situation.
 - c. If the plant community fails the dominance test, but indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology are both present, proceed to step 3.

3. Apply Indicator 3 (Prevalence Index). This and the following step assume that at least one indicator of hydric soil and one primary or two secondary indicators of wetland hydrology are present.
 - a. If the plant community satisfies the prevalence index, then the vegetation is hydrophytic. No further vegetation analysis is required.
 - b. If the plant community fails the prevalence index, proceed to step 4.
4. Apply Indicator 4 (Morphological Adaptations) and/or 5 (Wetland Non-Vascular Plants).
 - a. If either indicator is satisfied, then the vegetation is hydrophytic.
 - b. If none of the indicators is satisfied, then hydrophytic vegetation is absent unless indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology are present and the site meets the requirements for a problematic wetland situation.

Wetland indicator species include those listed as Obligate (OBL), Facultative Wetland (FACW), or Facultative (FAC) in Lichvar et al. (2014). Vegetation was described in terms of both species and percent coverage per strata. Sample plots that had vegetation that met the above requirements were identified as hydrophytic.

Soils

The USACE wet soils criterion is satisfied if hydric soils are present, as described below.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA NRCS) Web Soil Survey (USDA NRCS 2015) and the National List of Hydric Soils were used to identify soil types within the Project vicinity (USDA NRCS 2014).

The NRCS maintains a list of hydric soil indicators that are known to occur in the United States (USDA NRCS 2010). Soil samples were examined by digging a test pit to the depth needed to document an indicator or to confirm the absence of indicators. The determination of hydric soils was based on soil texture, matrix color, and/or the presence of other hydric soil indicators. Indicators that a hydric soil is present include, but are not limited to: histosols, histic epipedon, hydrogen sulfide, depleted below dark surface, sandy redox, loamy gleyed matrix, depleted matrix, redox dark surface, and redox depressions. Soil matrix colors were classified according to the Munsell Soil Color Charts (Munsell 2009). Hydric soils were determined to be present if any of the soil samples met one or more of the hydric soils indicators described by the USDA NRCS (2010).

Hydrology

The USACE jurisdictional wetland hydrology criterion is satisfied if an area is inundated or saturated for a period of time sufficient to create anoxic soil conditions during the growing season.

Hydrological conditions were determined through the presence of primary hydrologic indicators such as direct observation of inundation, soil saturation in the upper 12 inches of the soil profile, oxidized rhizospheres, surface soil cracking, and the presence of water marks or sediment deposits. The occurrence of one primary indicator is sufficient to conclude that wetland hydrology is present. If no primary indicators are observed, two or more secondary indicators are required to conclude wetland hydrology is present. Secondary hydrologic indicators include, but are not limited to: algal matting, drainage patterns, frost-heave hummocks, FAC-neutral test, and shallow aquitard. The occurrence of at least one primary indicator or two secondary indicators is required to confirm the presence of wetland hydrology.

Waters of the U.S.

Potential “other waters” are seasonal or perennial water bodies, such as lakes, stream channels (including intermittent or ephemeral streams), drainages, ponds, and other surface water features that exhibit an Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) but lack positive indicators of one or more of the three wetland parameters (hydrophytic vegetation, wetland hydrology, hydric soils).

In non-tidal “other waters,” USACE jurisdiction extends to the OHWM, defined as “that line on the shore established by the fluctuations of water and indicated by physical characteristics such as clear, natural line impressions on the bank, shelving, changes in the characteristics of the soil, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, the presence of litter and debris, or other appropriate means that consider the characteristics of the surrounding areas” (Federal Register 1986; USACE 2005).

Guidance on identification and mapping of variable channel features within the OHWM was taken from *A Field Guide to the Identification of the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) in the Arid West Region of the United States* (USACE 2008). The OHWM was determined in the field by identifying a number of indicators, including observations of the water marks on rocks, drift/wrack line from streamflow deposition, scour, sediment sorting, natural line impressions on bank, and active channel signatures indicated by physical characteristics and shaped by flow (Appendix F). The banks of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River (a water of the US) and other waters of the US, including tributaries, were inspected for OHWM indicators and GPS coordinates were recorded. The OHWM of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River was delineated using a combination of mapped field observations, aerial photo interpretation, and hydrologic analysis of bankfull flows. Bankfull flow of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River was calculated as approximately 650 cubic feet per second (cfs); the 1.5 year recurrence flow based on a period of record from 1997 to 2013 (PG&E 2016). River stage at bankfull was recorded during the relicensing studies, and plotted along the Project Reach. River stage at bankfull flow was then correlated with mapped field observations of the OHWM, and recent aerial photos of the Project Reach, and the field-verified OHWM was corrected accordingly. Waters of the U.S. were mapped within the OHWM.

4.0 Existing Conditions

The field conditions present during the surveys were normal for the Project Reach. Climatic conditions in 2015 were slightly atypical as it was the fourth consecutive year of drought for the region.³ 2010 was classified as a Normal-Wet water year.⁴ The entire survey area was field-verified. No observed or documented interstate or foreign commerce is associated with the aquatic resources at the Project Reach.

The following sections provide the results of the 24-acre survey including: existing conditions (landscape setting, survey area and site conditions); a description of aquatic resources (wetlands and waters of the U.S.) observed in the survey area; and detailed results for all mapped wetlands and riverine features. A final summary of results includes a tabulation of all aquatic resources in the survey area.

³ 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 were classified as Dry, Normal-Dry, Dry, and Critically Dry water years, based on the California Department of Water Resources forecast for annual unimpaired inflow into New Melones Reservoir.

⁴ Water year types are based on May 1 inflow to New Melones Reservoir for the Middle Fork Stanislaus River, as reported in PG&E's June 16, 2014 FERC filing: Spring Gap/Stanislaus River Project – FERC No. 2130. Forest Service 4(e) Condition No. 33; 5-Year Water-year Type Summary. FERC eLibrary No. 20140617-5027.

LANDSCAPE SETTING

The Project Reach is located in the Sierra Nevada mountain range, on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada-Great Valley Block, between the Central Valley of California and the Basin and Range Province. The elevation of Kennedy Meadows is approximately 6,400 feet above sea level. Relief Dam, constructed in 1910, is on Summit Creek. Kennedy Creek joins Summit Creek approximately one mile downstream from the dam, forming the Middle Fork Stanislaus River. Upstream of the Project Reach, the stream is a steep and rocky channel. At Kennedy Meadows, the stream transitions to a wide, low gradient and depositional section and meanders through a montane meadow with scattered cottonwood stands. The vegetation surrounding the Project Reach is mixed coniferous forest with rocky outcroppings.

The Middle Fork Stanislaus River within the Project Reach is moderately incised and locally widened with broad floodplain meadows and generally sparse old cottonwood forest on the west floodplain. Recent geomorphic changes (e.g., channelization; bank erosion and channel widening; changes in bar size; and shifts in channel position) have influenced the observed distribution of riparian vegetation within the Project Reach. The channel within the Project Reach consists of riffle-pool sequences. The bed consists of very coarse gravel, with small gravel comprising less than 10 percent of the bed material. The bars are primarily coarse to very coarse gravel.

The Project Reach and vicinity provide important outdoor recreation and wildlife habitat in the remote upper elevations of the Sierra Nevada. Existing land uses within Kennedy Meadows consist of natural open space, with nearby campgrounds and the Kennedy Meadows Pack Station Resort. The meadow is used for recreational purposes such as fishing and hiking, with well-worn walking paths along the tops of the streambanks. A prominent feature near Kennedy Meadows is the Huckleberry Trail, along the Kennedy Meadows Road, which provides equestrian, angling, and hiking access to the Emigrant Wilderness.

Approximately 300 head of cattle are also staged in the meadow for approximately one week each year in late September/ early October, and pack animal use of the meadow has been observed throughout the summer. Cattle access and cross the river at multiple locations within the Project Reach. All-terrain vehicle (ATV) use has been observed in the east meadow (right meadow, facing downstream) and along the walking path at the top of the streambank. Manure spreading also occurs in the fall after departure of the cattle in the east meadow (PG&E 2016). Riprap has been placed on the east bank in the upper portion of the Project Reach to protect the existing dirt road.

AQUATIC RESOURCES

This sub-section provides the results of the wetland and waters of the U.S. surveys within the surveyed area.

Wetlands

General vegetation, soils, and hydrologic characteristics for the survey area are summarized first. This is followed by detailed results for all mapped wetlands.

Vegetation

Three main vegetation types were found in the survey area for the Project: wet meadow, ruderal, and riparian woodland. Alliance nomenclature follows Sawyer et al. (2009).

Wet Meadow Habitat, conforming to a mixture of herbaceous Alliances including the *Carex aquatilis*, *lenticularis*) Herbaceous Alliance, consists of areas along the Middle Fork Stanislaus River floodplain with seasonally saturated soils. Dominant species are native graminoids and forbs such as water sedge (*Carex aquatilis* var. *aquatilis*), short hair sedge (*Carex filifolia* var. *erostrata*), Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*), western buttercup (*Ranunculus occidentalis*), meadow barley (*Hordeum branchyantherum*), and Kentucky blue grass (*Poa pratensis*).

Ruderal Habitat, not conforming to any natural vegetation classification system, occurred in portions of the survey area that were highly disturbed by vehicle use, equestrian use, and other human activities. This habitat was heavily disturbed and dominated primarily by non-native grasses and forbs and occasional shrubs, such as woolly mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*), cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*), bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), spiny buttercup (*Ranunculus muricatus*), chicory (*Cichorium intybus*), and bulbous blue grass (*Poa bulbosa*), with occasional native species such as dove weed (*Croton setigerus*) and common sage (*Artemisia tridentata*).

Riparian Woodland Habitat, conforming to a variety of forested Alliances including the *Alnus rhombifolia* Forest Alliance and *Alnus incana* Shrubland Alliance, occurred along the banks of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River, and was dominated by native riparian trees, including black cottonwood (*Populus trichocarpa*), white alder (*Alnus rhombifolia*), mountain alder (*Alnus incana*), quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*), and willow (*Salix* spp.). Species from adjacent Mixed Conifer Forest were also found within the riparian corridor, including Jeffrey pine (*Pinus jeffreyi*), white fir (*Abies concolor*), and incense cedar (*Calocedrus decurrens*).

A list of plant species observed within the survey area, along with their hydrophytic status, is provided in Appendix D.

Soils

The NRCS mapped four soil types within the survey area: 1) Entic Cryumbrepts, 2) Gerle family, 3) Rock outcrop, and 4) Rock outcrop-Fiddletown family (Figure B-3, Appendix B). The area surveyed is primarily comprised of the Entic Cryumbrepts in the lower half of the Project Reach and the Gerle family in the upper half of the Project Reach. The two outcrop soil types occur at the outer margins of the meadow and at the upstream end of the surveyed area. None of these four soils is listed as a hydric soil (USDA NRCS 2014).

The Entic Cryumbrepts series consists of deep, well-drained loamy sand in alluvial flats (1 to 10 percent slope). It primarily occurs along the river corridor and adjacent meadow floodplain in the downstream half of the Project Reach. It was formed in alluvium derived from igneous materials. This well-drained soil is highly permeable, with the water table typically occurring at a depth of 80 inches or greater.

The Gerle family series consists of well-drained gravelly sandy loam underlain by weathered bedrock formed in moraines. This soil is found in the upstream half of the Project Reach and along the outer margins of the meadow floodplain on the western side of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River. It was formed in till derived from granite. This well-drained soil is also highly permeable, with the water table typically occurring at a depth of more than 80 inches.

The Rock outcrop occurs solely near the access road and consists of unweathered bedrock formed from mountains. This excessively drained soil was formed from granite and lithic bedrock is found at or below the soil surface.

The Rock outcrop-Fiddletown family is a moderately deep complex, with 35 to 70 percent slopes. It is located only at the upstream end of the Project Reach as the river transitions from riffle complex to shallow runs and glides. This series is a combination of the previously mentioned

Rock outcrop series above and the Fiddletown family. The Fiddletown family series consists of gravelly sandy loam and very gravelly sandy loam underlain by weathered bedrock. This series was formed in residuum weathered from granite and is a well-drained soil with the water table depth occurring typically below 80 inches.

Hydrology

The Project Reach is within the Middle Fork Stanislaus River Watershed, which flows in a southwesterly direction, converging with the North Fork Stanislaus River 12 miles north of the city of Sonora, becoming the main stem Stanislaus River before flowing approximately two miles into New Melones Lake. The Middle Fork Stanislaus River is a perennial river with year round flow, identified by the USGS as a blue line stream (Figure B-1, Appendix B). The Middle Fork Stanislaus River could be considered a RPW based on its perennial status.

The Stanislaus River is listed by the Sacramento District of the USACE as a “navigable” river in its lower reaches, more than 100 miles downstream from the Project Reach. The Stanislaus River is a tributary of the Lower San Joaquin River, which flows through Stockton and into the Sacramento–San Joaquin River Delta, eventually discharging into the Pacific Ocean, a TNW.

The area receives runoff from the steep mountainside slopes to the east and west of the meadows and seasonal overbanking flow from the river during high flow years. Flows in the Middle Fork Stanislaus River are a combination of flows regulated by PG&E’s Relief Dam on Summit Creek and Kennedy Creek, which is unimpaired. Natural accretion flows from Kennedy Creek contribute a substantial proportion of the spring snowmelt flow into the Project Reach.

