

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Bank Swallow Hat Creek Braden Sand Pit Safe Harbor Agreement (Request No. 2089-2020-004-01)

Project Location: Located on Assessor Parcel Number 023-290-009 along State Highway 299, approximately 3.6 miles northeast of the Highway 89/299 junction in Shasta County.

Project Description: This project is an agreement that will provide a net conservation benefit to bank swallow (*Riparia riparia*) in Shasta County. The project establishes a baseline condition and management actions. Agreed to management actions include maintaining and increasing, as conditions allow, the Covered Species nesting habitat on the Enrolled Property by actively maximizing maintenance and creation of vertical quarry wall slopes with appropriate soils. Permittee shall ensure that sand extraction only occurs outside the nesting season for Covered Species (for purposes of this Agreement, nesting season is March 1 to August 14). The site shall be left with as much vertically exposed bank as feasible when extraction is complete and prior to March 1st of each year. The gate access to the extraction area shall be closed and locked. Any remaining stockpiles that may be left in the sand pit floor after February 28 of each year shall be located at least 40 feet from potential Covered Species nesting habitats.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type - Class 7; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15307 – Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources.

Reasons why project is exempt: See Attached

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