

## **Notice of Exemption**

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**To:**

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**Project Title:** PG&E Grays Flat 0401 and Gansner 1101 Underground  
(Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. PLU-46975-R2)

**Project Location:** The project is located at three (3) year-round or seasonal, unnamed streams crossing under Highway 70 adjacent to the East Branch North Fork Feather River and to Spanish Creek, in the County of Plumas, State of California, starting at Latitude 40.017277° North, Longitude 121.095288° West and extending through Latitude 40.036833° North Longitude 121.965344° West.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number PLU-46975-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 three (3) 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 cables that was destroyed during the Dixie Fire.

**Public 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 why project is exempt:** **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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