Mapped Wetland Features

Four seasonally wet areas were identified adjacent to the Middle Fork Stanislaus River (Wet Meadows A, B, C and D). These wetland areas were identified as waters of the U.S. potentially jurisdictional under the CWA owing to their hydraulic connectivity with the Middle Fork Stanislaus River. The Middle Fork Stanislaus River is a tributary of the North Fork Stanislaus, the Stanislaus River (a navigable river), the Lower San Joaquin River (also listed as navigable), the Delta, and eventually, the Pacific Ocean, a TNW. The mapped boundaries of each feature are shown on Figures A-1 and A-2 in Appendix A.

The hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and surface hydrology recorded at each of these features are discussed below and USACE data forms are included in Appendix E. Representative photographs of the survey area are provided in Appendix C, with photo points shown on Figure A-2 (Appendix A).

A number of sample points were selected in the field to determine the extent of the upland areas adjacent to the wetlands, and to assess dominant plant species, soils, and hydrology indicators. A summary of the sample points is provided in Table 1, and the locations of the sample points are depicted on Figure A-1 (Appendix A).

Within the survey area the NWI (USFWS 2016) has mapped freshwater emergent wetland across a large portion of the east meadow, the downstream half of the Project Reach, as well as portions of the opposite (west) bank (Figure B-4; Appendix B). The NWI classification for this area is PEMC: Palustrine (P), Emergent (EM), with water regime modifier Seasonally Flooded (C). Wet Meadows A, B, C and D, located outside the OHWM of the river were field verified and classified as a palustrine emergent wetland; PEMC or PEME; Palustrine (P); Emergent (EM). The water regime modifier is highly dependent on the water year type, but based on field observations during the growing season, it is most likely Seasonally Flooded/Saturated (E) or Seasonally Flooded (C) (Cowardin et al. 1979).

Table 1. Summary of Wetland Determination Form Sample Points.

Sample Point (SP)	Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicator (Y/N)	Hydric Soil Indicator (Y/N)	Hydrology Indicator (Y/N)	Wetland (Y/N)	Notes
2015					
15-1	Yes (Dominance Test)	Yes (Stripped Matrix, Depleted Dark Surface)	Yes (Drainage Patterns, Geomorphic Position)	Yes	Wet Meadow C
15-2	Yes (Dominance Test)	Yes (Redox Dark Surface)	Yes (Drainage Patterns, Geomorphic Position)	Yes	Wet Meadow C
15-3	No	No	No	No	Upland adjacent to Wet Meadow C
15-4	Yes (Dominance Test)	Yes (Redox Dark Surface)	Yes (Drainage Patterns, Geomorphic Position)	Yes	Wet Meadow C
15-5	Yes (Dominance Test)	Yes (Redox Dark Surface)	Yes (High Water Table, Saturation)	Yes	Wet Meadow C
15-6	Yes (Dominance Test)	Yes (Sandy Redox)	Yes (Saturation)	Yes	Wet Meadow C
15-7	No	No	No	No	Upland adjacent to Wet Meadow D
15-8	Yes (Dominance Test)	Yes (Depleted Dark Surface)	Yes (High Water Table, Saturation)	Yes	Wet Meadow D
15-9	Yes (Dominance Test)	Yes (Other)	Yes (Saturation)	Yes	Wet Meadow D
15-10	Yes (Dominance Test)	Yes (Sandy Redox)	Yes (High Water Table, Saturation)	Yes	Wet Meadow C
2010					
10-1	Yes (Dominance Test)	Yes (Histic Epipedon, Hydrogen Sulfide)	Yes (Surface Water, Saturation)	Yes	Wet Meadow A
10-2	No	Yes (Histic Epipedon, Depleted Matrix)	Yes (High Water Table, Saturation)	No	Upland adjacent to Wet Meadow A
10-3	No	No	No	No	Upland adjacent to Wet Meadow B

Wet Meadow A (0.90 acre)

Wet Meadow A is a seasonal wetland within a riverine floodplain, located in the central part of the survey area (Appendix C; Photographs 12 and 14). The hydrologic sources for Wet Meadow A include direct precipitation, snowmelt, runoff from the surrounding steep side slopes, hydrologic groundwater connection with the river, and overbanking river flows.

Sample Point 10-1 was taken approximately in the center of the wetland and revealed the presence of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology (Appendix E). Hydrophytic vegetation was observed at Sample Point 10-1, supporting water sedge (OBL). The top 14 inches of soil had a matrix of 10YR 3/2 with redox features of 7.5YR 4/6 with loamy texture. Observed hydric soil indicators included histic epipedon, hydrogen sulfide odor, and redox depressions, exhibiting conditions of prolonged soil saturation. Surface water and saturation were observed, thereby meeting the wetland hydrology criteria (Appendix C; Photograph 15).

Sample Point 10-2 was taken south of Sample Point 10-1, adjacent to the Middle Fork Stanislaus River, to determine the southern upland boundary of Wet Meadow A. Sample Point 10-2 revealed the presence of hydric soils and wetland hydrology, but lacked hydrophytic vegetation having a Prevalence Index of 4.5 (Appendix E). While several hydrophytic plant species were observed, the dominant species was short hair sedge. The top two inches of soil consisted of a root layer with high organic material, while the core seven inches below the top layer contained a matrix of 10YR 3/3 with redox features of 5YR 5/8. The last five inches of soil contained a reduced matrix of 10YR 4/2 and redox features of 5YR 5/8. Observed hydric soil indicators included histic epipedon, a depleted matrix, and redox depressions (Appendix C; Photograph 16). A high water table and saturation (due to seasonal flooding) were observed at depths between 12 to 14 inches, thereby meeting the wetland hydrology criteria. Since Sample Point 10-2 does not support hydrophytic vegetation, and does not meet the USACE wetland criteria, this upland site was used to locate the southern upland boundary of Wet Meadow A.

Wet Meadow B (0.329 acre)

Wet Meadow B is located to the east of the survey area in a depressed area bordering the dirt road (Appendix C; Photograph 17). The hydrologic sources for Wet Meadow B include direct precipitation, snowmelt, runoff from the surrounding steep side slopes, hydrologic groundwater connection with the river, and overbanking river flows.

Surface water and 100% coverage of hydrophytic vegetation were observed at Wet Meadow B. No soil pits were dug at this location; however, surface saturation and ponded water were observed. Consequently, it was determined that this feature met wetland criteria and it was noted for avoidance flagging purposes during construction. Sample Point 10-3 was taken near the access road to determine the approximate northern upland boundary of Wet Meadow B. This pit did not reveal the presence of hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, or wetland hydrology (Appendix E and Appendix C; Photograph 18). Consequently, it was used at the boundary between the uplands within the survey area and the adjacent Wet Meadow B.

Wet Meadow C (4.9 acre)

Wet Meadow C is a seasonal wetland located at the downstream end of the Project Reach on the eastern bank of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River (Appendix C; Photograph 1 and 2). Seven delineation sample points were taken within and adjacent to Wet Meadow C. The hydrologic sources for Wet Meadow C include direct precipitation, snowmelt, runoff from the surrounding steep side slopes, hydrologic groundwater connection with the river, and overbanking river flows (Appendix C; Photograph 6).

Wet Meadow C was dominated by a preponderance of hydrophytic vegetation and supports positive indicators of wetland hydrology and hydric soils. The vegetation was dominated by hydrophytic plant species including a dense cover of sedge (FAC-OBL) (Sample Points 15-1, 15-4, 15-5, and 15-6) over most of the meadow, with occasional Mexican rush (FACW) and Kentucky blue grass (FAC) also present. Adjacent upland areas were dominated by upland-classified species such as cheat grass (UPL) (Sample Point 15-3).

Wet Meadow C soils varied in texture between fine textured clay and clay loam (Sample Points 15-1 and 15-4) and silty clay loam (Sample Point 15-2), and coarser textured sandy loam and loamy sand (Sample Points 15-5, 15-6, and 15-10), with a low chroma matrix (10YR 3/2 and 10YR 2/2) and redoximorphic mottles (7.5YR 5/8) frequently present and occurring over 1 to 25 percent of the soil matrix. Positive hydric soil indicators were present, including indicators S6 (Stripped Matrix) and F7 (Depleted Dark Surface) (Sample Point 15-1) and S5 (Sandy Redox) (Sample Points 15-6 and 15-10). Adjacent upland areas had a higher chroma matrix (10YR 3/3) and lacked redoximorphic features (Sample Point 15-3).

Positive wetland hydrology indicators were observed, including drainage patterns (Sample Point 15-1), high water table (Sample Points 15-5 and 15-10) and saturation (Sample Points 15-5, 15-6, and 15-10; Photograph 3 in Appendix C). Adjacent upland areas lacked wetland hydrology indicators (Sample Point 15-3; Photograph 4 in Appendix C). Wet Meadow C is immediately adjacent to and within the floodplain of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River, and therefore has a significant hydrologic nexus with the Middle Fork Stanislaus River.

Wet Meadow D (0.7 acre)

Wet Meadow D is located at the downstream end of the survey area along the western bank of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River (Appendix C; Photograph 5). Three delineation Sample Points were taken within and adjacent to Wet Meadow D. The hydrologic sources for Wet Meadow D include direct precipitation, snowmelt, runoff from the surrounding steep side slopes, hydrologic groundwater connection with the river, and overbanking river flows.

Wet Meadow D was dominated by a preponderance of hydrophytic vegetation and supports positive indicators of wetland hydrology and hydric soils. The vegetation was dominated by hydrophytic plant species including a dense cover of sedge (FAC-OBL) (Sample Points 15-8 and 15-9). Adjacent upland areas were dominated by FACU species such as orchard grass (*Dactylis glomerata*) (Sample Point 15-7).

Wet Meadow D soils generally support a low chroma matrix (10 YR 3/2) with occasional redoximorphic mottles (7.5 YR 4/6) (Sample Point 15-8). Adjacent uplands were similar in matrix chroma but consist of surface gravel and lack redoximorphic features (Sample Point 15-7).

Positive wetland hydrology indicators were observed, including a high water table (Sample Point 15-8) and saturation (Sample Points 15-8 and 15-9). Adjacent upland areas lacked wetland hydrology indicators (Sample Point 15-7). Wet Meadow D is immediately adjacent to, and within the floodplain of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River, and therefore has a significant hydrologic nexus with the Middle Fork Stanislaus River.

Waters of the U.S.

The Middle Fork Stanislaus River and three tributaries to the Middle Fork Stanislaus River within the survey area were identified as waters of the U.S. and are potentially subject to the jurisdiction of the USACE. Figure A-1 (Appendix A) depicts the OHWM of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River and the location of the three mapped tributaries. In each case, the extent of potential jurisdiction was mapped at the OHWM.

The Middle Fork Stanislaus River is tributary to the North Fork Stanislaus River, the Stanislaus River (listed as navigable), the Lower San Joaquin River (navigable), the Delta, and eventually, the Pacific Ocean, a TNW. The three tributaries are intermittent, but maintain hydraulic connectivity to the river. Therefore, these features all have a significant nexus to a TNW and could be considered waters of the US, subject to USACE jurisdiction.

NWI features mapped within the survey area included the downstream portion of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River mapped as R3USC: Riverine (R), Upper Perennial (3), Unconsolidated Shore (US), and Seasonally Flooded (C). The three tributaries were not mapped by the NWI (USFWS 2016). Following field verification, the Cowardin Classification for the Middle Fork Stanislaus River was determined to be R3US1: Riverine (R), Upper Perennial (3), Unconsolidated Shore (US), and subclass Cobble-Gravel (1). Each of the three tributaries was given the Cowardin Classification of R4SB3: Riverine; Intermittent (4), Streambed (SB), and subclass Cobble-Gravel (3). Water regime modifiers for the main stem of the river ranges from Permanently Flooded (H) at the thalweg of the river to Seasonally Flooded/Saturated (C) on the upper banks below the OHWM; the water regime for each of the tributaries is best described as Seasonally Flooded/Saturated (C) (Cowardin et al. 1979).

Middle Fork Stanislaus River (3,000-foot long, 105-foot average width)

The Middle Fork Stanislaus River is a perennial river flowing through the approximate 3,000-foot long Project Reach. The river flows year-round and was flowing at the time of the field visits, and supports a bed, bank, and has OHWM indicators (Appendix C; Photos 6-7). OHWM indicators included sediment sorting, wrack lines, exposed roots, distinct shelving, and breaks in slope. The channel bed and bars consist of unconsolidated sand and gravel alluvium. Vegetation is generally lacking within the channel itself, but patches of riparian woodland occur along the streambanks and bars.

Tributary 1 (38-foot long within the survey area, 5-foot average width)

Tributary 1 is located in the upstream end of the survey area and is upstream of anticipated construction activities. It is an intermittent drainage that flows in a westerly direction into the Middle Fork Stanislaus River (Appendix C; Photo 8). Tributary 1 supports a bed, bank, and has OHWM indicators, including breaks in slope and changes in sediment characteristics. The drainage was dry at the time of the field visits but supports positive indicators of wetland hydrology such as sediment deposits. Soils consist primarily of unconsolidated sand and gravel alluvium, and the channel is generally devoid of vegetation.

Tributary 2 (35-foot long within the survey area, 5-foot average width)

Tributary 2 is located in the upstream portion of the Project Reach within the survey area. It flows in a westerly direction into the river in between two treatment areas where bank stabilization and revegetation techniques will be implemented. This intermittent drainage heads in the dispersed campground area above the river (Appendix C; Photos 9a and b), and flows through a 30-inch diameter steel pipe culvert under the campground access road and into the Middle Fork Stanislaus River (Appendix C; Photos 9c and d). Tributary 2 supports a bed, bank, and has OHWM indicators, including erosion and change in sediment from sand to cobble. The drainage was dry at the time of the field visits but positive indicators of wetland hydrology such as sediment deposits were observed. Soils consist primarily of unconsolidated sand and gravel alluvium, and the channel was generally devoid of vegetation.

