

Notice of Exemption**- 1 -****To:**

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Central Region
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State Clearinghouse Number: N/A

Project Title: Willow Creek Watercourse Crossing Project (Amendment to Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2017-0270-R4)

Project Location: The Project is located on privately owned land (parcel 073-093-011) on 1155 Montecito Road, Cayucos, California, 93430, within Willow Creek, approximately 1 mile east of the town of Cayucos, San Luis Obispo County, California; Township 29 South, Range 10 East, Section 2 and Township 28 South, Range 10 East, Section 35, United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5 Minute Quad Maps Moro Bay North and Cayucos, MDB&M; Latitude 35.4412, Longitude -120.8698.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed an amendment to Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2017-0270-R4, issued to Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

The Project includes maintenance activities to repair and reinforce erosional damage upstream of the existing culverts within Willow Creek to improve the long-term stability and condition of the access road to the Cayucos-Cambria 70kV transmission line. The Agreement is amended to change the avoidance and minimization measures for the California red-legged frog to allow for the capture, handling, relocation, and monitoring activities as allowed by Biological Opinion 08EVEN00-2018-F-0327.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project includes maintenance of an existing facility required for utility access. The Project will not result in an expansion of use and will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2017-0270-R4.

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