

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

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**Project Title:** Permit No.19990 McFerrin Utilities

**Project Applicant:** Pacific Gas & Electric

**Project Location:** The project is located (39.464211°N, 121.869487°W) and (39.460422°N, 121.874372°W) approximately 7 miles east of Butte City and 7.5 miles southwest of census-designated place, Richvale, where Butte Creek and Butte Highway intersect, within Area E of the Butte Basin, in Butte County.

**Project Description:** To replace four wooden utility poles, each measuring 45 feet in height with a diameter of 11 inches. The four utility poles and two existing poles will be used to replace 2,033 feet of existing overhead conductor and upsize the existing overhead transformer. Each replacement pole will be installed within one to two feet of the existing pole at a depth of 7.5 feet. The existing poles will be removed once the conductors are reset to the new poles. Additionally, 55 feet of open wire will be installed to provide service to the privately-owned agricultural pump station.

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

**Person Carrying Out Project:** Pacific Gas & Electric; 24 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Marysville, CA 95901; Scott DeAlba; Senior Representative; sadp@pge.com; (530) 338-4060

**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sections 15303, 15304, 15302, 15301

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

The Board has determined the project is exempt from CEQA under the Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15303), because the activity consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The project is also exempt from CEQA under the Class 4, Minor Alterations to Land categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15304), because the activity consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The project is also exempt from CEQA under the Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, 15302), because the activity consists of replacement and reconstruction of an existing structure in the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structure. The project is also exempt from CEQA under the Class 1, Existing Facilities categorical exemption (CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301), because the activity consists of the 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 use. No expansion of existing or former use will occur. Further, none of the exceptions to the exemption in CEQA California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15300.2 apply.

*Chris Lief*

7/21/2025

Signature                      Chris Lief, Executive Officer                      Date

Signed by Public Agency                       Signed by Responsible Agency

**Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.**

**Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.**