CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

From: Central Coast Water Quality Control Board, 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Project Title: PG&E Project R-1138 Gas Transmission Pipeline Erosion Mitigation

Project Location: 765 Buena Vista Drive, Watsonville

Project City: Watsonville
Project County: Santa Cruz

Project Applicant: Pacific Gas & Electric Company

Signature:

Project Description: Remove failed portion of existing concrete swale and replace with a new rip-rap swale consisting of a 100-foot segment of new rock slope protection. Backfill will be installed over the exposed gas transmission pipelines to restore a minimum 3-feet of soil coverage.

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)(d));
□ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
☑ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: <u>15282(k)</u>
□ General Rule (Sec. 15061(b)(3))
Reasons why the project is exempt: Project scope involves the maintenance, repair, and restoration of existing pipelines and does not exceed one mile in length.
Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Central Coast Water Quality Control Board
Date of Approval: January 12, 2022
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