

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Montis Niger Natural Gas Pipeline Reinforcement (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. SUT-56304-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at an unnamed tributary to the Sacramento River, in the County of Sutter, State of California; Latitude 39.02801° N, Longitude 121.73829° W (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees), Assessor's Parcel Number 021-240-031.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number SUT-56304-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, CPN Pipeline Company.

The project is limited to re-covering and restoring the three exposed sections of natural gas pipe along an existing 233-foot linear section of a 10-inch diameter pipeline located in the Sutter Bypass. Work activities related to bank stabilization include using rock slope protection, constructing retaining walls, and/or gabion structures. There are three pipeline sections with inadequate cover, including a single exposure of approximately 15 lineal feet. To remediate the exposed pipeline, the project will clear and re-cover approximately 4,738 square feet (sf) along the south bank of the irrigation ditch (unnamed tributary), including three sections of 380 sf, 418 sf, and 3,940 sf. The channel will be dewatered in phases to limit the amount of water to be removed.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE


Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: CPN Pipeline Company
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Exempt Status: Statutory Exemption. Other Statutory Exemptions - California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15282 (k). Categorical Exemption. Existing Facilities – Class (1); California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301 (c).

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Reasons why Project is exempt: The project falls under Other Statutory Exemptions because the Project involves the maintenance, repair, and restoration of an existing pipeline that does not exceed one mile in length. The project falls under a Class 1 Categorical Exemption because it involves repairs and stabilization of existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide natural gas or other public utility services.

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