

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

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Project Title: PSEP SL36-1032, S12 Pipeline Replacement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0049-R5)

Project Location (include county): The project is located along the Graciosa Road corridor approximately 1.3 miles south of the town of Orcutt, County of Santa Barbara, State of California. Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) associated with this project is SoCalGas ROW.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0049-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Gas Company, represented by Danielle Henning.

As part of a California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) mandate, Permittee is required to test and/or replace natural gas transmission pipelines that have not been recently pressure-tested. Through compliance of this mandate Permittee identified five (5) small sections of abandoned pipeline (spans and shallow-buried pipe) crossing CDFW streams that need to be removed to ensure no future maintenance will be required within the streams. Removal activities will begin in September to avoid bird nesting season and last for approximately 30 days. Activities will occur along SoCalGas Pipeline SL36-1032, Sections 11 and 12. Span/shallow pipeline removal activities may require the following typical equipment: pick-up trucks, flatbed trucks, backhoe, track hoe, dump truck, welding rigs, sideboom, backfiller/front-end loader, and various hand tools. Proposed laydown yards will be located in previously disturbed upland areas and will be located away from any stream feature. Site conditions will be restored to pre-construction conditions along the replacement alignment. Existing pipeline signage will be removed, with new signage installed along and upslope from the replacement alignment. No vegetation planting is proposed as only minor pruning is proposed.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Gas Company

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. State code number
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301, Existing Facilities

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is the repair and maintenance of an existing natural gas pipeline involving no expansion of an existing or former use.

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