

# Notice of Exemption

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From: (Public Agency): \_\_\_\_\_  
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County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

(Address)

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) is proposing to work within the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) right-of-way along Interstate 5 in Tehama County from post mile 34.4 to 34.6. To maintain safe and reliable electric service and mandated clearance to comply with federal and state regulatory requirements for public safety and fire prevention, PG&E is proposing two tree removals under or adjacent to the Cottonwood-Delevan #1 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line on Caltrans right-of-way. No ground disturbance is required to complete the work; herbicide use is prescribed. All material, including wood and chips, will be hauled to the appropriate disposal site. Cleared vegetation and woody debris will be disposed of in a manner to ensure it does not enter surface water or a watercourse. Equipment required for maintenance work will include hand-held tools (e.g., chainsaws, loppers, and hand saws), crate set, a box truck and pick-up trucks. Traffic control will be provided while performing work. Caltrans will issue an encroachment permit (0222-6LT-1002) for the work.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans determined that the project is categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) Class 1—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 existing or former use. (h) Maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs (excluding the use of pesticides, as defined in Section 12753, Division 7, Chapter 2, Food and Agricultural Code). The project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_