

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: L6001 MP23.88 Recoat Project (Notification of Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-RIV-35890-R6)

Project Location (Riverside County): The project is located in and adjacent to an unnamed ephemeral stream that is tributary to the Salton Sea. The project is at Mile Post 23.88 on Gas Line Road, approximately 8 miles north of Niland in unincorporated Riverside County, State of California; Latitude 33.35565, Longitude -115.48299; APN 003-320-010-000; and USGS Iris Wash quadrangle.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-RIV-35890-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Southern California Gas Company.

The project is limited to excavating, sandblasting, and recoating an approximately 100-foot segment of pipeline at MP23.88 along L6001. The pipeline that will be excavated runs through the unmapped, unnamed ephemeral stream, which flows from north to south.

Project activities described above, including work and staging areas, are anticipated to temporarily impact approximately 0.17 acres of resources subject to Fish and Game Code 1602.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Gas Company

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption.
 Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301(b)

Reasons why project is exempt: The project involves maintenance of an existing natural gas pipeline. The maintenance involves re-establishing cathodic protection on the pipeline and does not involve expansion of existing or former use.

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