Tributary 3 (138-feet long within the surveyed area, 4.5-foot average width)

Tributary 3 is located in the downstream portion of the survey area, and is an overflow channel of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River (Figure A-1; Appendix A). It is likely perennial in most years and (Appendix C; Photo 10). Tributary 3 supports a bed, bank, and had OHWM indicators, including undercutting of the banks, changes in vegetation characteristics, and sediment deposition. The lower reach of Tributary 3 had several inches of flowing water at the time of the field visits, while the upper portion was wet in June and dry in July. Tributary 3 supports positive indicators of wetland hydrology such as surface water and sediment deposits. Soils consist primarily of unconsolidated sand and gravel alluvium, and the channel is generally devoid of vegetation.

SUMMARY OF AQUATIC RESOURCES

Based on the areas delineated in 2010 and 2015, aquatic features within the 24-acre survey area that are potentially jurisdictional under the CWA include:

- the Middle Fork Stanislaus River;
- three ephemeral tributaries to the Middle Fork Stanislaus River; and
- four wet meadows (abutting and/or adjacent to the Middle Fork Stanislaus River).

The Middle Fork Stanislaus River and the three tributaries contain bed, bank, and OHWM indicators. The Middle Fork Stanislaus River could be considered a RPW and is hydraulically connected to the Stanislaus River, listed by the Sacramento District of the USACE as a “navigable” river more than 100 miles downstream from the Project Reach. The Stanislaus River is a tributary of the Lower San Joaquin River (also listed as navigable), which flows through Stockton and into the Sacramento–San Joaquin River Delta, eventually discharging into the Pacific Ocean, a TNW.

The four wetlands features exhibited wetland vegetation, hydric soils, and primary hydrology indicators. These wetland features are within the historic floodplain of the river, and receive overbank flows from the Middle Fork Stanislaus River. At a minimum, these adjacent wetlands could also be considered to have a significant biological nexus to the Middle Fork Stanislaus River due to groundwater connectivity.

Table 2 summarizes the wetlands and waters of the U.S. surveyed in the Project Reach. Table 2 provides the site ID, Cowardin Classification, the size of the feature (acres), linear feet of stream channels, and survey notes. These features are shown in Figure A-1 and A-2 (Appendix A).

Table 2. Summary of Aquatic Resources within the Kennedy Meadows Survey Area.

Aquatic Resource ID	Cowardin Classification	Location (Lat/Long)	Aquatic Resource Size (acres) Required for All Resources	Aquatic Resource Size (linear feet) Required for Only Stream Channels	Notes
Wetlands					
Wet Meadow A	Palustrine Emergent Wetland (PEM)	38.303377 -119.742051	0.09	-	Area on the east floodplain adjacent to anticipated staging area
Wet Meadow B	PEM	38.303311 -119.741042	0.329	-	Area on the east floodplain bordering the dirt road
Wet Meadow C	PEM	38.304001 -119.742894	4.9	-	Area at the downstream end of the Project Reach on the east floodplain
Wet Meadow D	PEM	38.305254 -119.744662	0.7	-	West floodplain near Treatment Area 7
Total Wetland Resources			6.019		
Waters of the US					
Middle Fork Stanislaus River	R3US1	38.302593 -119.741790	7.0	3,000	
Tributary 1	R4SB3	38.299711 -119.740806	0.004	38	Located upstream of Project treatment areas and construction activities
Tributary 2	R4SB3	38.300743 -119.740420	0.004	35	Located between two treatment areas; flows through a culvert and into the Middle Fork Stanislaus River
Tributary 3	R4SB3	38.304669 -119.744908	0.01	138	Located adjacent to, but not within, a treatment area
Total Waters of the US			7.018	3,211	
Total Aquatic Resources			13.037		

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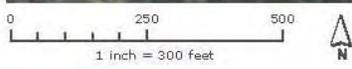
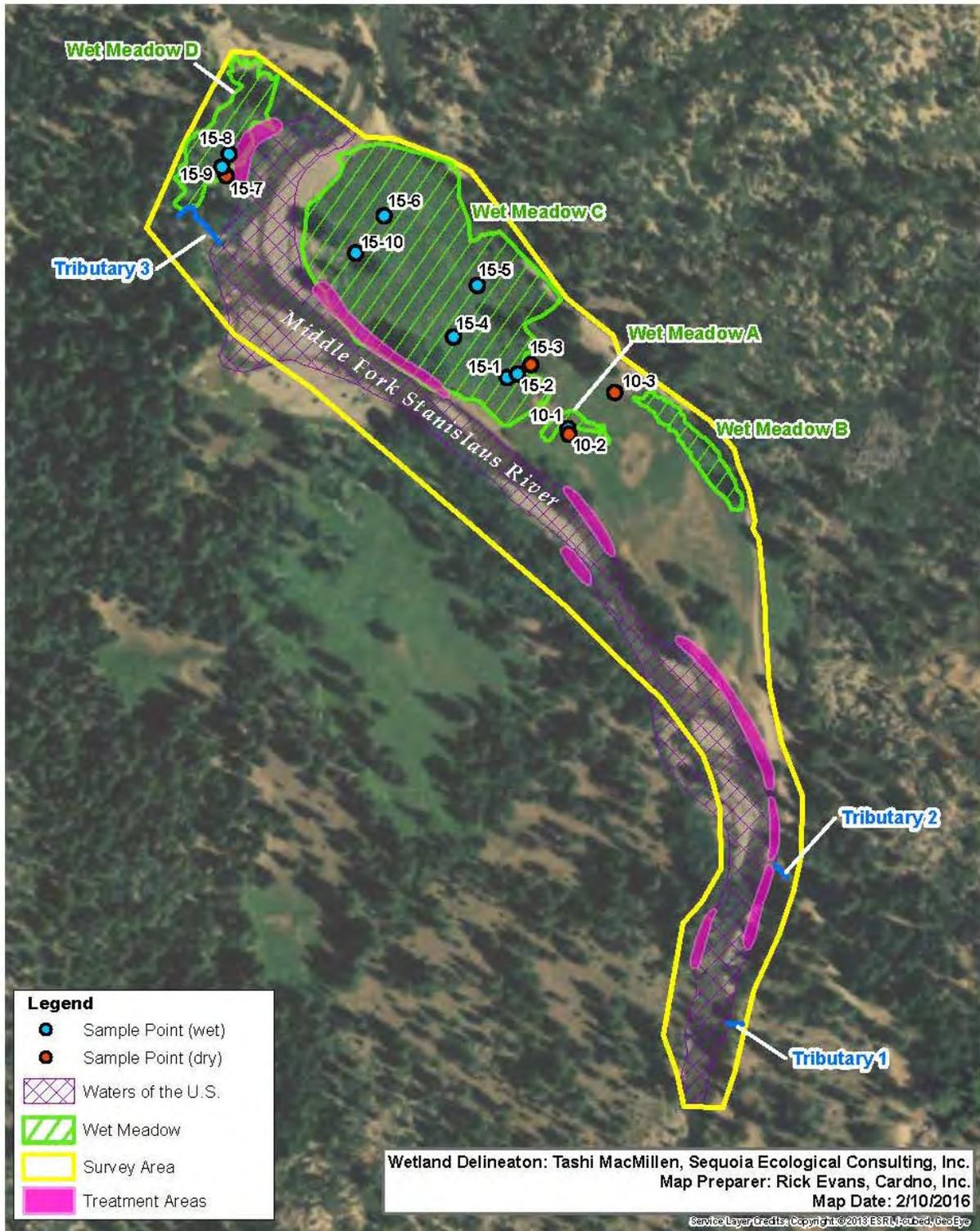
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Appendix A - Aquatic Resource Delineation Maps

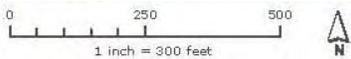
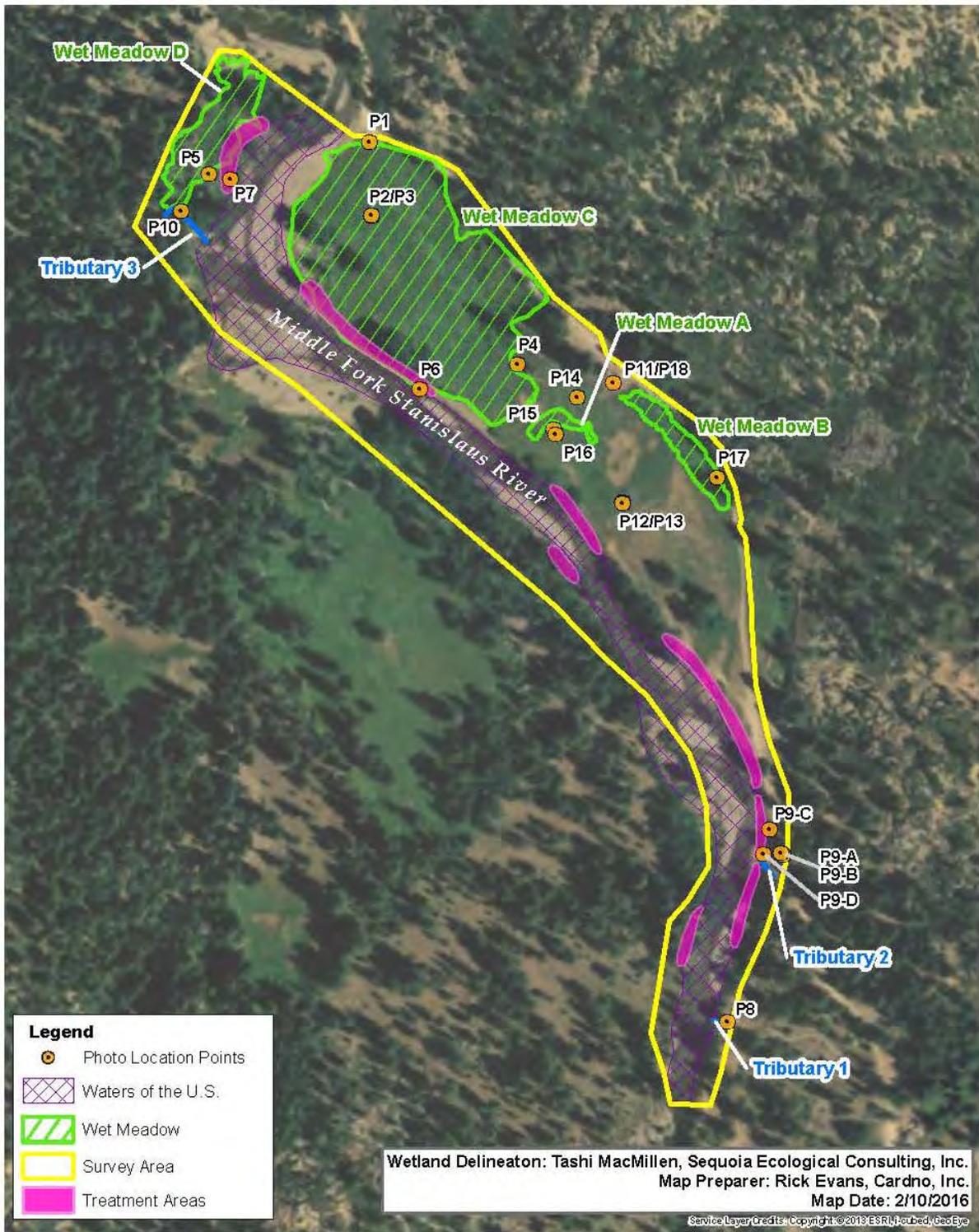
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Figure A-2. Spring Gap Stanislaus Project: Relief Reach – Kennedy Meadows Riparian Restoration and Streambank Stabilization - Wetland Delineation and Other Waters of the U.S. Photo Point Locations.



PG&E Spring Gap-Stanislaus Project:
 Relief Reach - Kennedy Meadows Riparian Restoration
 and Streambank Stabilization

Figure A-1
Wetland Delineation and Other Waters of the U.S.



