

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Rossmoor and Discovery Park Mitigation Plantings (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. SAC-21872-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at two locations along the Lower American River in unincorporated Sacramento County, State of California. Both locations are within the American River Parkway, one within Discovery Park at approximately Latitude 38.602435, Longitude -121.504465(WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees) and one in the Lower Sunrise Area at approximately Latitude 38.625512, Longitude -121.276809.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. SAC-21872-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, the Pacific Gas & Electric Company as represented by Jordan McKay.

The project is limited mitigation activities to offset the impacts of transmission line clearance within the American River Parkway and the floodplain of the American River. The project will establish native tree and shrub species while reducing invasive plant populations, such as yellow star thistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*). In total, the project will install approximately 1,193 plantings for the mitigation sites in the Lower Sunrise area and in Discovery Park. The plan utilizes a system of "pods" or planting units that incorporate a mix of tree and shrub species. These pods are a repeatable design unit that can be multiplied to fit the restoration site areas. Each pod is 5,056 square feet and two pods have been designed, each with a distinct plant layout.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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

Exempt Status:

- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (7 - 8); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15307-15308)

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Reasons why project is exempt: Section 15307 and 15308 because this action from CDFW for the restoration and enhancement of natural resources and the environment as a result of regulatory processes. The project is an environmental restoration effort and does not include activities including environmental degradation.

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