

# Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212  
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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 T-1533 GCUSTS5783 Test 572 Project

**Project Location - Specific:** 37.427232 latitude, -122.057854 longitude; NASA Ames Research Center land in Mountain View in APNs 116-18- 004, 116-18-012, and 015-36-009.

**Project Location - City:** Mountain View **Project Location - County:** Santa Clara

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** PG&E will conduct hydrostatic strength tests to measure the structural integrity of PG&E's Line 101 natural gas pipeline. Five excavations will be made to reach the pipeline, including 348 square feet (0.01 acre) of excavations in a salt marsh. Excavations will be backfilled and the surface of the backfilled areas will be revegetated.

**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:** Brian K. Wines **Date:** July 19, 2022 **Title:** Water Resource Control Engineer