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Figure A-2
Wetland Delineation and Other Waters of the U.S.
Photo Point Locations

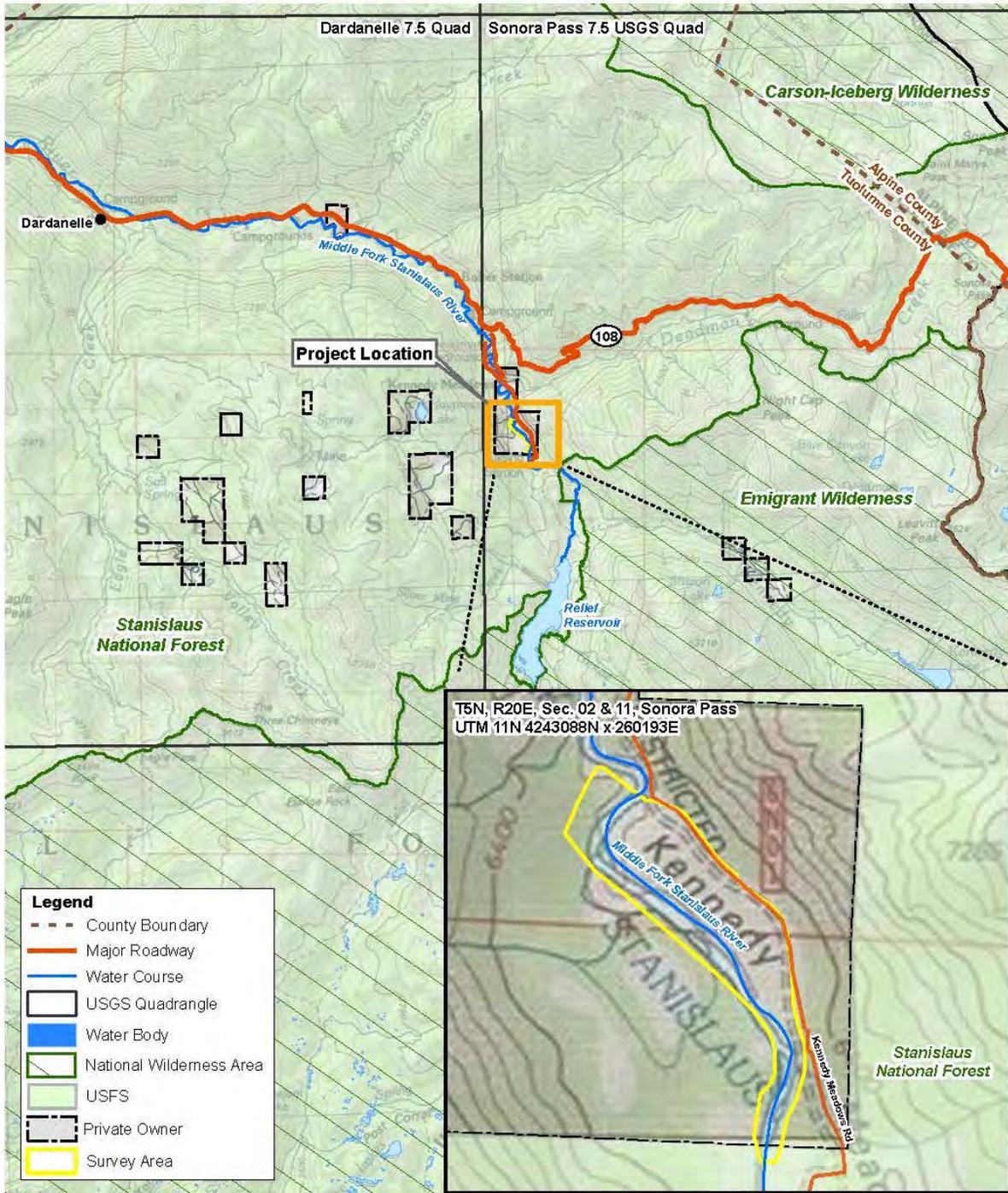
Appendix B - Supporting Maps

Figure B-1. Project Location and Survey Area

Figure B-2. Spring Gap Stanislaus Project: Relief Reach – Kennedy Meadows Riparian Restoration and Streambank Stabilization - Work Areas and Areas to be Dewatered

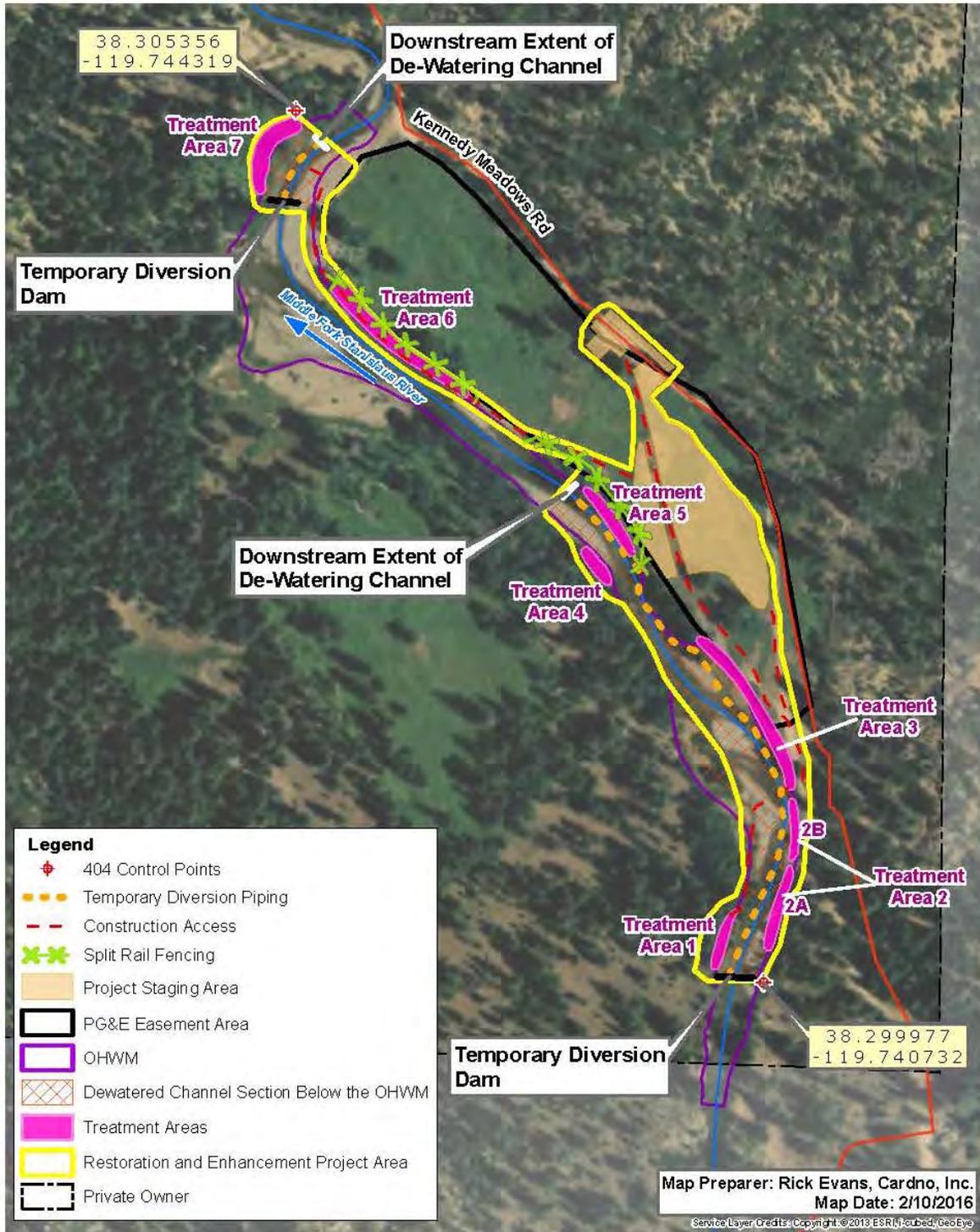
Figure B-3. Spring Gap Stanislaus Project: Relief Reach – Kennedy Meadows Riparian Restoration and Streambank Stabilization – Soils Map in the Vicinity of the Project Reach

Figure B-4. Spring Gap Stanislaus Project: Relief Reach – Kennedy Meadows Riparian Restoration and Streambank Stabilization - National Wetlands Inventory Data



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Project Location and Survey Area

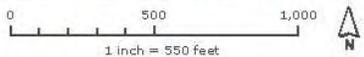
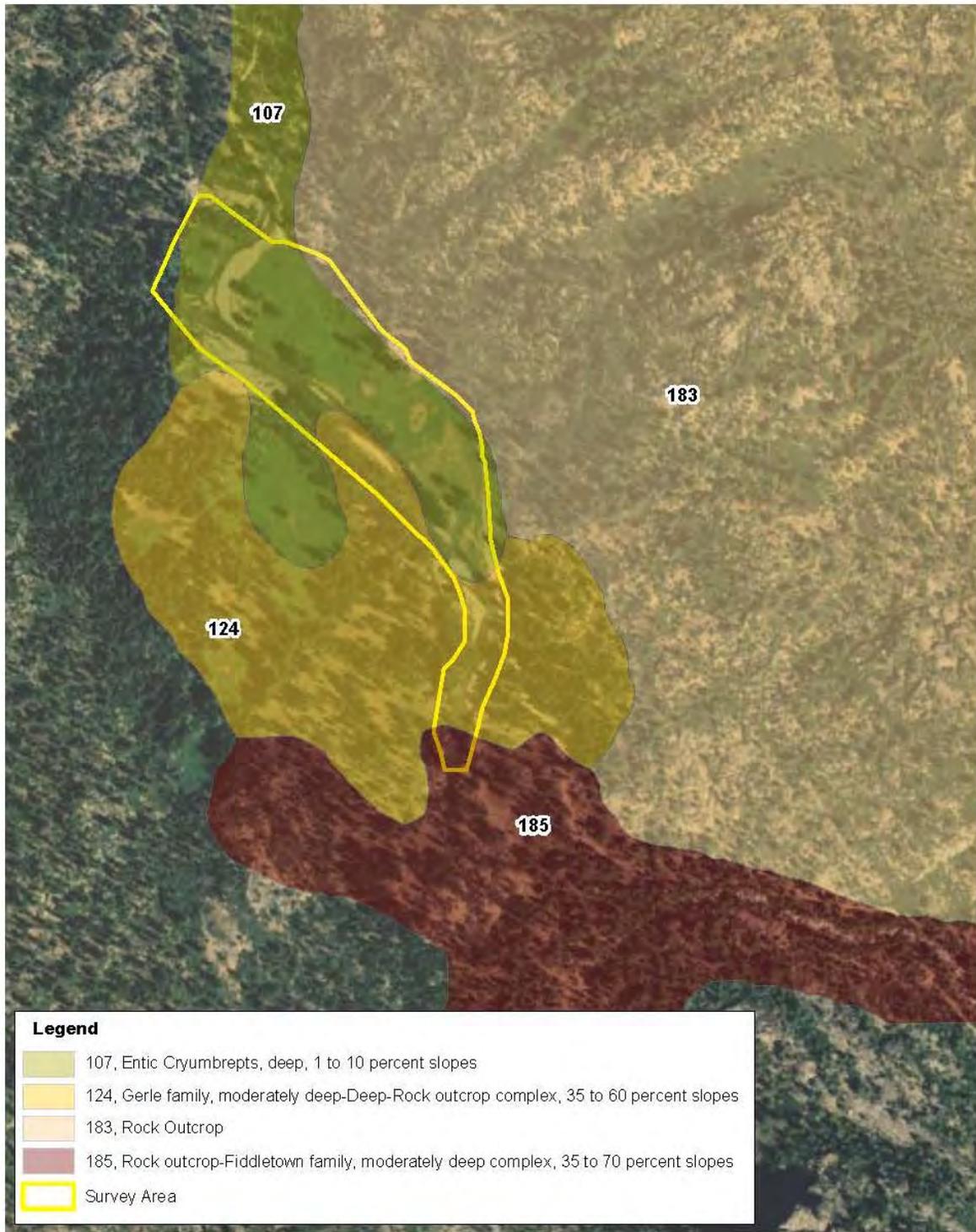




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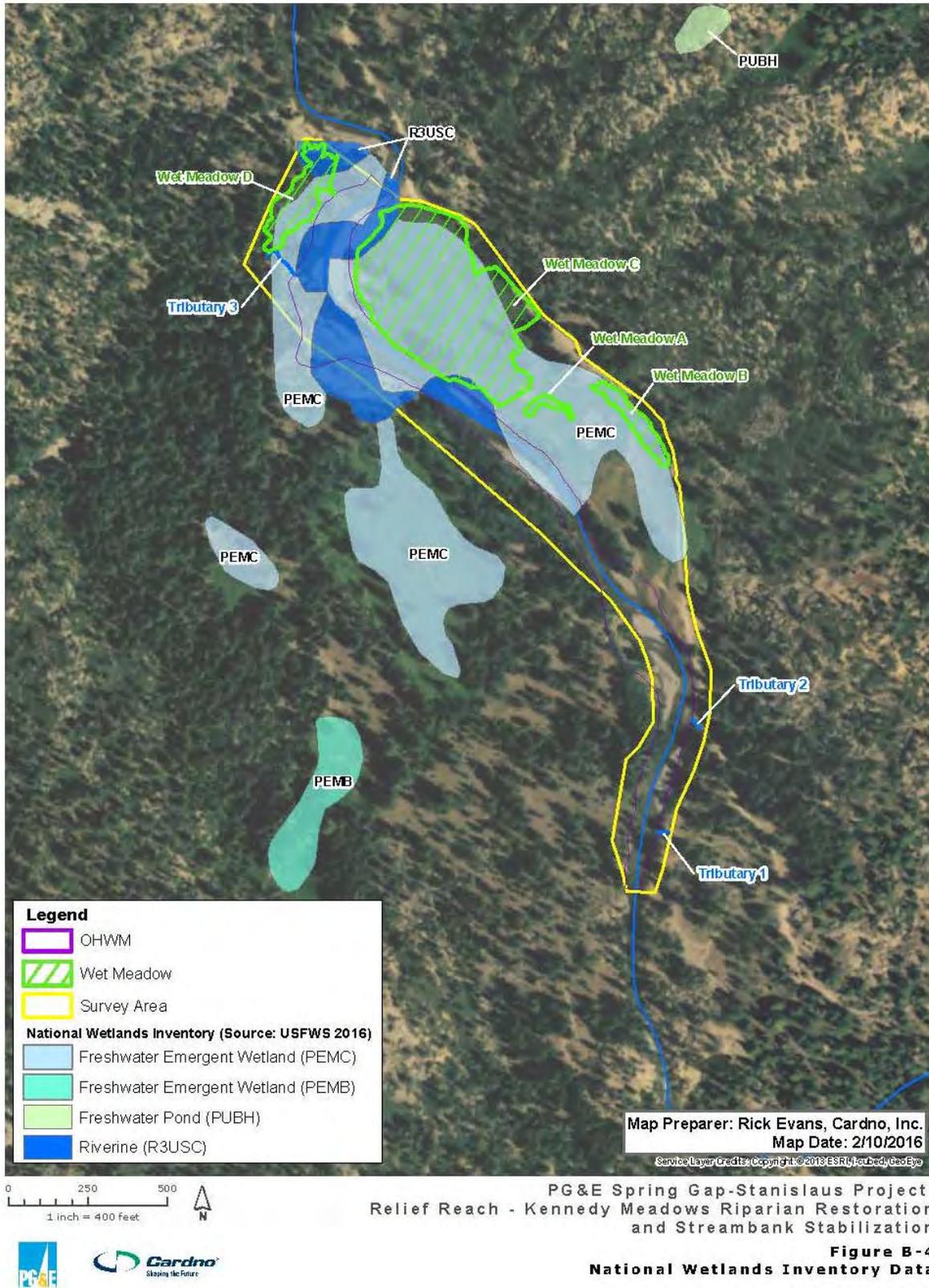
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Work Areas and Areas to be Dewatered





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Figure B-3
Soils Map in the Vicinity of the Project Reach



Appendix C - Photographs

2015



Photograph 1.
Wet Meadow C,
Looking south.



