

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To:

- Office of Planning and Research
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- Orange County Clerk Recorder's Office
Public Services Division
P.O. Box 238
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From:

City of Huntington Beach
Community Development Dept.
2000 Main St., 3rd Flr.
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Project Title: Upper Magnolia Marsh Pipeline Removal and Wetland Habitat Restoration

Applicant Name and Address: Plains All American Pipeline, Connie Cunningham, 5900 Cherry Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90805

Project Location-Specific: Upper Magnolia Marsh, east of Newland Street and Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach, CA (APN: 114-152-12)

Project Location-City: HUNTINGTON BEACH **Project Location-County:** ORANGE

Project Description: The project involves: 1)the removal of approximately 800 linear feet of existing, remnant and decommissioned oil/petroleum and other abandoned utility pipelines; and 2) wetland habitat restoration that will enhance and increase valuable salt marsh vegetation through minor grading activities and the addition of a new tidal channel. Temporary construction impacts will be mitigated through standard regulatory requirements and permit conditions and BMPs incorporated into the project.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Coastal Commission

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Plains All American Pipeline

Exempt Status:

- 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 (*Class 1, Section 15301*).
- Statutory Exemption (*State Code Number _____*).
- Other (*Govt. Code Sec. _____*).

Reasons why the project is exempt: The project includes pipeline removal and habitat restoration in the Upper Magnolia March of the Huntington Beach Wetlands. A portion of the subject project site is within the City's certified Local Coastal Program area and a portion of the site is within the Coastal Commission's original permit jurisdiction. However, the City has

relinquished its jurisdiction and provided consent for the Coastal Commission to process a consolidated CDP pursuant to Section 30601.3 of the Coastal Act. As such, the project does require any discretionary approvals from the City. Nonetheless, the project has incorporated BMPs to ensure that potential impacts during construction will be less than significant and is required to comply with all standard requirements and permit conditions as required by regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over the project.


Fee: Exempt per Govt. Code Section 6103

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Jennifer Villasenor, Deputy Director **Telephone:** (714) 374-1661

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:  **Title:** Deputy Director **Date:** 12/20/19

- Signed by Lead Agency
 Signed by Applicant

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