Notice of Exemption

To:
Office of Planning and Research
CEQA Submit

From:
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Inland Deserts Region
3602 Inland Empire Blvd. Ste C-220
Ontario, CA 91764

Project Title: Calnev SWML Anomaly Digs 2021 (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-SBR-40489-R6)

Project Location (San Bernardino): The Project is located at the Mojave River, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California; Latitude 34.640058; Longitude -117.353592; or Section 1, Township 5 North, Range 4 West, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map 7.5-minute Helendale, California quadrangle; Assessor's Parcel Number 0468-021-14-0000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SBR-40489-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Calnev Pipe Line, LLC.

The purpose of the Project is to excavate, inspect, and, if necessary, repair three segments of a natural gas pipeline. Excavation of approximately 30 feet long by 10 foot wide by 10 foot deep are with a total workspace of 50 feet by 50 feet centered on the excavation point. Once excavated, the coating of the pipeline will be removed, the pipe inspected, a pipeline sleeve will be welded onto the pipe, the repaired segment will be recoated, and the excavated trench will be backfilled and returned to pre-project contours.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Calnev Pipe Line, LLC

Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2 California Code of Regulations, title 14, Section 1502(b)

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 § 1502(b) replacement or reconstruction of existing structures involving no expansion of capacity.

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