

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
County Clerk
County of: PLU

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 03
703 B Street
Marysville CA 95901

Project Title: Buck's Creek 1102

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:
State Route 70 corridor, in Plumas National Forest

Project Location - City: Plumas Project Location - County: PLU

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
PG&E is seeking an encroachment permit from Caltrans for the purpose of undergrounding portions of the Bucks Creek 1102 12 kV Line. These power lines were damaged due to the recent 2021 Dixie Fire. The PG&E Wildfire System Hardening Program is part of the overall PG&E Community Wildfire Safety Program intended to reduce the risk of future wildfire ignitions in the Tier 2 & 3 High Fire District by performing targeted undergrounding of overhead lines.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

Exempt Status (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 2(d).PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reason why project is exempt:

This project would be completed within Caltrans right-of-way. No new or changes to existing utility easements are required. There are no proposed changes to the existing Caltrans R/W.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Masum A Patwary Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 812-7634

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? YES NO

Signature: Masum A Patwary Date: 8/21/23 Title: Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR _____