



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 From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Date: 19 April 2022

Project Title: PG&E L-400/401 R-1248 Pipeline Replacement Project

Project Location - Specific: Township 29N, Range 2W, Section 11

Manton, CA

Latitude: 40.37601° and Longitude: -122.05028°

Project Location - County: Tehama County

<u>Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:</u>

Pacific Gas & Electric Company plans to perform erosion mitigation along segments of gas transmission Lines 400 and 401 (L-400/401) at Mile Point (MP) 125.5 in Tehama County. The project will mitigate the exposed segment of gas transmission line L-400 to protect against damage and ensure the long-term integrity of the pipeline. Also, as part of the project, an existing culvert will be removed and two new culverts installed just downstream from the pipelines to ensure that gas transmission line L-401 is not impacted by the foundation support of the culvert.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

Federal Agencies: The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404, Nationwide Permit No. 3.

State Agency approval for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Redding Office. WDID No. 5A52CR00218.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Craig Geldard
Pacific Gas & Electric Company
6111 Bollinger Canyon Road, #3220C
San Ramon, CA 94105

Exempt Status:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Article 19, section 15301, Existing Facilities. Class 1 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 beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA section 15301 because the project involves minor alteration of existing structures involving negligible expansion of use.

Federal Lead Agency Contact Person: Zachary Fancher, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 557-6643

<u>State Lead Agency Contact Person</u>: <u>Area Code/Telephone/Extension</u>:

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cc: Craig Geldard, Pacific Gas & Electric Company, San Ramon Laura Bond, Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Stockton Zachary Fancher, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento