

**EXHIBIT A – FINDINGS
PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY DRC2015-00116**

Mitigated Negative Declaration

- A. The Environmental Coordinator, after completion of the initial study, finds that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report is not necessary. Therefore, a Negative Declaration (pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., and CA Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.) has been issued on July 14, 2016 for this project. Mitigation measures are proposed to address Biology and Cultural Resources and are included as conditions of approval.

Minor Use Permit

- B. The proposed project or use is consistent with the San Luis Obispo County General Plan because a single-family residence is an allowed use and as conditioned is consistent with all of the General Plan policies.
- C. As conditioned, the proposed project or use satisfies all applicable provisions of Title 23 of the County Code.
- D. The establishment and subsequent operation or conduct of the use will not, because of the circumstances and conditions applied in the particular case, be detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of the general public or persons residing or working in the neighborhood of the use, or be detrimental or injurious to property or improvements in the vicinity of the use because the berm and culvert removal does not generate activity that presents a potential threat to the surrounding property and buildings. This project is subject to Ordinance and Building Code requirements designed to address health, safety and welfare concerns.
- E. The proposed project or use will not be inconsistent with the character of the immediate neighborhood or contrary to its orderly development because the berm and culvert removal, and creek restoration will not conflict with, the surrounding lands and uses.
- F. The proposed project or use will not generate a volume of traffic beyond the safe capacity of all roads providing access to the project, either existing or to be improved with the project because the project is located on Diablo Canyon Road, a local road constructed to a level able to handle any additional traffic associated with the project

Coastal Access

- G. The proposed use is in conformity with the public access and recreation policies of Chapter 3 of the California Coastal Act, because the proposed project is in support of the access road of the existing nuclear power plant, and the spent fuel storage and steam generator replacement projects were approved with the provisions for expanded coastal access.

Sensitive Resource Area (Coastal Terrace)

- H. The development will not create significant adverse effects on the natural features of the site or vicinity that were the basis for the Sensitive Resource Area designation, and will preserve and protect such features through the site design, because the proposed

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project will remove a man-made earthen berm and culvert, and restore and stabilize the creek channel and bank.

- I. Natural features and topography have been considered in the design and siting of all proposed physical improvements because the proposed project will remove a man-made earthen berm and culvert, and restore and stabilize the creek channel and bank.
- J. The proposed clearing of topsoil, trees, is the minimum necessary to achieve safe and convenient access and siting of proposed structures, and will not create significant adverse effects on the identified sensitive resource, because the proposed project will remove a man-made earthen berm and culvert, and restore and stabilize the creek channel and bank.
- K. The soil and subsoil conditions are suitable for any proposed excavation and site preparation and drainage improvements have been designed to prevent soil erosion, and sedimentation of streams through undue surface runoff, because the proposed project will remove a man-made earthen berm and culvert, and restore and stabilize the creek channel and bank. Additionally, a sedimentation and erosion control plan, and a drainage plan, are required as conditions of this approval.

Archeological Sensitive Area

- L. The site design and development incorporate adequate measures to ensure that archeological resources will be acceptably and adequately protected because the project is conditioned to have a qualified archaeologist on site to monitor the berm removal.