

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260

(Address)

Project Title: Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan Line 1030/2001W P2 And 2001E P2 Hydrotests Project

Project Applicant: Southern California Gas Company

Project Location - Specific:

Several project workspaces are planned, beginning approximately 10 miles west of Bly

Project Location - City: Desert Center

Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

To conduct routine hydrostatic testing and maintenance on natural gas transmission pipelines as a part of Southern California Gas Company's Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan to ensure pipeline safety and integrity, pursuant to the requirements of the California Public Utilities Commission. Beneficiaries are the people of California.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

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

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: Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, Sections 15301 and 15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project falls within the CEQA exemptions per section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land). The purpose of the Project is to perform maintenance of existing 30-inch natural gas pipelines, through hydrostatic testing, replacement of pipeline anomalies and pipe exposures, and valve and tap isolations. The Project will entail some minor excavation to access the pipelines. The Project also involves repairs to existing unpaved access roads along the pipeline alignment. Southern California Gas Company will restore the Project workspaces to pre-construction conditions, and provide soil stabilization and reseeding of the Project area. No exceptions to the Exemptions apply.

Lead Agency


Contact Person: Kai Dunn

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Digitally signed by Kai Dunn
Date: 2021.10.15 11:27:42 -07'00' Date: 10/15/2021 Title: Senior Water Resources Control Engineer

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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: _____