

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation, District 6
1352 West Olive Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

Project Title: Pacific Gas and Electric Fre-5 Conduit EP# 06-24-6-UJ-1329

Project Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

Project Location - Specific: On Interstate 5 at postmile 14.69

Project Location - City: Coalinga Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Encroachment permit applicant, Pacific Gas and Electric, is proposing to install 476' of 2 - 6" conduits with electrical conductors via horizontal directional drilling (HDD) bore through an existing pipe underground. Bore entry and exit are outside of Caltrans right of way. No soil or vegetation disturbance is proposed as part of the work. Caltrans would issue an encroachment permit to allow for the proposed work to occur within State right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 6

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: Class 1, 15301 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans has determined the project is categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15301. The proposed work has no potential to result in significant effects to the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Alex Rangel

Phone number: (559) 383-5997

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: Alex Rangel Date: 12/4/2024 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist)

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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.