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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

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: Line 5000 Phase 2 Validation Digs Project

Project Applicant: Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas)

Project Location - Specific:

The project is located at two dig site locations within eastern Desert Center, 0.5 miles s

Project Location - City: Desert Center Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project involves the inspection, repair, and/or replacement of Line 5000 natural gas pipeline, between SoCalGas's Blythe Compressor Station and Cactus City Compressor Station within eastern Desert Center in Riverside County. SoCalGas needs to inspect, repair, and/or replace a section of Line 5000 where two anomalies were identified during an internal inspection. Project work will take place within an existing SoCalGas Right-Of-Way (ROW).

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. State type and section number: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301, 15302, and 15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

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: 3/18/2022 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: _____