

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans, District 2

1657 Riverside Drive

Redding, CA 96001

(Address)

Project Title: PG&E Tree Removal Projectr (Encroachment Permit # 0221-6LT-0400).

Project Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Project Location - Specific:

This project is located on state route (SR) 299 from Post mile (PM) 54.03 to 57.45.

Project Location - City: Round Mountain Project Location - County: Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) is proposing to conduct tree removal/pruning activities within the State right-of-way (ROW) along the north bound lane of state route as part of the company's Wildfire and Safety Plan and Community Wildfire Safety Program. 25 trees would be removed, and one (1) tree trimmed, within Caltrans state-right-of-way. Work-generated debris smaller than approximately four inches in diameter would be chipped in areas with chipper accessibility. Cleared vegetation and woody debris (including chips) would be disposed of in a manner to ensure it does not enter surface water or a watercourse. The project would result in no ground disturbance. Caltrans would issue an encroachment permit for work within the State ROW.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans for encroachment permit issuance.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Gas and Electric 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: Existing Facilities, 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The California Department of Transportation has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), Class 1 (Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination), Subclass (h)—Maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs (excluding the use of pesticides, as defined in Section 12753, Division 7, Chapter 2, Food and Agricultural Code). The project would have no significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Emiliano Pro Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530)945-4323

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: Emiliano Pro Date: 2/18/2022 Title: Senior Env. Planner

▪ 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: _____