

## San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

### Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: SF Bay Regional Water Board  
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**Project Title:** Ignacio Mare Island Phase 2 Tower Replacement Project (Project)  
**Project Location(s) - Specific:** (38.873806, -122.498064), (38.092283, -122.497717), (38.108328, -122.493542), (38.112997, -122.491617)  
**Project Location - City:** Unincorporated Marin and Sonoma Counties; Bell Marin Keys Restoration Area, Black Point Nature Preserve, Petaluma Marsh Wildlife Area, San Pablo Bay NWR  
**Project Location - County:** Marin and Sonoma Counties

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The Project purpose is to reconstruct four electrical transmission towers across Marin and Sonoma counties, all in tidal marsh complexes immediately north of San Pablo Bay, adjacent to Novato Creek and the Petaluma River, and south of State Route 37.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project as Lead Agency:** SF Bay Regional Water Board  
**Name of Legally Responsible Persons or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E)

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080b(1); 15268);  
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080b(3); 15269(a));  
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080b(4); 15269(b)(c));  
 Categorical Exemption (State Type and Section Number): 15301 – Existing Facilities, Class 1, (b)  
 Statutory Exemption (State Code Number): \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why the Project is exempt:** The Project is a direct replacement and update of existing facilities that are either investor or publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power to the northern Bay Area. The new towers do not propose any expansion of existing or former uses.

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