

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
San Luis Field Division, 31770 Gonzaga Rd
Gustine, CA 95322

Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources

Project Title: California Aqueduct Milepost 50.32L PG&E Sign Replacements

Project Location City & County: Stanislaus County

Project Location – Specific: The work will occur on the left (L) side of the California Aqueduct at milepost 50.32 within the Department of Water Resources (DWR) right-of-way, located approximately 500 feet east of Interstate 5 and 1,000 feet north of Sturh Road. The work site is approximately 4.5 miles northwest of the City of Newman.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: PG&E has requested permission to encroach in the DWR right-of-way to replace two existing, damaged gas line signs that are located within a 25-foot area. One sign is 25 feet east from the second sign. The two existing signs will be removed and an approximately four-inch diameter by 18-inch deep hole will be dug at each location. One new triangular four-foot long by three-inch wide by 18-inch deep signs will be installed in each hole. Once the signs are installed, PG&E will backfill and compact the excavated area and will return the area to the original grade. DWR will issue an encroachment permit for this work. PG&E 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 existing, damaged PG&E signs 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:** 8/10/2023 _____ **Title:** Planner/Scheduler/UC Supv. _____

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant