

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Elder Creek Pipeline Corrosion Investigation and Remediation Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TEH-31315-R1)

Project Location (include county): The proposed Project is located on Elder Creek at T25N/R03W section 8 in Tehama County California; Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian, Gerber U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-TEH-31315-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, as represented by Craig Geldard.

The proposed Project is limited to investigative trenching and excavation activities within Elder Creek for the purpose of exposing a segment of gas pipeline for inspection and potential repair. Approximately 768 cubic feet of earthen material will be excavated within the primary channel of Elder Creek and require approximately 25,000 square feet (0.57 acres) of disturbance within bed, bank, and channel. Access to the excavation area will be from existing roads in addition to traversing the stream bed for approximately one-quarter mile. All equipment will be staged in an existing bare ground area one-quarter mile south of the excavation site on private land. At the end of operations, the excavated area will be backfilled with excavated native fill and graded to match surrounding streambed contours.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company, as represented by Craig Geldard.

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – **Class 1**; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301, 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: The proposed project consists of improvements and maintenance of an existing facility with no substantial expansion of use.

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