

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: SoCalGas Line 3000 P2A Safety Related Condition Anomaly Repair Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS No. EPIMS-SBR-22374)

Project Location (include county): Digs 1 & 2 are located along the pipeline right of way (ROW) approximately 9.7 miles west of State Route 95 in Needles, CA. Dig 3 is located 1.4 miles east of U.S. Route 66 along the pipeline ROW near the community of Essex, CA. Dig 5 is located approximately 2.5 miles west of U.S. Route 66 along the pipeline ROW near the community of Essex, CA. All digs are located within San Bernadino County.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-SBR-22374, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Gas (SoCalGas) Company.

The project consists of excavation, inspection, and repair or replacement of the existing Line 3000 natural gas pipeline within four (4) ephemeral streambeds (Dig 1, Dig 2, Dig 3, and Dig 5). All repair/replacement work areas are located within existing SoCalGas ROWs. Project crews of approximately 10 people per site will excavate a trench approximately 10 ft wide and 10 ft deep, remove the existing pipe sections of a 30-inch pipeline, replace them, backfill the trench, and restore the area to pre-construction contours.

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.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301(b)

Reasons why project is exempt: CatEx 15301(b) exemption for maintenance of existing utility infrastructure.

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