

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: PG&E Bucks Creek 1102 Underground (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. PLU-45156-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at multiple year-round and seasonal, named, and unnamed streams crossing under Highway 70 adjacent to the North Fork Feather River, in the County of Plumas, State of California, starting at Latitude 39.954769° North, Longitude 121.298505° West and extending through Latitude 40.013155° North Longitude 121.194883° West

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number PLU-45156 -R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Pacific Gas and Electric Company. The project consists of conducting Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) under twenty-three (23) culvert crossings associated with natural streams or springs within the road prism of California State Highway 70 to facilitate placement of a conduit for purposes of undergrounding electrical power transmission cable that was destroyed during the Dixie Fire.

Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (2, 3, 4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15302c, 15303d, 15304f)

Reasons: Class 2c because this project is for a replacement of an existing communication cable destroyed during the Dixie Fire. Class 3d because replacement of destroyed telecommunications cables is through undergrounding rather than replacement above ground. Class 4f because Horizontal Directional Drilling is a form of trenching under waterways backfilled by conduit with minimal to no significant disturbance to the soil surface.

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