

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation, District 6
1352 West Olive Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

Project Title: Caltrans D6 PG&E Encroachment Permit #06-25-6-UL-0406

Project Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

Project Location - Specific: State Route 198 between postmiles 26.17 and 26.31 in Fresno County

Project Location - City: Coalinga Project Location - County: Fresno

PG&E proposes to install 3 - #5 vaults to intercept existing conduit in phase 1, trench 256 total feet and install conduit and cable in Caltrans ROW to support the Phase 2 removal of the pole line. Lines crossing over SR -198 will be temporarily suspended during construction. All other construction listed is outside of the Caltrans ROW. Lane and Shoulder closure to be taken per Project Specific TCP. The project is located along State Route 198 between postmiles 26.17 and 26.31 in unincorporated Fresno County, California, northeast of the city of Coalinga. The project area is characterized by agricultural and commercial land use. Vegetation trimming and/or tree removal is not anticipated to be required. Any equipment removed will be transported to a PG&E facility for proper disposal or recycling. All surfaces will be restored to preconstruction conditions, including repaving where necessary. Caltrans would issue an encroachment permit (06-25-6-UL-0406) to allow for the proposed work to occur within State right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 6

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

Exempt Status (**check one**):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301 Class 1
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) Class 1 - 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 existing or former use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Pedram Mafi


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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

Signature:  Date: 06/13/2025 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist
(Supervisor)

☐ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

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.