

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812

(Address)

Project Title: Lower Tiger Creek Canal Station 51+00 Foundation Erosion Protection

Project Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Project Location - Specific:

Tiger Creek, near Salt Springs Road and Tiger Creek Road; 38.4668, -120.4583°

Project Location - City: N/a

Project Location - County: Amador

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the Project is to provide interim protection of the Lower Tiger Creek Canal foundation prior to the 2024-2025 wet season to prevent continued erosion of the concrete footings that support the canal while a permanent solution is developed and implemented. The Project includes reestablishing access through an abandoned trail from Salt Springs Road down to the canal, temporarily diverting creek flows around the work area, and installing rip rap for erosion protection. Rip rap will be placed under and around the eroded/undercut footings and secured in-place. PG&E anticipates the Project taking three weeks to complete, beginning as soon as possible in October 2024. The Project would benefit PG&E, by preventing costly repairs and a system outage, and PG&E customers in Amador County, who rely on PG&E for energy.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Sec. 21080(b)(2)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project is exempt under section 21080, subdivision (b)(4) for specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. The purpose of the Project is to address erosion of the concrete footings that support the canal in order to prevent failure of the canal, which would cause damage to property and essential public services. As stream flows increase during the wet season, the potential for additional erosion and risk of canal collapse increases. If the canal fails, water and sediment would flow at a high rate into the drainage and then Tiger Creek, causing damage to property and the environment. In addition, if the canal fails, no power can be generated at the Tiger Creek Powerhouse in order to serve customers in Amador County.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Savannah Downey Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 322-1585

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: Parker Thaler Date: October 8, 2024 Title: Program Manager

▪ 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: _____