



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 05/2020)**

<b><u>Project Information</u></b>	
<b>DIST-CO-RTE:</b> 06-KER-99	<b>PM/PM:</b> 10.4/21.2
<b>EA:</b> 06-0Q920	<b>Federal-Aid Project Number:</b>
<b><u>Project Description</u></b>	

- In the northwest quadrant of the Panama Lane interchange one (1) existing approximately 85-foot-tall steel structure on the Kern-Old River #2 70 kV Power Line will be removed. The pole will be replaced approximately 10 feet to the west with one new steel structure that will be approximately 83 feet tall.

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**Caltrans CEQA Determination** (Check one)

- Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency
- Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
- Categorically Exempt. Class 1(b).** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
  - No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the [SER Chapter 34](#) for exceptions.
- Covered by the Common Sense Exemption.** This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)

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### **Continuation sheet:**

Installation of the replacement pole will follow these steps:

- Deliver new pole at site
- Auger new hole approximately 10-12 feet deep using line truck attachment
- Install new pole by light crane, line truck, or large bucket truck
- Move old conductors to the new pole by line truck or by hand with ropes
- In the southeast quadrant of the White Lane interchange a 21 kV electricity distribution line will have a new approximately 75-foot electrical pole installed approximately 5 feet east of an existing pole near the edge of the freeway. The hole will be approximately 13 feet deep. After the pole is installed the lines and a transformer will be moved to the new pole.

In addition, existing underground service to Caltrans electrical boxes (11-foot-long and 14-foot-long lines) will be removed, and one new approximately 10-foot long underground service line will be installed from the new pole to new connection point approximately 5 feet to the east of the existing line

Finally, the old pole will be removed.

Both electrical facility relocations are planned to take place in November 2020.

### **Environmental Commitments:**

PG&E will comply with pertinent measures in the Amended Letter of Concurrence for San Joaquin kit fox issued to Caltrans by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service on April 1, 2020 for the Union Avenue to White Lane 2R Rehabilitation project.