

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**FROM:** Central Valley Flood Protection Board  
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**Project Title:** Minor Alteration No. WA2024202 – Electrical Transmission Line Replacement Project

**Project Applicant (if any):** PG&E

**Project Location/Address/City/County:** The existing electrical transmission lines cross the Sacramento River over the levees of Sacramento River at Unit 1 levee mile 3.38 and Unit 2 levee mile 16.33. The project site is located at the following GPS coordinates: 38°17'31.0"N, 121°33'48.5"W, in Sacramento County.

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** To remove, replace, and raise the existing electrical transmission line over the Sacramento River originally authorized under Permit 11135. The proposed work includes removing the 115kV electrical transmission towers and replacing them with 115kV tubular steel poles to raise the transmission lines. The new electrical transmission towers will be located outside of areas of Adopted Plan of Flood Control features.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board)

**Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project:** PG&E

**Exempt Status:**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land)
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301), because the activity consists of the 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. No expansion of existing or former use will occur. The project is also exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, 15302), because the activity consists of replacement and reconstruction of an existing structure in the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. In addition, the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304), because the activity consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

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Signature                      Chris Lief, Executive Officer                      Date

- Signed by Lead Agency                       Signed by Responsible Agency

**Date Received for filing at OPR:**

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.