

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, District 2
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding, CA, 96001
(Address)

County Clerk
County of: Shasta

Project Title: PG&E Tree Removal, Stillwater 1101 (Encroachment Permit # 02-24-6-LT-0178)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location—Specific:

The proposed project is located in Shasta County on Interstate 5 between post miles R27.8 and R28.1.

Project Location—City: N/A Project Location—County: Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

PG&E is proposing to contract tree removal work to Maximus Tree, to maintain safe and reliable electric service and mandated clearance to comply with federal and state regulatory requirements for public safety and fire prevention, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) 13 trees and 1 brush unit for removal at 14 locations under or adjacent to the Stillwater 1101 12 kilovolt (kV) electric distribution line on Caltrans Right-of-Way (ROW) land in Shasta County, California. Work sites are found in the Tier 2 Elevated Fire Threat District. PG&E is required to maintain electrical line conductors clear from vegetation, as specified by Public Resource Code 4293 and California Public Utilities Commission General Order 95, Rule 35.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Existing Facilities, Section 15301, Class 1H
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The California Department of Transportation has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), Class 1 (Operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination), Subclass (h)—Maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply reservoirs. The project would have no significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency _____ Area Code/Telephone/
Contact Person: David DeMar Extension: 530-759-3406

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Digitally signed by David DeMar
Date: 2024.05.31 08:49:13 -0700 Date: 5/31/24 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

Signed by:

- Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

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

Date received for filing at OPR: _____