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 3310 El Camino Avenue, Suite 170
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Project Title: Permit No. 19721-1- El Nido Aerial Crossing

Project Applicant (if any): Pacific Gas and Electric

Project Location/Address/City/County: The project is located approximately 5.6 miles upstream of the Turner Island Road Bridge across San Joaquin River, northeast of the City of Los Banos.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: To install a power line aerial crossing over San Joaquin River. The support poles will be installed a minimum of 30-feet from the top of bank of San Joaquin River.

Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board)

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: Pacific Gas & Electric

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CEQA Sections 15303 and 15304
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The Board has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 3 New Construction of Small Structures categorical exemption (CEQA Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 15303) because the proposed activity consists of the installation of a power line aerial crossing over the San Joaquin River. The project is also exempt under the Class 4 Minor Alteration to Land categorical exemption (CEQA Code of Regulations Title 14, Section 15304) because the proposed activity consists of minor fill and excavation related to installation of the utility poles. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply.

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ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

February 12, 2024

Signature Chris Lief, Executive Officer

Date

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Responsible Agency

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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