Photograph 2.
Wet Meadow C,
Looking north.



Photograph 3.

Sample Point 15-6, this sample point did meet the USACE wetland criteria.



Photograph 4.

Sample Point 15-3 in upland area adjacent to Wet Meadow C. This sample point did not meet the USACE wetland criteria. Rounded grey item in pit is small rock.



Photograph 5.

Wet Meadow D, looking northwest and downstream along Middle Fork Stanislaus River.



Photograph 6.

Looking north along Middle Fork Stanislaus River adjacent to Wet Meadow C.



Photograph 7.

Looking north along Middle Fork Stanislaus River adjacent to Wet Meadow D.



Photograph 8.

Tributary 1, at the upstream end of the area surveyed, looking east.



Photograph 9a.

Tributary 2 drainage upstream of the confluence with the Middle Fork Stanislaus River.



Photograph 9b.

Tributary 2 drainage upstream of the confluence with the Middle Fork Stanislaus River.



Photograph 9c.

Tributary 2, at the confluence with the Middle Fork Stanislaus River.



Photograph 9d.

Tributary 2, at the confluence with the Middle Fork Stanislaus River.



Photograph 10.

Tributary 3, at the downstream end of the survey area, adjacent to Wet Meadow D. Looking south towards Middle Fork Stanislaus River.

2010



Photograph 11.

Access route into meadow facing southeast.



Photograph 12.

Disturbed habitat facing north, Wet Meadow A in background.



Photograph 13.

Disturbed
habitat facing
south.



Photograph 14.

Wet Meadow A
facing
southeast.



Photograph 15.

Wet Meadow A,
Sample Point
10-1. This
sample site did
meet the Army
Corp of
Engineers
wetland criteria.



Photograph 16.

Sample Pit Point
10-2. This
sample site did
not meet the
Army Corp of
Engineers
wetland criteria.



Photograph 17.

Wet Meadow B
facing north.



Photograph 18.

Sample Point
10-3. This
sample site did
not meet the
Army Corp of
Engineers
wetland criteria.

Appendix D - Plant List

2015

Species Name	Common Name	Wetland Indicator Status
<i>Abies concolor</i>	white fir	-
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	yarrow	FACU
<i>Acmispon nevadensis</i> var. <i>nevadensis</i>	Sierra Nevada trefoil	-
<i>Aconitum columbianum</i>	monkshood	FACW
<i>Allium campanulatum</i>	yellow onion	-
<i>Alnus incana</i> ssp. <i>tenuifolia</i>	mountain alder	FACW
<i>Alnus rhombifolia</i>	White alder	FACW
<i>Amsinckia intermedia</i>	common fiddleneck	-
<i>Angelica breweri</i>	Brewer's angelica	-
<i>Antennaria rosea</i>	pussy toes	-
<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>	bitter dogbane	FACU
<i>Aquilegia formosa</i>	red columbine	FAC
<i>Arctostaphylos patula</i>	greenleaf manzanita	-
<i>Arnica chamissonis</i>	Chamisso arnica	FACW
<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	mugwort	FACW
<i>Artemisia dracunculus</i>	tarragon	-
<i>Artemisia tridentata</i> ssp. <i>tridentata</i>	big sagebrush	-
<i>Bromus carinatus</i> var. <i>carinatus</i>	California brome	-
<i>Bromus madritensis</i> ssp. <i>rubens</i>	red brome	FACU
<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	cheat grass	-
<i>Calocedrus decurrens</i>	incense-cedar	-
<i>Calyptridium umbellatum</i> (= <i>Cistanthe umbellata</i>)	pussypaws	-
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	shepherd's purse	FACU
<i>Carex aquatilis</i> var. <i>aquatilis</i>	water sedge	OBL
<i>Carex filifolia</i> var. <i>erostrata</i>	short hair sedge	
<i>Carex scopulorum</i> var. <i>bracteosa</i>	mountain sedge	OBL
<i>Castilleja applegatei</i> ssp. <i>pallida</i>	sticky paintbrush	-
<i>Ceanothus cordulatus</i>	mountain whitethorn	-
<i>Cirsium scariosum</i>	meadow thistle	FAC
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	bull thistle	FACU
<i>Claytonia perfoliata</i>	miner's lettuce	FAC
<i>Collinsia heterophylla</i>	varied-leaf collinsia	-
<i>Collomia heterophylla</i>	variable-leaf collomia	-
<i>Collomia linearis</i>	narrow-leaf mountain trumpet	FACU

Species Name	Common Name	Wetland Indicator Status
<i>Cornus sericea</i>	western dogwood	-
<i>Cryptantha sp.</i>	cryptantha	-
<i>Cryptogramma acrostichoides</i>	American parsley fern	-
<i>Cyperus sp.</i>	nutsedge	-
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	orchard grass	FACU
<i>Delphinium sp.</i>	larkspur	-
<i>Descurainia sophia</i>	tansy-mustard	-
<i>Eleocharis sp.</i>	spike-rush	-
<i>Elymus elymoides ssp. elymoides</i>	squirreltail	FACU
<i>Elymus glaucus ssp. glaucus</i>	blue wildrye	FACU
<i>Elymus repens (= Elytrigia repens)</i>	quackgrass	FAC
<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i>	willow herb	FACW
<i>Equisetum laevigatum</i>	smooth scouring rush	FACW
<i>Erigeron sp.</i>	fleabane	-
<i>Eriogonum sp. (annual - no flowers)</i>	buckwheat	FACU
<i>Galium triflorum</i>	sweet-scented bedstraw	FACU
<i>Gayophytum heterozygum</i>	varied-seeded gayophytum	-
<i>Geranium richardsonii</i>	Richardson geranium	FAC
<i>Geum triflorum var. ciliatum</i>	prairie smoke	-
<i>Heracleum maximum</i>	cow parsnip	FAC
<i>Heuchera rubescens</i>	alumroot	UPL
<i>Hordeum brachyantherum</i>	meadow barley	FACW
<i>Hypericum anagalloides</i>	tinker's penny	OBL
<i>Ipomopsis aggregata</i>	scarlet gilia	-
<i>Iris missouriensis</i>	western blue flag	FACW
<i>Juncus cf. ensifolius</i>	swordleaf rush	-
<i>Juncus mexicanus</i>	Mexican rush	FACW
<i>Lupinus breweri</i>	Brewer's lupine	-
<i>Lupinus spp.</i>	lupine	-
<i>Maianthemum stellatum</i>	false Solomon's seal	FAC
<i>Microsteris gracilis</i>	slender phlox	FACU
<i>Muhlenbergia richardsonis</i>	matted muhly	FAC
<i>Nasturtium officinale</i>	water cress	OBL
<i>Orobanche sp.</i>	broom-rape	-
<i>Penstemon laetus var. laetus</i>	beardtongue	-
<i>Phacelia heterophylla ssp. virgata</i>	varileaf phacelia	FACU
<i>Phleum pratense</i>	Timothy	FAC
<i>Pinus contorta</i>	lodgepole pine	FAC
<i>Pinus jeffreyi</i>	Jeffrey pine	-
<i>Platanthera leucostachys</i>	white-flowered bog-orchid	-

Species Name	Common Name	Wetland Indicator Status
<i>Poa pratensis</i>	Kentucky bluegrass	FAC
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	quaking aspen	FACU
<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	black cottonwood	-
<i>Potentilla gracilis</i>	slender cinquefoil	FAC
<i>Prunus emarginata</i>	bitter cherry	FACU
<i>Ranunculus alismifolius</i>	plantain-leaved buttercup	FACW
<i>Ribes sp.</i>	gooseberry	-
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	sheep sorrel	FACU
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	curly dock	FAC
<i>Salix exigua</i>	narrow-leaved willow	FACW
<i>Salix sp.</i>	willow	-
<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i>	small-fruited rush	OBL
<i>Senecio integerrimus</i>	ragwort	FACU
<i>Senecio triangularis</i>	arrowleaf ragwort	FACW
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	California blue-eyed grass	FACW
<i>Sphenosciadium capitellatum</i>	ranger's buttons	FACW
<i>Symphoricarpos mollis</i>	creeping snowberry	FACU
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	common dandelion	FACU
<i>Thalictrum fendleri var. polycarpum</i>	Fendler's meadow-rue	FAC
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	salsify	-
<i>Trifolium hirtum</i>	rose clover	-
<i>Trifolium longipes</i>	long-stalked clover	FAC
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	white clover	FAC
<i>Triteleia ixioides</i>	pretty face	FAC
<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	cultivated wheat	-
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	stinging nettle	FAC
<i>Veratum californicum var. californicum</i>	Corn lily	-
<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>	woolly mullein	FACU
<i>Viola sp.</i>	violet	-
<i>Wyethia mollis</i>	woolly mule's ear	-

- Plant was not identified to species level or not present on USACE list; insufficient information to determine wetland indicator status.

Wetland Indicator Status:

UPL – Upland

FACU – Facultative Upland

FAC – Facultative

FACW – Facultative Wetland

OBL – Obligate

2010

Species Name	Common Name	Wetland Indicator Status
<i>Arnica mollis</i>	Hairy arnica	FAC
<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>	Common sage brush	--
<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	Cheat grass	--
<i>Carex aquatilis</i> var. <i>aquatilis</i>	Water sedge	OBL
<i>Carex filifolia</i> var. <i>erostrata</i>	Short hair Sedge	--
<i>Cichorium intybus</i>	Chicory	--
<i>Eleocharis macrostachya</i>	Common spike rush	OBL
<i>Eremocarpus setigerus</i>	Dove weed	--
<i>Hordeum branchyantherum</i>	Meadow barley	FACW
<i>Poa bulbosa</i>	Bulbous blue grass	--
<i>Poa pratensis</i>	Kentucky blue grass	FAC
<i>Ranunculus muricatus</i>	Spiny fruit buttercup	FACW
<i>Ranunculus occidentalis</i>	Western buttercup	FACW
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curly dock	FACW

-- Not enough information to determine native or wetland indicator status since plant was not identified to species level

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Appendix E - Wetland Data Sheets

2010 Datasheets

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Spring Gap-Stanislaus / Kennedy Meadows City/County: Kennedy Meadows/Tuolumne Sampling Date: 6/30/2010
 Applicant/Owner: Pacific Gas and Electric State: CA Sampling Point: Soil pit 1
 Investigator(s): John Spranza, Rhiannon KlingonSmith Section, Township, Range: CA Section 2, Township 5 North, Range 20 East
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Meadow Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): < 1%
 Subregion (LRR): MLRA 22A in LRR D Lat: _____ Long: _____ Datum: _____
 Soil Map Unit Name: Stanislaus National Forest, California, Parts NWI classification: _____
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation No, Soil No, or Hydrology No significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes _____ No _____
 Are Vegetation No, Soil No, or Hydrology No naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____ Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____ Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <u>X</u> No _____
Remarks: Riverine floodplain seasonal wetland with areas that may be perennial.	

