

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: Caltrans D6 PG&E Encroachment Permit #06-25-6-UJ-0253

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

Project Location - Specific: two locations in Kern County on State Routes 99 and 166 near the community of Mettler, (KER-99-5.037/_KER-166-24.12)

Project Location - City: Mettler Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

PG&E proposes work at two locations in Kern County on State Routes 99 and 166 near the community of Mettler. Work includes excavating a 25'x25'x16' bore pit to dig two 18-inch bores and install four new 6-inch high-density polyethylene (HDPE) conduits in each, eight total, with new underground 25kV primary cables inside at (Loc 1/KER-99-5.037) outside Caltrans ROW. The bores, conduits, and cables extend to two bore pits outside ROW. At (Loc 2/KER-166-24.12), work includes excavating a 206'x1'6"x5' trench, two 8'x12'x7' bore pits, and two 8'x12'x20' bore pits to install two 18-inch bores and eight 6-inch HDPE conduits within the Caltrans ROW. The bores and conduits extend to two more 8'x12'x7' bore pits that will be excavated outside Caltrans ROW. Caltrans will issue an encroachment permit for the work 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: PG&E

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: 3
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) Class 3 –


installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The existing utility will be extended to provide service to nearby infrastructure

Lead Agency Contact Person: Pedram Mafi

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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:  Date: 3/21/2025 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor)

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.