

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From:
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Project Title: PSEP Supply Line 36-6-09, Section 12 Pipeline Removal

Project Applicant: Southern California Gas Company

Project Location - Specific: Latitude 35.3888194° N, Longitude -120.6270818° W

Project Location – City: Santa Margarita

Project Location - County: San Luis Obispo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The overall project activities are required for SoCalGas to comply with a 2011 California Public Utilities Commission order. The order was for natural gas transmission operators in the State of California to develop an Implementation Plan to achieve the goal of testing and/or replacement of all natural gas transmission pipelines that had not been recently pressure-tested. The project involves the removal of 2,490 linear feet of abandoned 6-inch pipeline that was replaced with new 10-inch pipeline in 2019. The pipeline would be removed via open trench within a maximum 70-foot wide workspace. The removal is being completed for pipeline safety purposes along the existing pipeline system, and per landowner request.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Central Coast Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Gas Company, Danielle Henning

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Existing Facilities §15301 and Replacement or Reconstruction §15302;
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:



Reasons why the project is exempt:

The project involves maintaining an existing gas pipeline system and will result in temporary minor impacts.

Lead Agency Contact Person and Phone Number: Kathleen Hicks (805) 549-3458

If filed by applicant:

- Attach certified document of exemption finding.
- Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature   Digitally signed by Phillip Hammer
Date: 2020.09.16 16:17:32 -07'00' _____ Date 9/16/20 Title Sr. Environmental Scientist

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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