

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Fulton – Calistoga 9/2 Access Roads Maintenance (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. LAK-46259-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at Wilkinson Creek, in the County of Lake, State of California; Latitude 38.713871, Longitude -122.604398 (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees) approximately 0.75 mile north of the intersection of Hilderbrand Drive and Highway CA-29, Middletown, CA, 95461; Assessor's Parcel Number 013-028-480-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number LAK-46259-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG & E) - Auburn.

The project is limited to road maintenance activities on utility access roads along the Fulton Calistoga 60kV transmission circuit. Crews will use hand tools to remove perched material from the bank of the crossing to avoid sediment depositing into the creek and to create a gentle slope for vehicles to cross. Ballast rock approximately 3-5 inches will be used to armor the west bank of the water course. No rock will be added in the channel. Weed abatement will occur along the access road where necessary. No trees or native vegetation will be removed as a result of project activities. No in-stream work will be required for the installation of the above mentioned activities, construction activity will occur while the existing drainage are dry.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG & E) - Auburn.

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1 & 4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15301 & 15304)

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1 because the repair and maintenance involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.
Class 4 because the project is a minor alteration to Clear Lake and does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees.

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