

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

Project Title: SoCalGas Line 3000 P2A Safety Related Condition-Anomaly Repair Project (**WDID:** 7A363034001)

Project Location – Specific: Near and within watercourses/waterbodies within the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board-jurisdictional boundaries that may be impacted by the movement of earthen material (soil).

Project Location - City: The Project location for Digs 1 (34.690864° N; -114.767959° W) and 2 (34.692328° N; -114.772777° W) are along the Line 3000 right-of-way approximately 9.7 miles west of Highway 95 in Needles. The Project location for Digs 3 (34.678285° N; -115.305807° W) and 5 (34.676404° N; -115.373422° W) are along the Line 3000 right-of-way approximately 1.4 east of US Route 66 (Dig 3) and 2.5 miles west of US Route 66 (Dig 5) within the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board-jurisdictional boundaries.

Project Location – County: San Bernardino County.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of the project involves the exposure, inspection, and repair or replacement of SoCalGas Line 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline (Line 3000) within four (4) Colorado River Basin Water Board regulated waters, in San Bernardino County. SoCalGas needs to repair or replace Line 3000 where four (4) anomalies were identified during an internal inspection. Project work will take place within an existing SoCalGas Right-Of-Way (ROW). SoCalGas will establish a temporary work area (Work areas Dig 1- CG2021S2P2E1; Dig 2- CG2021S2P2E2; Dig 3- CG2021S2P2E3; Dig 5- CG2021S2P2E5), site access, pipeline repair, and staging areas within the ROW or along established roads and turnout areas. Excavation, inspection, and repair or replacement of the existing Line 3000 natural gas pipeline will occur within four (4) unnamed ephemeral drainages (ephemeral streams). After inspection, the pipeline will be repaired/replaced in the existing trench. Once the repair/replace work is complete, SoCalGas will restore the area to pre-construction contours.

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 (SoCalGas)

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. California Code of Regulations, Title 14, sections 15301, 15302, and 15304.
- Statutory Exemptions. [Click here to enter text.](#)

Reasons why project is exempt: The proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15301 (Existing Facilities), section 15302 (Replacement and Reconstruction), and section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).

Lead Agency:

Contact Person: Kai Dunn Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 776-8986

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:  Date: 10/15/2021 Title: Senior Water Resources Control Engineer

- Signed by Lead Agency
 - Signed by Applicant
- Date received for filing at OPR: