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## 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  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**From:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region, Redding Office  
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205  
Redding, CA 96002

**Date:** 13 May 2022

**Project Title:** 5G76 Deetz Road Reconductoring Project

**Project Location - Specific:** Deetz Road  
Township 41N, Range 5W, Section 26  
Mount Shasta, CA  
Start: Latitude: 41.367505° and Longitude: -122.393265°  
End: Latitude: 41.365982° and Longitude: -122.3867°

**Project Location - County:** Siskiyou County

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The purpose of the Project is to continue Pacific Power's fire mitigation program of electrical system hardening in California, and all activities are being conducted in accordance with California Senate Bill 901 and the new provisions of California Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 8386. Pacific Power is planning maintenance activities on approximately 3.09 miles (696 linear feet or 0.13 mile in wetlands) of their existing 12.5-kilovolt overhead distribution lines within the City of Mount Shasta and the surrounding area. The maintenance activities include replacement (i.e., reconductoring) of the entire line with covered conductors (i.e., wires), pole replacement, and updating system protection and other equipment as needed. Existing wooden poles will be replaced with fiberglass poles.

**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. 57.

**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. 5A47CR00056.

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

Allen Berreth  
Pacific Power  
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**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 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 Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15301 because the project involves minor alteration and repair of existing facilities with no expansion of use.

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