

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: D-1336A L-167-65-1 MP 0.16 Remove DRIP17055 (Streambed Alteration Agreement
EPIMS Notification No. COL-33310-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at River Branch Canal, in the County of Colusa, State of California; Latitude 39.377300, Longitude -121.026890 WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees) 6967 Dodge Road, Colusa, CA, 95932; Assessor's Parcel Number [012-110-101-000].

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number COL-33310 -R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Craig Geldard/PG&E.

The project is limited to the excavation of an approximately 23-foot wide by 10-foot-deep bell hole in order to inspect and repair a drip in a gas transmission line within the bed of the River Branch Canal. The drip is a 3/4-inch pipe inside of the 4.5-inch pipe designed to collect liquids. Approximately 94 cubic yards of sediment will be removed from the canal and stockpiled at a 26,225 square foot staging area adjacent to the project site. Upon completion of the repair the excavation will be backfilled with the stored sediment and the site restored to pre-existing conditions. Work will occur during dry conditions when no water is present in the River Branch Canal. No trees with a trunk diameter at breast height (DBH) in excess of four (4) inches will be removed during project activities. Construction equipment will include half ton pickup trucks, three-quarter ton pickup trucks, tool trailer, dump truck, flatbed equipment trailer, air compressor and sandblast pot, excavator, and water buffalo.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Craig Geldard/PG&E

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304.

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 4 because the project is a minor alteration to the River Branch Canal and does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees.

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