

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California
1352 West Olive Ave
Fresno, CA 93728

Project Title: Caltrans EP 06-24-6-UF-1233 Aerial Wires

Project Applicant: Pacific Bell Telephone Company

Project Location - Specific: On Interstate 5 between postmiles 7.555L and 7.676L

Project Location - City: Lebec Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will issue an encroachment permit to allow the applicant, Pacific Bell Telephone Company, close the shoulder of southbound Interstate 5 between postmiles 7.555L and 7.676L for traffic control to remove and replace an existing cable along Interstate 5. Traffic control will be required for the shoulder closure. No vegetation removal or soil disturbance is proposed or authorized within the Interstate right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Bell Telephone 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: 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Class 1 Categorical Exemption consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Alex Rangel

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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: 1/17/2025 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.