

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: West Sacramento-Brighton 115 kV Tower Investigation (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0138-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at six (6) locations along the American River, in Sacramento County, State of California; Section 25, 26, 30, and 32, Township 9N, Range 4E and 5E, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Sacramento West and Sacramento East.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0138-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, as represented by Sam Danner.

The project is limited to geotechnical investigation and/or archaeological subsurface testing at six existing tower locations along the American River Floodplain. Geotechnical work will occur at West Sacramento-Brighton 115 kV tower numbers 008/049, 009/059, and 010/073; archaeological subsurface testing will occur at tower numbers 008/049, 008/053, 008/055, 009/059, 010/067, and 010/073. Each tower location will be accessed from existing paved roads or dirt paths. Drilling equipment will not disrupt overhead wires and no boring will be performed on a levee slope or within 15 feet of a levee toe. No trees are proposed for removal.

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 (1) and Class (4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section (15301 and 15304)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project serves to maintain existing facilities of invested owned utilities uses to provide electric power. It involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, as the Permittee will maintain its existing right-of-way. The project involves only minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation and does not involve the removal of any healthy, mature, or scenic trees.

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