

Notice of Exemption

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From: California Regional Water Quality
Control Board, San Diego Region
2375 Northside Drive, Suite 100
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Project Title: Cleveland National Forest (CNF) Access Road Repairs Project for TL6923

Project Applicant: San Diego Gas & Electric Company

Project Location – Specific: Unincorporated San Diego County, California, 91963. The Project's center readings for each of three access road locations are as follows:

Segment 23 – latitude 32.654056, longitude -116.594125 (north-northeast of Potrero, CA)
Segment 28 – latitude 32.657394, longitude -116.567956 (northeast of Potrero, CA)
Segment 40 – latitude 32.657961, longitude -116.525239 (northwest of Campo, CA)

Project Location – City: Unincorporated

Project Location: San Diego County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project will install three engineered solutions along access roads associated with transmission line (TL) 6923 resulting in permanent impacts to two unnamed stream channels, one ephemeral and one intermittent, both are tributary to Potrero Creek, and one unnamed ephemeral stream channel, tributary to Hauser Creek within the Tijuana River Watershed. The engineered solutions include the installation of cement treated road base, stabilized rock crossings, and riprap for velocity dissipation. The purpose of the Project is to remedy chronic erosion and/or sediment transport from existing dirt access roads within the Cleveland National Forest lands and is intended to improve downstream water quality within the watershed. Mitigation bank credits have been purchased to compensate for permanent impacts to and ensure no net loss of aquatic resources.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Persons or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Diego Gas & Electric Company

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: Class 2, Section 15302 and Class 4, Section 15304
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reason why project is exempt: The Project proposes to repair a private electric power utility's existing facility that involves no expansion of capacity and consists of minor alteration of land where no trees are removed.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Lisa Honma

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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 or _ No

Signature:

Date: January 26, 2023 **Title:** Executive Officer

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resource Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resource Code.

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