
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
Redding, CA 96002

Date: 8 April 2022

Project Title: R-1266 Line 169A MP 11.23 Relocate Exposed Pipe Project

Project Location - Specific: Township 19N, Range 02W, Section unmapped
Codora, CA
Latitude: 39.45847° and Longitude: -122.03143°

Project Location - County: Glenn County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project involves the inspection and repair of an exposed 18-inch natural gas pipeline located within a vegetated ditch. The pipe coating is significantly cracked and disbanded; therefore, the exposed pipe is subject to corrosion and requires repair. The Project will involve excavation around the pipeline to allow for coating removal and inspection of the pipeline for corrosion or damage. Following pipeline inspection, PG&E will repair the pipeline, as necessary, and then recoat the pipeline. PG&E will backfill around the exposed pipe using native fill and compact as specified by the professional engineer. An approximately 51-foot-long corrugated metal pipe (CMP) arch culvert will be installed over the previously exposed pipe segment to allow water to flow downstream of the pipeline and discharge into the existing vegetated ditch. The approximately 2-foot-high by 3-foot-wide CMP arch culvert will be surrounded by California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Class III rock slope protection (RSP). The RSP fill will allow for the hydraulic conveyance of peak flows (i.e., water levels at the top of the banks) and will minimize ponding at moderate flows (i.e., the range indicated by the observed water line).

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

Federal Agencies: The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404, Nationwide Permit No. 3 (Non-Reporting).

State Agency approval for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Redding Office. WDID No. 5A11CR00049.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Craig Geldard
Pacific Gas and Electric Company
6111 Bollinger Canyon Drive
San Ramon, CA 94105

Exempt Status:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region has determined that the project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Article 19, section 15301, Existing Facilities. Class 1 consists of the 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.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is Categorical Exempt under CEQA section 15301 because the project involves the repair of an existing private structure involving no expansion of existing use.

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Signature:



Date:



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