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

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WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Spring Gap-Stanislaus / Kennedy Meadows City/County: Kennedy Meadows/Tuolumne Sampling Date: 6/30/2010
 Applicant/Owner: Pacific Gas and Electric State: CA Sampling Point: Soil pit 2
 Investigator(s): John Spranza, Rhiannon KlingonSmith Section, Township, Range: CA Section 2, Township 5 North, Range 20 East
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Meadow Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 3%
 Subregion (LRR): MLRA 22A in LRR D Lat: _____ Long: _____ Datum: _____
 Soil Map Unit Name: Stanislaus National Forest, California, Parts NWI classification: _____
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation No, Soil No, or Hydrology No significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes _____ No _____
 Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No <u>X</u> Hydric Soil Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____ Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes _____ No <u>X</u>
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 Applicant/Owner: Pacific Gas and Electric State: CA Sampling Point: Soil pit 3
 Investigator(s): John Spranza, Rhiannon KlingonSmith Section, Township, Range: CA Section 2, Township 5 North, Range 20 East
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Meadow Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): < 1%
 Subregion (LRR): MLRA 22A in LRR D Lat: _____ Long: _____ Datum: _____
 Soil Map Unit Name: Stanislaus National Forest, California, parts NWI classification: _____
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation No, Soil No, or Hydrology No significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes _____ No _____
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<u>0</u> = Total Cover				Prevalence Index worksheet: Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species <u>5</u> x 1 = <u>5</u> FACW species <u>7</u> x 2 = <u>14</u> FAC species <u>3</u> x 3 = <u>9</u> FACU species _____ x 4 = _____ UPL species <u>55</u> x 5 = <u>275</u> Column Totals: <u>70</u> (A) <u>303</u> (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>4.3</u>
Sapling/Shrub Stratum	(Plot size: <u>1m²</u>)			
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Herb Stratum	(Plot size: <u>1m²</u>)			
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2. <u>Carex aquatilis var. aquatilis</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>OBL</u>	
3. <u>Ranunculus muricatus</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>FACW+</u>	
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5. <u>Bromus tectorum</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>UPL</u>	
6. <u>Eremocarpus setigerus</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>UPL</u>	
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1. <u>none</u>				
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Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes ___ No <u>X</u>				
Remarks:				

2015 Datasheets

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: KM Stabilization City/County: Kennedy Meadows, Tuolumne Sampling Date: 6-17-15
 Applicant/Owner: PGE State: CA Sampling Point: #2
 Investigator(s): GLS, Hovell, Teoh, Malcolm Section, Township, Range: (A Section 2, Town 5 North, Range 20 East)
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Shallow Basin Local relief (concave, convex, none): CONCAVE Slope (%): 0
 Subregion (LRR): W. Mountain MIRA 22A in 44-D Lat: 119.74252 Long: 38.30370 Datum: _____
 Soil Map Unit Name: Stanislaus National Forest 4425 NWI classification: _____
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes _____ No X (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation No, Soil No, or Hydrology No significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No _____
 Are Vegetation No, Soil No, or Hydrology No naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____		
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____		
Remarks: <u>Hydrophytic veg presumed -> (A) Drought is in 4th year, leading to dried climatic/hydro conditions</u>			

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>1</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>1</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100</u> (A/B)
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Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)				Prevalence Index worksheet: Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ FACW species _____ x 2 = _____ FAC species _____ x 3 = _____ FACU species _____ x 4 = _____ UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: (A) _____ (B) _____ Prevalence Index = B/A = _____
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Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>15' radius</u>)				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: ___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <u>X</u> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% ___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ ___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) ___ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants ¹ ___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) ¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
1. <u>Carex sp (fac-obl)</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>fac-obl</u>	
2. <u>Poa</u>	<u>10</u>			
3. _____				
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11. _____				
= Total Cover				
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>assumed</u> No _____
1. <u>Ø</u>				
2. _____				
= Total Cover				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____ = Total Cover				
Remarks: <u>Climatic conditions PHYSICAL. 2014 is 4th Year of Drought, this is 2nd Decr</u> <u>P-2 -> surface elevation is 18" above P-2.</u>				

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Yan (Redwood) (Spring-Gap) City/County: Stanislaus (California) Sampling Date: 10-17-15
 Applicant/Owner: AGTE State: CA Sampling Point: P-2
 Investigator(s): Thayer Macmillen Section, Township, Range: 11, 12N, 2E, 12W, 104N, 205W
 Landform (hillside, terrace, etc.): flat Local relief (concave, convex, none): flat Slope (%): 1
 Subregion (LRR): PLRA 220 in LRR-D Lat: _____ Long: _____ Datum: _____
 Soil Map Unit Name: Sierra National Forest NWI classification: _____
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes _____ No X (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation No, Soil No, or Hydrology No significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No _____
 Are Vegetation No, Soil No, or Hydrology No naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____		
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____		
Remarks: <u>Year 106 (A) Dismant.</u>			

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
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Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)				OBL species _____ x 1 = _____
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4. _____	_____	_____	_____	UPL species _____ x 5 = _____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	Column Totals: (A) _____ (B) _____
_____ = Total Cover				Prevalence Index = B/A = _____
Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>15' Rows</u>)				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
1. <u>ARV</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>fac-ob</u>	<u>X</u> 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
2. <u>POA</u>	<u>10</u>	_____	_____	<u>X</u> 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	4 - Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants ¹
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain)
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	
9. _____	_____	_____	_____	
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	
11. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____ = Total Cover				
Remarks: <u>Elevation is 18' Above P-1 + 24' Below P-3.</u>				

SOIL

Sampling Point: P-2

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹	Loc ²		
0-12	10 YR 3/2	100	Nb φ	φ	φ	φ	Silt/clay loam	moist
12-24	10 YR 3/2	85	7.5R 5/6	15	D	M	Silt/clay loam	moist is 1/2" - 1" in diameter
24-25	10 YR 3/2	100	φ	φ	φ	φ	fine silt loam	Bottom 1" of hole

¹Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. ²Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 cm Muck (A10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Parent Material (TF2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (except MLRA 1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6)	³ Indicators of hydrophylic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8)	

Restrictive Layer (if present):
Type: _____
Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes No

Remarks:

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)		Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (except MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)
<input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3)
<input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)	<input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
<input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) (LRR A)	<input type="checkbox"/> Raised Ant Mounds (D6) (LRR A)
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	<input type="checkbox"/> Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7)
<input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)		

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____	Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Water Table Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____	
Saturation Present? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ (includes capillary fringe)	

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Kennedy Meadows City/County: Tulare, Kennedy Meadows Sampling Date: 4/07/13
 Applicant/Owner: DGE State: CA Sampling Point: 24
 Investigator(s): Thomas McMillan Section, Township, Range: 24 Section 2, Twp 5 North, Range 20 East
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Flat Local relief (concave, convex, none): 0 Slope (%): 0
 Subregion (LRR): MIRA 22A in LAR-1 Lat: _____ Long: _____ Datum: _____
 Soil Map Unit Name: Stan Wetland forest NWI classification: _____
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes _____ No (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation NO, Soil NO, or Hydrology NO significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes No _____
 Are Vegetation NO, Soil NO, or Hydrology NO naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes _____ No _____	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	
Remarks: <u>No saturation at year 4 of 5" California drought. However, meadow likely has not rec'd normal snowmelt due to drought</u>		

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
1. <u>0</u>				Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>1</u> (A)
2. _____				Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>1</u> (B)
3. _____				Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100</u> (A/B)
4. _____				Prevalence Index worksheet:
= Total Cover				Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)				OBL species _____ x 1 = _____
1. <u>0</u>				FACW species _____ x 2 = _____
2. _____				FAC species _____ x 3 = _____
3. _____				FACU species _____ x 4 = _____
4. _____				UPL species _____ x 5 = _____
5. _____				Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B)
= Total Cover				Prevalence Index = B/A = _____
Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>15' radius</u>)				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
1. <u>Carex sp</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>for-OBL</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
2. <u>Artemisia ?</u>	<u>2</u>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
3. <u>Poa</u>	<u>1</u>			<input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹
4. <u>Phleum</u>	<u>1</u>			<input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Morphological Adaptations ² (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
5. _____				<input type="checkbox"/> 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants ³
6. _____				<input type="checkbox"/> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain)
7. _____				¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
8. _____				
9. _____				
10. _____				
11. _____				
= Total Cover				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)				
1. <u>0</u>				
2. _____				
= Total Cover				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum <u>10</u>				
Remarks: <u>No saturation at 25"</u>				

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Kennedy meadows City/County: Tulare Kennedy meadows Sampling Date: 6-16-15
 Applicant/Owner: PG+E State: CA Sampling Point: P-5
 Investigator(s): THAYER, MIC MILLER Section, Township, Range: (A Section 2, Town 5 North, Range 20 East)
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): low rise meadow Local relief (concave, convex, none): convex Slope (%): 22
 Subregion (LRR): MLRA 22A in LARD Lat: _____ Long: _____ Datum: _____
 Soil Map Unit Name: Stanislaus, natricicolline, 10 pds NWI classification: _____
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes _____ No X (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation no, Soil no, or Hydrology no significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No _____
 Are Vegetation no, Soil no, or Hydrology no naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____		
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____		
Remarks: <u>Year 4 of Drought. Dry conditions.</u>			

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:	
1. _____				Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:	<u>1</u> (A)
2. _____				Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata:	<u>1</u> (B)
3. _____				Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:	<u>100</u> (A/B)
4. _____				Prevalence Index worksheet:	
5. _____				Total % Cover of:	Multiply by:
= Total Cover				OBL species	x 1 = _____
= Total Cover				FACW species	x 2 = _____
= Total Cover				FAC species	x 3 = _____
= Total Cover				FACU species	x 4 = _____
= Total Cover				UPL species	x 5 = _____
= Total Cover				Column Totals:	(A) _____ (B) _____
= Total Cover				Prevalence Index = B/A = _____	
= Total Cover				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:-	
= Total Cover				1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation	
= Total Cover				<u>X</u> 2 - Dominance Test is >50%	
= Total Cover				3 - Prevalence Index is >3.0	
= Total Cover				4 - Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)	
= Total Cover				5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants ¹	
= Total Cover				Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain)	
= Total Cover				¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.	
= Total Cover				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>Present</u> No _____	
= Total Cover				Remarks: <u>Location is 24" elevated above meado 20' to west</u>	

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Kennedy Meadows City/County: Tulare Sampling Date: 6-20-12
 Applicant/Owner: PG+E State: CA Sampling Point: 2-6
 Investigator(s): ET Section, Township, Range: 18 S 23 E 30 N 20 E 20 S 20 E
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Flat meadow Local relief (concave, convex, none): Level Slope (%): 0
 Subregion (LRR): MLRA 22A in LRR 0 Lat: _____ Long: _____ Datum: _____
 Soil Map Unit Name: Stanislaus Alluvial Forest, FA PAV1 NWI classification: _____
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation NO, Soil NO, or Hydrology NO significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No _____
 Are Vegetation NO, Soil NO, or Hydrology NO naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____		
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____		
Remarks: <u>Year 4 of CA Drought</u>			

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:	
1. <u>0</u>				Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:	<u>2</u> (A)
2. _____				Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata:	<u>2</u> (B)
3. _____				Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC:	<u>100</u> (A/B)
4. _____				Prevalence Index worksheet:	
				Total % Cover of:	Multiply by:
				OBL species _____	x 1 = _____
				FACW species _____	x 2 = _____
				FAC species _____	x 3 = _____
				FACU species _____	x 4 = _____
				UPL species _____	x 5 = _____
				Column Totals:	(A) _____ (B) _____
				Prevalence Index = B/A = _____	
				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:	
				___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation	
				<u>X</u> 2 - Dominance Test is >50%	
				___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹	
				___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)	
				___ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants ¹	
				___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain)	
				¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.	
				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____	
				Remarks:	

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Kennedy Meadows City/County: Tulare Sampling Date: 6/18/15
 Applicant/Owner: PG+E State: CA Sampling Point: P-10
 Investigator(s): McMillan Thayer Section, Township, Range: 1A Section 2, Town 4 North, Range 20 East
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Low Rise Local relief (concave, convex, none): convex Slope (%): 2/1
 Subregion (LRR): MRA 22A in LARD Lat: _____ Long: _____ Datum: _____
 Soil Map Unit Name: Stanislaus National Forest, Peltis NWI classification: _____
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes _____ No X (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation no, Soil no, or Hydrology no significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No _____
 Are Vegetation no, Soil no, or Hydrology no naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes <u>Y</u> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes <u>Y</u> No _____		
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes <u>Y</u> No _____		
Remarks: <u>Year 4 of CA Drought. Dry conditions.</u>			

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
1. _____				Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A)
2. _____				Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>2</u> (B)
3. _____				Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100</u> (A/B)
4. _____				Prevalence Index worksheet:
= Total Cover				Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by:
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)				OBL species _____ x 1 = _____
1. _____				FACW species _____ x 2 = _____
2. _____				FAC species _____ x 3 = _____
3. _____				FACU species _____ x 4 = _____
4. _____				UPL species _____ x 5 = _____
5. _____				Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B)
= Total Cover				Prevalence Index = B/A = _____
Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____)				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
1. <u>Juncus mexic</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>fac-het</u>	1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation _____
2. <u>Poa horrida</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>fac</u>	<u>X</u> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% _____
3. <u>Briza</u>	<u>5</u>			3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ _____
4. <u>Dact glom</u>	<u>10</u>			4 - Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) _____
5. <u>Tribel repens</u>	<u>5</u>			5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants ¹ _____
6. _____				Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) _____
7. _____				¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
8. _____				
9. _____				
10. _____				
11. _____				
= Total Cover				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>✓</u> No _____
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____				
2. _____				
= Total Cover				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____ = Total Cover				
Remarks: <u>Vegetation is dense</u>				

Very amended
7/24/15

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Kennedy MRA City/County: Kennedy Meadows and Glenn Sampling Date: 6/18/15
 Applicant/Owner: PG+E State: CA Sampling Point: P-7
 Investigator(s): THAYER MACMILLEN Section, Township, Range: 1A SECTION 2, T14N S104W Range 20E
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): terrace/hollow Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): -1
 Subregion (LRR): MLRA 22A in LRRD Lat: _____ Long: _____ Datum: _____
 Soil Map Unit Name: Stan National Forest, 1A P015 NWI classification: _____
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes No _____ (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation NO, Soil NO, or Hydrology NO significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes No _____
 Are Vegetation _____, Soil _____, or Hydrology _____ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?	Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Remarks: <u>Yard H of stake with flag</u>			

