

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): RWQCB
73-720 Fred Waring Dr. Suite 100, Palm Desert, CA 92260

County Clerk
County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Line 2000E Phase 3 Validation Dig AG2023S1P3E2 Project

Project Applicant: Southern California Gas Company(SoCalGas)

Project Location - Specific:

Approximately 11 miles east of the City of Coachella near the eastbound Cactus City Rest area.

Project Location - City: Coachella Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to inspect and repair an existing natural gas pipeline within SoCalGas' right of way. Excavation will be done along the pipeline to expose it for inspection, to conduct tests, and make any necessary repairs. The excavated soil would used to back fill the area to return to preexisting condition to the extent possible.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Southern California Gas Company

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: 15301- Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

As a maintenance project on an existing pipeline with no expansion or change in capacity, this project falls meets the requirements for the "Existing Facilities" exemption with no exceptions to the exemption.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Logan Raub Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-776-8966

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: *Logan Raub* Date: 6/25/2025 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____