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Notice of Exemption

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Appendix E

FROM: Central Valley Flood Protection Board
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Project Title: Permit No. 19672:

Project Applicant (if any): Pacific Gas and Electric

**Project Location/Address/City/County**: The project is located approximately 2.6 miles northwest of Biola, a census-designated place in unincorporated Fresno County and Madera County, California.at approximately 36.821733°N, 120.058695°W

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project**: To authorize an existing electric utility pole line that crosses the San Joaquin River Designated Floodway. The electric pole line includes eight poles, overhead conductor, span-guy, and anchors. The pole line and its appurtenant structures existed before the adoption of the plan of flood control, as evidenced by the rights of way from Madera and Fresno County dated September 17, 1927 and October 8, 1928, respectively.

Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Flood Protection Board (CVFPB)

Public Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: Pacific Gas and Electric

Exempt Status:
☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
☐ Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec 15061(b)(3))
☑ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: <u>§ 15301 Existing Facilities</u>
□ Statutory Exemption. State code number:

## Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

Board staff has determined that the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA Guidelines § 15301), because the activity consists of permitting existing utility poles. No expansion of existing or former use will occur. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2 apply.

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Signature	Michael C. Wright, Chief Engineer	Date	

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Date Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.