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet:
1. _____				Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A)
2. _____				Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>0</u> (B)
3. _____				Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0%</u> (A/B)
4. _____				Prevalence Index worksheet:
_____ = Total Cover				Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____
1. _____				OBL species _____ x 1 = _____
2. _____				FACW species _____ x 2 = _____
3. _____				FAC species _____ x 3 = _____
4. _____				FACU species _____ x 4 = _____
5. _____				UPL species _____ x 5 = _____
_____ = Total Cover				Column Totals: (A) _____ (B) _____
Prevalence Index = B/A = _____				Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:
Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>15' rad</u>)				___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation
1. <u>Solidago</u> <u>40</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>fac-w?</u>	___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50%
2. <u>Achillea</u> <u>10</u>			<u>fac-w?</u>	___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹
3. <u>Achillea</u> <u>10</u>			<u>fac-w?</u>	___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet)
4. <u>Dact. glomerata</u> <u>20</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>fac-w?</u>	___ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants ¹
5. <u>Carex sp</u> <u>?</u>				___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain)
6. _____				¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
7. <u>Poa pratensis</u> <u>2</u>				
8. <u>Glycerhiza</u> <u>1</u>				
9. <u>Lupinus</u> <u>?</u>				
10. <u>Elygion</u> <u>10</u>				
11. _____				
_____ = Total Cover				Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____				
2. _____				
_____ = Total Cover				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____ = Total Cover				
Remarks:				

SOIL

Sampling Point: P27

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)							
Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features			Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹		
0-2	FINE		GRAVEL				NO Redox
2-22	10 YR 3/2		-0-				
¹ Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. ² Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix. Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.) Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils³:							
<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1) <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5) <input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2) <input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6) <input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3) <input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (except MLRA 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4) <input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2) <input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11) <input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3) <input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12) <input type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6) <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1) <input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7) <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4) <input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8)				<input type="checkbox"/> 2 cm Muck (A10) <input type="checkbox"/> Red Parent Material (TF2) <input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)			
Restrictive Layer (if present): Type: _____ Depth (inches): _____						Hydric Soil Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Remarks:							

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:				
Primary Indicators (minimum of one required; check all that apply)	Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1) <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (except MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B) <input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2) <input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3) <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13) <input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1) <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1) <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2) <input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3) <input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3) <input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4) <input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4) <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6) <input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5) <input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) (LRR A) <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks) <input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7) <input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B) <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10) <input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2) <input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9) <input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2) <input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3) <input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5) <input type="checkbox"/> Raised Ant Mounds (D6) (LRR A) <input type="checkbox"/> Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7)			
Field Observations: Surface Water Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Water Table Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Depth (inches): _____ Saturation Present? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____ Depth (inches): <u>22</u> (includes capillary fringe)			Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:				
Remarks:				
Soil is dry in upper 12", moist 47% at 22"				

Yeg amenda
7/24/15

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Kennedy Mills City/County: Kennedy Volcano Sampling Date: 6/18/15
 Applicant/Owner: PGE State: CA Sampling Point: P-8
 Investigator(s): Historic Topographic Section, Township, Range: 6A SECTION 2 T4N S 05E R20E
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): valley Local relief (concave, convex, none): concave Slope (%): 17
 Subregion (LRR): MLRA 22A in RL Lat: _____ Long: _____ Datum: _____
 Soil Map Unit Name: Stanislaus National Forest, CA, Pn15 NWI classification: _____
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes _____ No X (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation NO, Soil NO, or Hydrology NO significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes _____ No _____
 Are Vegetation NO, Soil NO, or Hydrology NO naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____		
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____		
Remarks: <u>Year 4 of drought in California, Dry conditions</u>			

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: <u>15' rad</u>)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>1</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>1</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100%</u> (A/B)	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____		Prevalence Index worksheet: Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ FACW species _____ x 2 = _____ FAC species _____ x 3 = _____ FACU species _____ x 4 = _____ UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = _____ Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <u>X</u> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ 4 - Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants ¹ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) ¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
2. _____	_____	_____	_____		
3. _____	_____	_____	_____		
4. _____	_____	_____	_____		
5. _____	_____	_____	_____		
= Total Cover					
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: <u>10' rad</u>)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Prevalence Index = B/A = _____ Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____		
2. _____	_____	_____	_____		
3. _____	_____	_____	_____		
4. _____	_____	_____	_____		
5. _____	_____	_____	_____		
= Total Cover					
Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>15' rad</u>)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status		
1. <u>Dact. glom DC</u>	<u>15</u>				
2. <u>Carex sp.</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>fac=0</u>		
3. _____	_____	_____	_____		
4. <u>Ranunculus</u>	<u>10</u>				
5. <u>Hypochaeris</u>	<u>1</u>				
6. _____	_____	_____	_____		
7. <u>Arnica mont</u>	<u>10</u>				
8. <u>Plantago</u>	<u>1</u>				
9. <u>Pha. pratensis</u>	_____				
10. <u>Ranunculus</u>	<u>3</u>				
11. <u>Erigeron</u>	<u>10</u>				
= Total Cover					
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: <u>10' rad</u>)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status		
1. _____	_____	_____	_____		
2. _____	_____	_____	_____		
= Total Cover					
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____					
Remarks:					

*Very marginal
7/24/15*

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Kennedy Meadows City/County: Kennedy Meadows, Inyo State: CA Sampling Date: 7/18/15
 Applicant/Owner: BE State: CA Sampling Point: P-9
 Investigator(s): David Matfield Section, Township, Range: CA Section 2, Town 1 North, Range 20 East
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): Wetland meadow Local relief (concave, convex, none): level Slope (%): 1
 Subregion (LRR): MIRA 22A in LRD Lat: _____ Long: _____ Datum: _____
 Soil Map Unit Name: Stanislaus River loam, CA 8015 NWI classification: _____
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes _____ No X (If no, explain in Remarks.)
 Are Vegetation No, Soil No, or Hydrology No significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes _____ No _____
 Are Vegetation No, Soil No, or Hydrology No naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____		
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____		
Remarks: <u>Year 4 of CA Drought. Dry conditions.</u>			

VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Dominance Test worksheet: Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>1</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>1</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100</u> (A/B)
1. _____				
2. _____				
3. <u>φ</u>				
4. _____				
= Total Cover				
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators: 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <u>X</u> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 ¹ 4 - Morphological Adaptations ¹ (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants ¹ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain) ¹ Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
1. _____				
2. _____				
3. <u>φ</u>				
4. _____				
5. _____				
= Total Cover				
Herb Stratum (Plot size: <u>15' Radius</u>)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	
1. <u>Carex sp (seeds at P-3)</u>	<u>60%</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>OBL</u>	
2. <u>Veratrum</u>	<u>10</u>			
3. <u>Hieracium</u>	<u>20</u>			
4. <u>Achillea</u>	<u>5</u>			
5. _____				
6. _____				
7. <u>Poa</u>	<u>1</u>			
8. <u>Dact. glab.</u>	<u>10</u>			
9. <u>Solidago</u>	<u>20</u>			
10. _____				
11. _____				
= Total Cover				
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>X</u> No _____
1. _____				
2. <u>φ</u>				
= Total Cover				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____				
Remarks:				

SOIL

Sampling Point: P-9

Profile Description: (Describe to the depth needed to document the indicator or confirm the absence of indicators.)

Depth (inches)	Matrix		Redox Features				Texture	Remarks
	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	%	Type ¹	Loc ²		
0-23	10 YR 3/4							
23-25	10 YR 2/2							glauvitic

¹Type: C=Concentration, D=Depletion, RM=Reduced Matrix, CS=Covered or Coated Sand Grains. ²Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

Hydric Soil Indicators: (Applicable to all LRRs, unless otherwise noted.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 cm Muck (A10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Parent Material (TF2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) (except MLRA 1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)
<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6)	³ Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8)	

Restrictive Layer (if present):
Type: _____
Depth (inches): _____

Hydric Soil Present? Yes No

Remarks: *Presumed to be hydric transitional MEB between Pts 7 and 8.*

HYDROLOGY

Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Primary Indicators (minimum of one required, check all that apply)		Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (except MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)
<input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2)
<input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3)
<input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)	<input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
<input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5)	<input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) (LRR A)	<input type="checkbox"/> Raised Ant Mounds (D6) (LRR A)
<input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)	<input type="checkbox"/> Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7)
<input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sparingly Vegetated Concave Surface (B8)		

Field Observations:

Surface Water Present? Yes No Depth (inches):

Water Table Present? Yes No Depth (inches):

Saturation Present? Yes No Depth (inches): 23

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes No

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks: *Saturated of some laminar layer at bottom*

Appendix F - OHWM Data Sheets

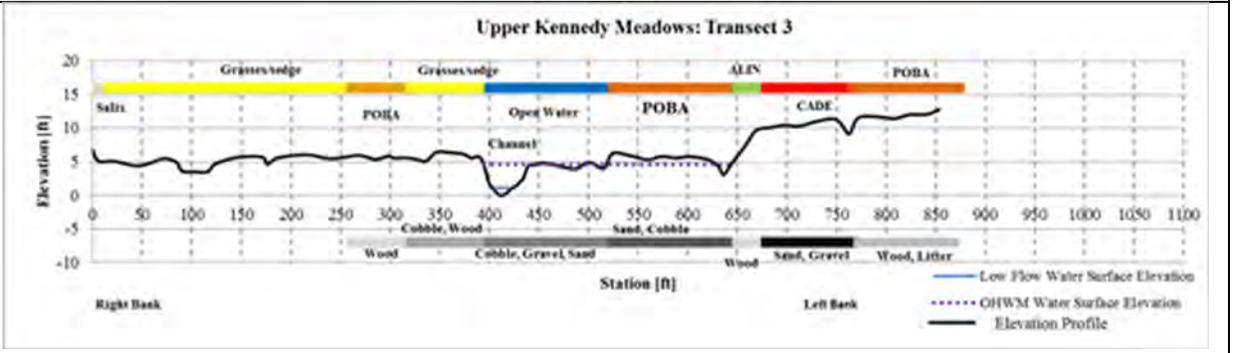
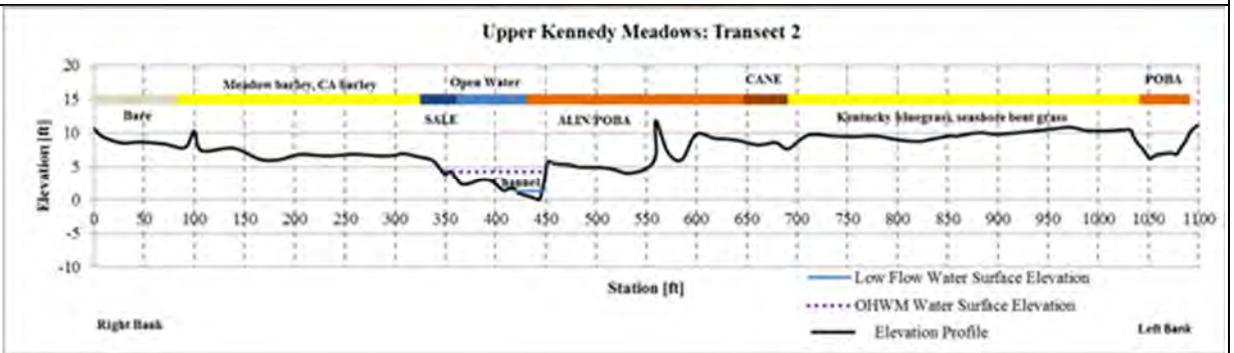
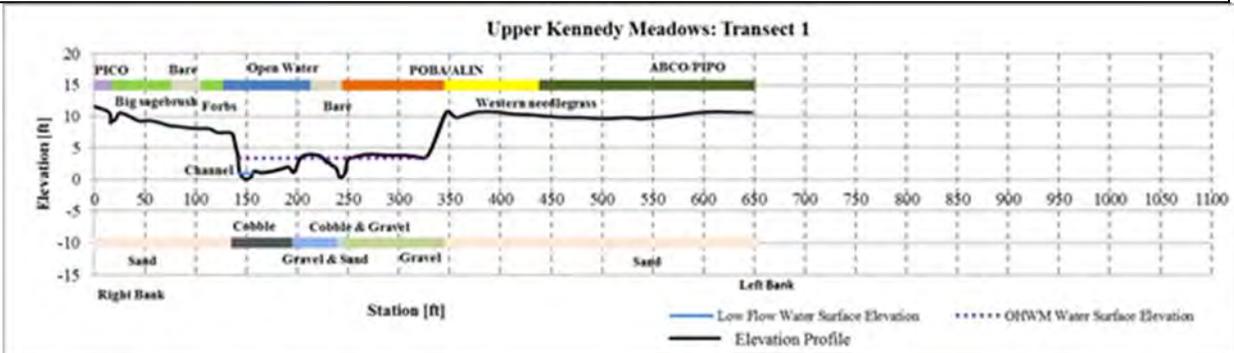
Instructions: Complete one cover sheet and one or more datasheets for each project site. Each datasheet should capture the dominant characteristics of the OHWM along some length of a given stream. Complete enough datasheets to adequately document up- and/or downstream variability in OHWM indicators, stream conditions, etc. Transect locations can be marked on a recent aerial image or their GPS coordinates noted on the datasheet.

