

Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Water Resources
SLFD, 31770 Gonzaga Rd
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Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources

Project Title: Power Pole Replacement at Jayne Avenue

Project Location City & County: Fresno County

Project Location – Specific: Work will occur within the Department of Water Resources right of way along an existing PG&E service line, located about 0.10 miles south of the intersection of Jayne Avenue and the California Aqueduct. The project location is about seven miles southeast of the City of Huron.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: PG&E needs to replace an existing, damaged power pole located near the California Aqueduct in the Department of Water Resources' (DWR) right of way. To do so, an approximately 7.5 feet deep hole will be dug within a five-foot radius of the existing pole. The hole will be dug no more than five feet away from the existing pole and will remain in the existing power line alignment. A new pole will then be installed in the hole and the existing power line cables will be attached to this new pole. Once the cables are attached to the new pole, they will be detached from the damaged pole and the damaged pole will be removed. The hole left by the removed pole will be backfilled and compacted. Vehicles and equipment will access the site from existing roads and will stage on an existing dirt road adjacent to the DWR right of way. PG&E and their clients will benefit from this work.

Exempt/Suspend Status:


- Ministerial (§21080[b][1]; 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Proclamation of a State of Emergency Due to Drought)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080[b][4]; California Code of Regulations §15269[c])
- Categorical Exemption: 15301 - (Existing Facilities) and 15305(b) – (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations—Issuance of minor encroachment permits).
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons Why Project Is Exempt: Work consists of removing and replacing an existing, damaged PG&E power pole in DWR's right of way in an area that has an average slope of less than twenty percent. The project will not expand existing use and there will be no change in land use or density. DWR will issue an encroachment permit for completion of this work. Categorical Exemption 15301 and 15305(b) apply.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

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Signature:  _____ **Date:** 7/20/2023 _____ **Title:** Planner Scheduler/UC Supv. _____

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant