

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: San Francisco Bay Regional Water
Quality Control Board
1515 Clay St., Ste. 1400
Oakland, CA 94612

Project Title: PG&E L-300A, L-300B, L-100 Thompson Creek Gas Line Permanent Stabilization Project

Project Location - Specific: 37.321092 latitude, -121.805728 longitude; Thompson Creek, about 0.5 mile south of Quimby Road, just east of the intersection of East Capitol Expressway.

Project Location - City: San Jose **Project Location - County:** Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: PG&E will protect gas transmission pipelines L-100A, L-300B, and L-100 from ongoing incision of Thompson Creek. In a 2018 temporary stabilization project, 1,478 cubic yards of rock armoring and gravel were placed in the creek channel to armor the pipelines. The current project will bury the pipelines a minimum of 14 feet below the creek bed, remove the temporary armoring installed in 2018, and reconfigure the project reach of Thompson Creek to match the unimpacted channel reaches upstream and downstream of the area impacted by the 2018 temporary stabilization project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: PG&E

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080b(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080b(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080b(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption (State Type and Section Number): Class 1 – Existing Facilities (Section 15301)
- Statutory Exemption (State Code Number): _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The project is consistent with a Class 1 categorical exemption under Section 15301(b) of the CEQA guidelines for the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing facilities of both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services.

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

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Signature: _____ **Date:** March 3, 2020 **Title:** Water Resource Control Engineer

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