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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
Redding, CA 96002

Date: 3 July 2019

Project Title: Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) Lower Bucks Dam Geomembrane Project

Project Location - Specific: Sections: 29, Township: 24 North, Range: 7 East
Latitude: 39.901642° and Longitude: -121.2285040°

Project Location - County: Plumas County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project includes installation of a geomembrane liner on the upstream face of the dam to eliminate seepage and protect the dam from further freeze-thaw damage. The work would include development of project staging areas and access routes as well as the lake draw-down so the geomembrane installation occurs in the dry. Likewise, removal of sediment at the upstream face of the dam would be required to gain access to the upstream face of the dam down to the base.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

State Agency approval for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Redding Branch Office.
WDID #5A32CR00197

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
350 Salem Street,
Chico, CA 95928

Exempt Status:

California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15301 – Existing Facilities

Categorical Exemption 15301 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

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beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Class 1 includes existing facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project involves the repair of Lower Bucks Dam, an existing structure, involving negligible or no expansion of use.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

Mrs. Nancy A. Haley, Chief
Army Corp of Engineers
Sacramento, California

Area Code/Telephone/Extension:

(916) 557-7731

State Lead Agency Contact Person:

Ms. Lynn Coster, Senior Environmental Scientist
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Redding Branch Office

Area Code/Telephone/Extension:

(530) 224-2437

Signature: Lynn Coster

Date: 7/3/19

Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

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Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
 County of: SAC

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans - District 3
703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901

(Address)

Project Title: Sac 99 Fiber Optics

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:
 The project is located in Sacramento County on State Route (SR) 99 between post miles (PM) 10 to R24.3 and SR 51 between PM 0.0 to 0.13.

Project Location - City: Various Project Location - County: SAC

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
 The purpose of this project is to improve communication performance through installation of a fiber optic communication system. There is a need to upgrade the performance and maintenance requirements of the existing communication system for the Regional Transportation Management Center (RTMC).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation - District 3

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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, Section 15301(a)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: Bibiana Rodriguez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 741-4139

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: 07/02/19 Title: Env. Planner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

03-SAC-VAR	VAR	03-0H670/ 0316000005
Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)	P.M./P.M.	E.A/Project No. Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.
<p>PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Briefly describe project including need, purpose, location, limits, right-of-way requirements, and activities involved in this box. Use Continuation Sheet, if necessary.)</p> <p>The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing a project to improve communication performance through fiber optic communication system installation on State Route (SR) 99 between post miles (PM) 10 to R24.3 and SR 51 between PM 0.0 to 0.13. The purpose of this project is to upgrade the performance and maintenance requirements of the existing communication system, by installing a system with lower operational costs and improved communication speeds for the Regional Transportation Management Center (RTMC).</p> <p>Continued on page 2.</p>		
<p>CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable – Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report under CEQA</p> <p>Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorically Exempt. Class 1. (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)</p> <p>Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If this project falls within exempt class 3, 4, 5, 6 or 11, it does not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law. • There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time. • There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. • This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway. • This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Cortese List"). • This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. <p><input type="checkbox"/> Common Sense Exemption. [This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)]</p>		
<p>Lisa Machado</p> <p>Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief</p> <p><i>Lisa Machado</i> 6/28/19</p> <p>Signature Date</p>	<p>Doug H. Lange</p> <p>Print Name: Project Manager</p> <p><i>Doug H. Lange</i> 6/28/19</p> <p>Signature Date</p>	
<p>NEPA COMPLIANCE</p> <p>In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117, and based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that this project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • does not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the environment as defined by NEPA, and is excluded from the requirements to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and • has considered unusual circumstances pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(b). 		
<p>CALTRANS NEPA DETERMINATION (Check one)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 23 USC 326: The State has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act. The State has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 23, United States Code, Section 326 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 31, 2016, executed between the FHWA and the State. The State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(21)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)()</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Activity ___ listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and the State</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.</p>		
<p>Lisa Machado</p> <p>Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief</p> <p><i>Lisa Machado</i> 6/28/19</p> <p>Signature Date</p>	<p>Doug H. Lange</p> <p>Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer</p> <p><i>Doug H. Lange</i> 6/28/19</p> <p>Signature Date</p>	
<p>Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 6/28/19 Date of ECR or equivalent: 6/28/19</p>		

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