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Notice of Exemption

To:
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From:
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Project Title: AT&T A0290HS - San Lucas (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. 1600-MON-50140-R4)

Project Location: The Project is located on the west side of the State Route 101 bridge over the Salinas River between, at the southwest limit of the City of Soledad, Monterey County, State of California; Latitude 36.409647, Longitude -121.319397.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-MON-50140-R4, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the applicant, Pacific Bell Telephone Company DBA AT&T California.

The Project includes activities to install a fiber optic cable across approximately 1,784 linear feet of the Salinas River using horizontal directional drilling and trenching methods. The bore will be 1,754 feet long and the trench will be 30 feet long.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Bell Telephone Company DBA AT&T California

Exempt Status:

☐ Statutory Exemption.

☒ Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 3; California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15303)

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project will consist of construction and installation of a small new facility and related equipment to improve utility service. The Project will not have significant environmental impacts if it is completed under the protective features of Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MON-50140-R4.

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