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## Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

### California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region, Redding Office  
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205  
Redding, CA 96002

**Date:** 18 June 2019

**Project Title:** Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) Gas Transmission Pipeline L400 and L401 Salt Creek Crossing Replacement Project

**Project Location - Specific:** Sections: 11, 12, 13 & 14, Township: 27 North, Range: 3 West  
Latitude: 40.20033° and Longitude: -122.15839°

The PG&E Gas Transmission Pipeline L400 and L401 Salt Creek Crossing Replacement Project is located between mile points 138.65 and 139.75 crossing Salt Creek, approximately 2 miles east of the city of Red Bluff.

**Project Location - County:** Tehama County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

As a long-term remedy to the frequent scouring and subsequent exposure of the existing L400 and L401 gas pipelines within Salt Creek, PG&E proposes to remove up to 680 linear feet of each pipeline centered on where they cross the creek. Approximately 750 linear feet of new 36-inch diameter pipe for L400 and 780 linear feet of 42-inch diameter pipe for L401 will be installed crossing Salt Creek approximately 100 feet east of the existing pipelines. The new L400 and L401 pipelines will be replaced with the same diameter pipe as the existing and will be spaced approximately 30 feet apart. Both pipelines will be installed to a depth of approximately 20 feet below the creek channel bed and 36 feet below the ground surface adjacent to the creek banks.

**Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:**

State Agency approval for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Redding Branch Office.  
WDID #5A52CR00183

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
6111 Bollinger Canyon Road  
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**Exempt Status:**

California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction

Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, including but not limited to replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

**Reasons why Project is Exempt:**

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA Section 15302.

The project involves the replacement of gas pipelines in the same location as the pipelines being replaced with negligible or no expansion of capacity.

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