

**Notice of Exemption**

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**From:**  
Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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1400 Tenth Street  
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**Project Title:** PGE Pit River Diversion Decommissioning Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SHA-31765-R1)

**Project Location (include county):** The Project is located on Pit River at Township 37N, Range 01E, Section 31 of the Big Bend 7.5-minute United States Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle in Shasta County, CA, Trinity County Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 022-330-011-000, near the town of Big Bend.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-TRI-31765-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, as represented by Debra Hawk.

Decommissioning of the diversion consists of filling an open-ditch conveyance built into the south bank of the Pit River with cobbles and earthen material originally displaced by creation of the diversion. A small, tracked excavator will access the site via an existing road/trail system and pull existing native bank materials and boulders back into place along an approximately ten to twelve-foot segment of riverbank. Restoring the bank segment will require placement of approximately 30-50 cubic feet of material. Once the initial placement of material seals off the diversion and flow of water, additional displaced native material may be used to continue filling the canal to discourage future use. A corrugated metal pipe culvert within the canal will also be removed once it is naturally dewatered.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:** Pacific Gas and Electric Company

**Exempt Status:**

- Statutory Exemption.
- Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304**, Minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes.

**Reasons why project is exempt:** The proposed project consists of the decommissioning of an existing diversion facility which requires minor earth movement and no removal of mature trees.

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