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Project Title: Permit No. 19566: Existing Transmission Line Removal and Replacement

Project Applicant (if any): Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E)

Project Location/Address/City/County: The project crosses over the Sacramento River and Unit 2 left bank levee of RD 341 at Sherman Island in both Solano and Sacramento Counties.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To remove the existing transmission line and replace it with the 230kV double-circuit transmission line aerial crossing over the Sacramento River and Unit 2 left bank levee of the Reclamation District (RD) 341. The project also includes the removal of the existing conductor from the existing lattice steel towers and the installation of a new conductor on the new towers installed parallel to the existing towers.

Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB)

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: PG&E

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: § 15301, § 15302, and § 15303
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

Board staff has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities, Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction, and Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures categorical exemptions (CEQA Guidelines §15301, §15302, and §15303). The proposed activity consists of minor alterations to an existing electrical transmission line crossing in order to increase vertical clearance of the transmission line. The new transmission line will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the transmission line being replaced (230kV), and the replacement crossing will be adjacent to the existing alignment. In addition, the project includes the construction and location of a limited number of new, small structures due to the removal of an existing conductor from the existing lattice steel towers, and the installation of a new conductor on the new towers installed parallel to the existing towers. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply.

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Date

- Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Responsible Agency

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