## Notice of Exemption

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Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Unnamed Tributary to Inks Creek Gas Line Inspection and Culvert Replacement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-TEH-29693-R1)

Project Location (include county): The proposed Project is located at an unnamed intermittent tributary to Inks Creek, Township 29N, Range 02W, section 11, Tuscan Buttes NE U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle, Mt. Diablo base and meridian, Tehama County Assessor's Parcel Number 009-060-007-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-TEH-29693-R1, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Pacific Gas and Electric Company, as represented by Craig Geldard.

The proposed Project is limited to excavation and maintenance of two gas transmission lines exposed by flows from a nearby stream, widening of the tributary in the vicinity of the transmission lines to reduce flow velocity and prevent erosion around the lines, replacement of one existing corrugated metal pipe (CMP) culvert, and installation of one additional CMP of the same diameter at the same location.

## Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company, as represented by Craig Geldard.

## **Exempt Status:**

Statutory Exemption.

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 1; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301, 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:** The proposed project consists of improvements and maintenance of an existing facility with no substantial expansion of use.

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7/11/2022 Date.

Acting Interior Cannabis and Conservation Planning Supervisor

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