



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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PROJECT TITLE: Pacific Pipeline 2025 Anomaly Digs

LOCATION: Gaviota State Park

COUNTY: Santa Barbara

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT: The project is located in Gaviota S.P. along an existing crude oil pipeline known as Line 325 (see **Exhibit A**). The project entails granting a right-of-entry to the Pacific Pipeline Company, which would allow permittee to excavate and repair eighteen (18) discrete pipeline anomaly sites. When the work on each site is completed, the surface will be restored. Work will be performed by Pacific Pipeline Company and/or its subcontractors.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Channel Coast District

EXEMPT STATUS:

Statutory Exemption (Section 15284)

Categorical Exemption

Classes: 1, 2, 4, 5

Sections: 15301, 15302, 15304, 15305

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

- **Section 15284:** The project is less than eight miles in length; actual construction is not undertaken over a length of more than one-half mile at any one time; to State Parks' knowledge, the section of pipeline is not less than eight miles away from any section of pipeline that has been subject to this exemption in the past 12 months; the project is not solely for the purpose of excavating hazardous soil; the permittee's Integrated Contingency Plan results in notification of appropriate agencies to take action in the event of an emergency evacuation; project activities are undertaken within an existing right-of-way and the permit requires the right-of-way to be restored to its condition prior to the project; and the permit requires the permittee to comply with all conditions otherwise authorized by law.
- **Section 15301 (Class 1) Existing Facilities (d):** The project consists of restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety.
- **Section 15302 (Class 2) Replacement or Reconstruction (b):** Replacement of a commercial structure with a new structure of substantially the same size, purpose, and capacity.
- **Section 15304 (Class 4) Minor Alterations to Land (f):** The project consists of minor trenching and backfilling activities with planned surface restoration.
- **Section 15305 (Class 5) Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations:** The project consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%.

No potential for significant or cumulative impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA §15301, 15302, 15304, and 15305, as the project consists of repairs to an existing facility with no expansion of use. The footprint of the pipeline remains the same. All work shall be performed in

accordance with applicable environmental regulations and State Parks' stipulated requirements, conditions, and restrictions to avoid and/or minimize the potential for environmental impact. All work shall be monitored by qualified environmental and cultural staff.

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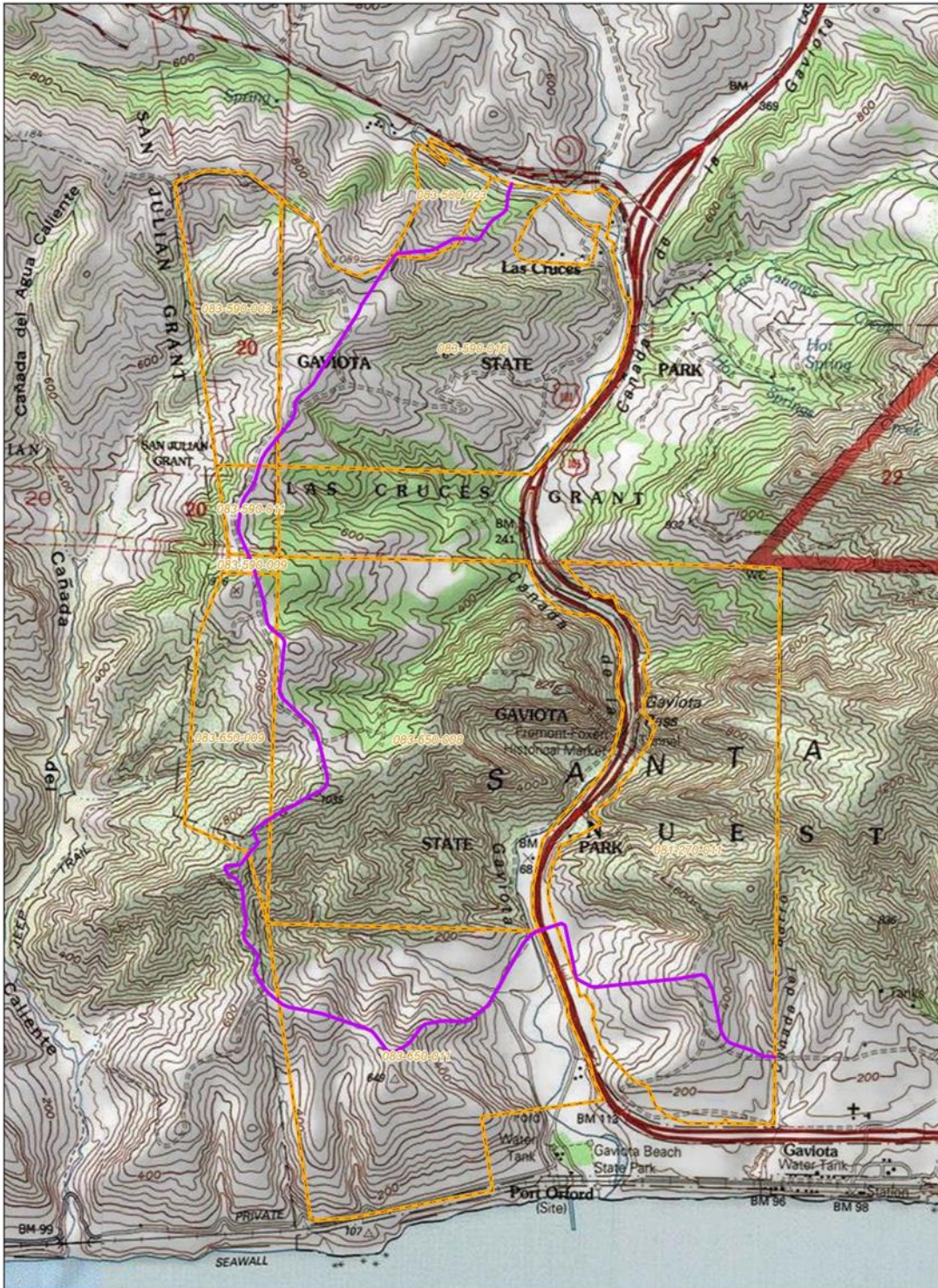
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Channel Coast District

5/9/2025

Date

EXHIBIT A – Gaviota State Park Line 325A Topographic Map

EXHIBIT A



Legend

- Line CA-325A
- Gaviota State Park Assessor's Parcels

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 USGS Topographic Map (Source: ArcGIS Online)

Gaviota State Park
Line 325A - Topographic Map
 Pacific Pipeline Company
 Santa Barbara County, California

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 Santa Maria, CA May 2025

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Scale: 1:15,360