

California Environmental Quality Act

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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LEAD AGENCY: California Energy Commission

**SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF DETERMINATION PURSUANT TO PUBLIC
RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21152 AND CEQA GUIDELINES SECTIONS
15094 & 15096**


Project Title: OAKLEY GENERATING STATION (AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT RENEWAL)

Project Location: 5950 Bridgehead Road, Oakley, CA.

Project Description: The Oakley Generating Station project is a natural-gas-fired, dry-cooled, combined-cycle power plant facility with a nominal generating capacity of 624 megawatts. It will be located on an approximately 22-acre site located at 5950 Bridgehead Road, east of Bridgehead Road and south of Wilbur Avenue, in Oakley, CA. The facility will consist of two General Electric (GE) Frame 7FA combustion turbine generators, one single condensing GE D11 steam turbine generator, two unfired heat recovery steam generators, one auxiliary boiler, one air-cooled condenser, one evaporative fluid cooler, one diesel-powered fire pump, one oil-water separator, and other associated equipment.

Notice of Determination: This is to advise that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (District), acting as a Responsible Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has renewed the Authority to Construct for the project described above on August 30, 2013. The California Energy Commission (CEC) has prepared an environmental analysis of the project as documented in its May 18, 2011 Final Commission Decision approving the project, which is the functional equivalent of an Environmental Impact Report under CEQA. (See CEQA Section 21080.5; CEQA Guidelines Sections 15251(j) & 15253.) Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the project by the CEC, and a mitigation monitoring plan/program was adopted. The CEC made findings pursuant to CEQA, and it did not adopt a statement of overriding considerations. The CEC's Final Commission Decision, together with comments and responses, are available to the general public for review at the CEC's offices at 1516 9th Street, Sacramento, CA, 95814, and electronically at www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/oakley/index.html.

This is to certify that the District has reviewed and considered the CEC's environmental analysis in its Final Commission Decision in connection with its decision to renew the Authority to Construct for this project. Based on that review, the District has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.



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August 30, 2013