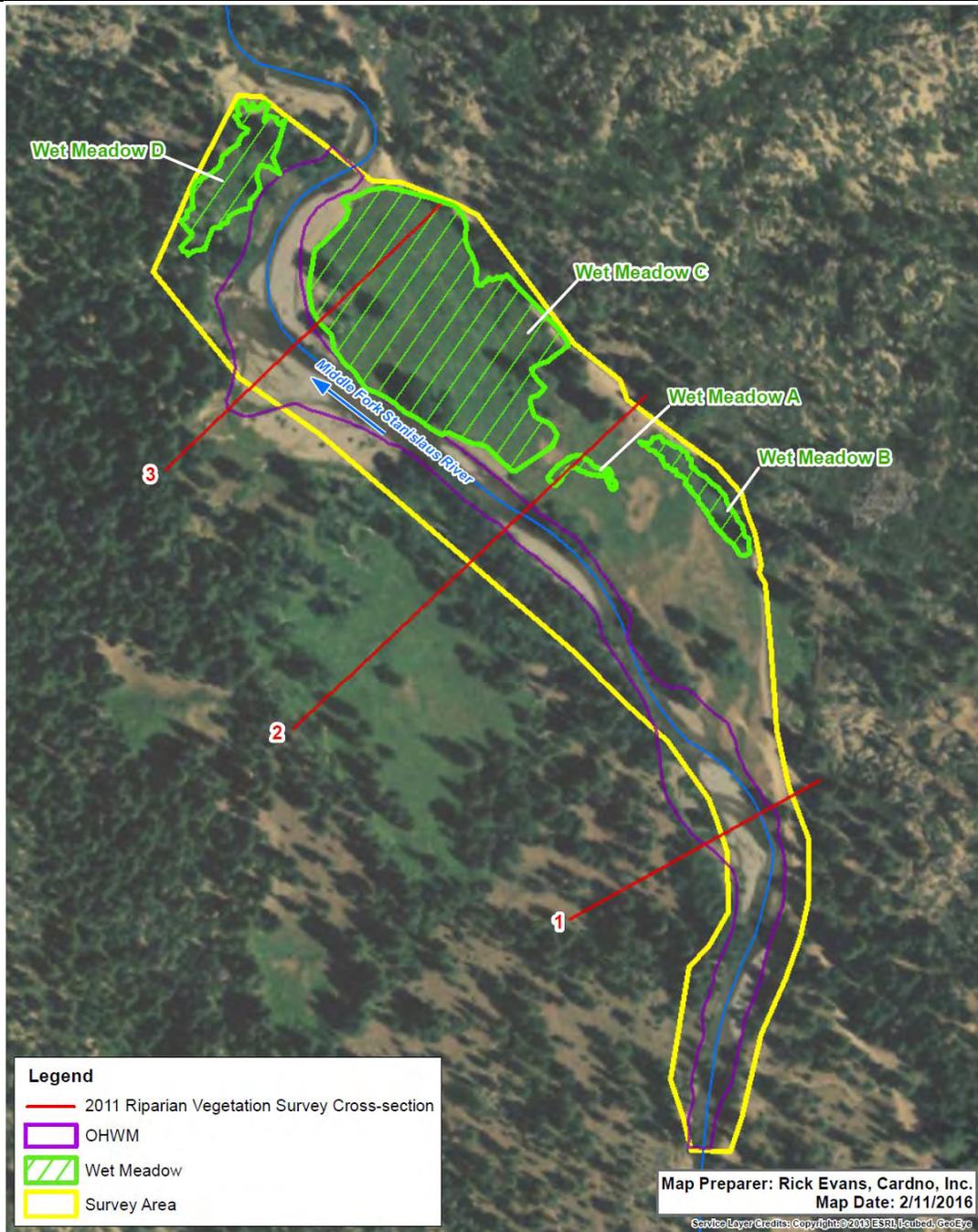
One cover sheet is provided for the four Waters of the U.S. features identified in the survey area. Individual data sheets are provided for the Middle Fork Stanislaus River and each of the three tributaries.

Project: PG&E's Spring Gap-Stanislaus Relief Reach Vegetation and Streambank Stabilization Project	Date: June and July 2015
Location: Kennedy Meadows, CA in Tuolumne County, 5.6 air-miles southeast of the town of Dardanelle.	Investigator: Christopher Thayer and Tashi MacMillen
Project Description: The purpose of the Project is to restore and enhance approximately 1,885 feet of streambank and riparian vegetation within an approximate 3,000-foot reach of the Middle Fork Stanislaus River in Kennedy Meadows. Unstable streambanks and a lack of riparian vegetation were identified during previous studies.	
Describe the river or stream's condition (disturbances, in-stream structures, etc.): The Middle Fork Stanislaus River is a perennial river flowing through the approximate 3,000-foot long Project Reach. The river flows year-round and was flowing at the time of the field visits, and supports a bed, bank, and has OHWM indicators. OHWM indicators included sediment sorting, wrack lines, exposed roots, distinct shelving, and breaks in slope. The channel bed and bars consist of unconsolidated sand and gravel alluvium. Vegetation is generally lacking within the channel itself, but patches of Riparian Woodland occur along the streambanks and bars.	
<u>Off Site Information</u>	
Remotely sensed image(s) acquired? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/> [If yes, attach image(s) to datasheet(s) and indicate approx. locations of transects, OHWM, and any other features of interest on the image(s); describe below] Description: See attached	
Hydrologic/hydraulic information acquired? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or No <input type="checkbox"/> [If yes, attach information to datasheet(s) and describe below.] Description: Yes, Middle Fork Stanislaus River hydrology, including recent hydrographs and peak flows are summarized in PG&E (2016).	
List and describe any other supporting information received/acquired: N/A	

Transect (cross-section) drawing: (choose a location that is representative of the dominant stream characteristics over some distance; label the OHWM and other features of interest along the transect; include an estimate of transect length).

Three cross-sections were surveyed in 2011 as part of the Relief Reach – Riparian Restoration and Streambank Stabilization studies. These surveyed cross-sections, with vegetation community locations and the OHWM are shown below. A map, with the aerial imagery, shows the locations of these cross-section in relation to the mapped wetland features within the survey area.





PG&E Spring Gap-Stanislaus Project:
Relief Reach - Kennedy Meadows Riparian Restoration
and Streambank Stabilization
Riparian Survey Cross-Sections



Break in Slope at OHWM: ___Sharp (> 60%) ___Moderate (30–60%) ___Gentle (< 30%)
___None

Notes/Description:

Sediment Texture: Estimate percentages to describe the general sediment texture above and below the OHWM.

	Clay/Silt <0.05mm (%)	Sand 0.05 - 2mm (%)	Gravel 2mm - 1cm (%)	Cobbles 1 - 10cm (%)	Boulders >10cm (%)	Developed Soil Horizons (Y/N)
Above OHWM (Transect 1)	0	90	5	5	0	Y
Below OHWM (Transect 1)	0	15	55	30		N
Above OHWM (Transect 3)	0	15	15	10	0	Y
Below OHWM (Transect 3)	0	40	20	40		N
Notes/Description: See cross section surveys for approximate location of sediment texture. No sediment measurements were taken at Transect 2. Transect 3, above OHWM has about 60% wood/litter/sand as substrate.						

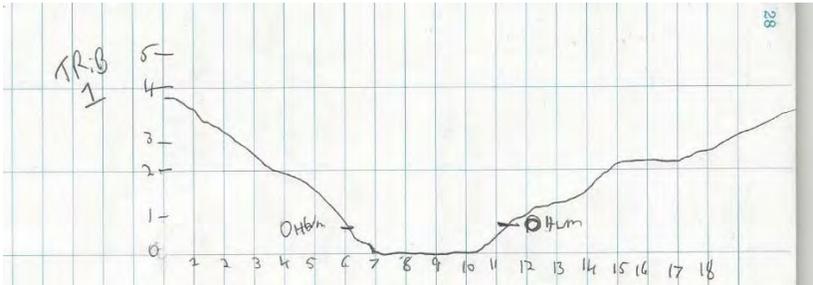
Vegetation: Estimate absolute cover to describe general vegetation characteristics.

	Tree (%)	Shrub (%)	Herb (%)	Bare (%)
Above OHWM (Transect 1)	50	10	30	10
Below OHWM (Transect 1)	0	40	0	60
Above OHWM (Transect 2)	5	30	60	5
Below OHWM (Transect 2)	0	15	0	85
Above OHWM (Transect 3)	15	45	40	0
Below OHWM (Transect 3)	0	0	45	55
Notes/Description: See cross section surveys for approximate location of vegetation.				

Other Evidence: List/describe any additional field evidence and/or lines of reasoning used to support your delineation.

Tributary 1, Datasheet #: 2

Transect (cross-section) drawing: (choose a location that is representative of the dominant stream characteristics over some distance; label the OHWM and other features of interest along the transect; include an estimate of transect length).



Break in Slope at OHWM: Sharp (> 60%) Moderate (30–60%) x Gentle (< 30%)
 None

Notes/Description:

Sediment Texture: Estimate percentages to describe the general sediment texture above and below the OHWM

	Clay/Silt <0.05mm (%)	Sand 0.05 - 2mm (%)	Gravel 2mm - 1cm (%)	Cobbles 1 - 10cm (%)	Boulders >10cm (%)	Developed Soil Horizons (Y/N)
Above OHWM	-	10	10	-	-	Yes
Below OHWM	0	15	20	15	5	No

Notes/Description:

Vegetation: Estimate absolute cover to describe general vegetation characteristics

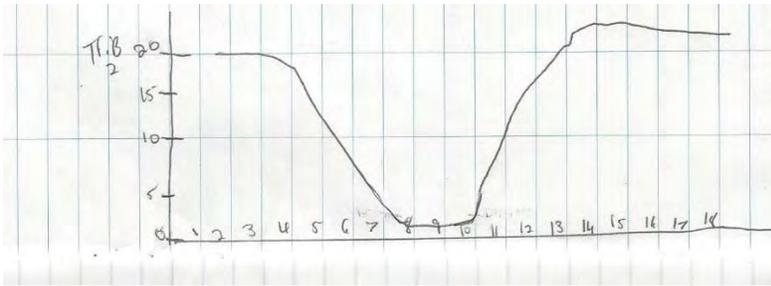
	Tree (%)	Shrub (%)	Herb (%)	Bare (%)
Above OHWM	-	15	20	65
Below OHWM	-	-	20	80

Notes/Description:

Other Evidence: List/describe any additional field evidence and/or lines of reasoning used to support your delineation

Tributary 2, Datasheet #: 3

Transect (cross-section) drawing: (choose a location that is representative of the dominant stream characteristics over some distance; label the OHWM and other features of interest along the transect; include an estimate of transect length).



Break in Slope at OHWM: Sharp (> 60%) Moderate (30–60%) x Gentle (< 30%)
None

Notes/Description:

Sediment Texture: Estimate percentages to describe the general sediment texture above and below the OHWM

	Clay/Silt <0.05mm (%)	Sand 0.05 - 2mm (%)	Gravel 2mm - 1cm (%)	Cobbles 1 - 10cm (%)	Boulders >10cm (%)	Developed Soil Horizons (Y/N)
Above OHWM	-	25	25	-	-	Yes
Below OHWM	0	25	70	5	-	No

Notes/Description:

Vegetation: Estimate absolute cover to describe general vegetation characteristics

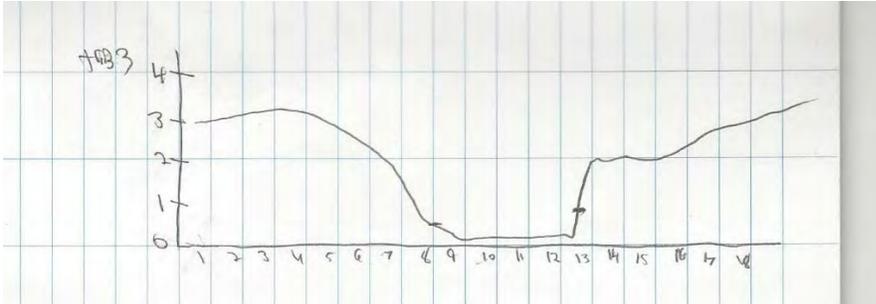
	Tree (%)	Shrub (%)	Herb (%)	Bare (%)
Above OHWM	-	5	15	80
Below OHWM	-	-	10	90

Notes/Description:

Other Evidence: List/describe any additional field evidence and/or lines of reasoning used to support your delineation

Tributary 3, Datasheet #: 4

Transect (cross-section) drawing: (choose a location that is representative of the dominant stream characteristics over some distance; label the OHWM and other features of interest along the transect; include an estimate of transect length).



Break in Slope at OHWM: Sharp (> 60%) Moderate (30–60%) x_Gentle (< 30%)
None

Notes/Description:

Sediment Texture: Estimate percentages to describe the general sediment texture above and below the OHWM.

	Clay/Silt <0.05mm (%)	Sand 0.05 - 2mm (%)	Gravel 2mm - 1cm (%)	Cobbles 1 - 10cm (%)	Boulders >10cm (%)	Developed Soil Horizons (Y/N)
Above OHWM	-	30	30	-	-	Yes
Below OHWM	0	30	70	-	-	No

Notes/Description:

Vegetation: Estimate absolute cover to describe general vegetation characteristics.

	Tree (%)	Shrub (%)	Herb (%)	Bare (%)
Above OHWM	5	5	60	30
Below OHWM	-	-	10	90

Notes/Description:

Other Evidence: List/describe any additional field evidence and/or lines of reasoning used to support your delineation.

Appendix G - Signed Statement from Property Owner(s) Allowing Access



County Administrator's Office

Craig L. Pedro
County Administrator

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October 25, 2016

Justin Smith
Senior Land Planner
PG&E
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Dear Mr. Smith:

As the owner of Kennedy Meadows, Tuolumne County has a vested interest in making sure any onsite activities are done safely and use best practices. Kennedy Meadows is a beautiful and historic place deserving of careful attention to preserve its character. Tuolumne County acknowledges that PG&E is exercising their reserved rights under the Grant Deed by which the County took possession of Kennedy Meadows.

This letter serves as Tuolumne County's authorization allowing the Corps of Engineers to access the Kennedy Meadows parcel as described in the attached Wetland Delineation for the sole purpose of verifying the wetland delineation map prepared for PG&E's Relief Reach Streambank Stabilization Project.

Under the Conservation Easement, this letter serves as notice to the Mother Lode Land Trust.

Sincerely,

DANIEL M. RICHARDSON
Deputy County Administrator

Cc: Mother Lode Land Trust

Appendix H - Aquatic Resource Excel Sheet

