

## Notice of Exemption

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**Project Title:** AT&T Project A020LET (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. ELD-33225-R2)

**Project Location:** The project is located at Lake Tahoe, in the County of El Dorado, State of California. The project area consists of an existing 3-inch diameter submarine telecommunications cable that is approximately six miles long and runs along the southwestern shoreline of Lake Tahoe, as well as six locations where the cable surfaces on the lakeshore. A second shorter cable rests at the mouth of Emerald Bay and spans approximately 1,000 feet, and surfaces on the lakeshore at one location. The cables stretch from Baldwin Beach past Rubicon Point near Lester Beach.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number ELD-33225-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Pacific Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T California.

The Permittee proposes the removal of two lengths of submarine telecommunications cable in Lake Tahoe. The cables largely rest on the lakebed, not within the substrate. Cable segments on land are buried 4-6-inches. The project includes seven (7) cut locations on the lakeshore, six (6) along the 6-mile cable and one (1) on the shorter Emerald Bay cable. Cable will be hand excavated and cut at the seven cut locations on the lakeshore. Where sections of the cable may lie beneath large boulders, a mini excavator staged on the barge will be used to temporarily relocate them. The cut sections of cable will be spooled onto a barge and disposed of at a waste facility.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project:** Pacific Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T California

**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 limited to minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and or vegetation that do not include the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees.

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