



**STANISLAUS COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET**

Mail to:

Name: Del Puerto Water District

Address: PO Box 1596

City, State, Zip Patterson, CA 95363

50-2025-183

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October 8, 2025

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STANISLAUS COUNTY
CLERK-RECORDER

By: J. Mercado
Deputy Clerk

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Complete and attach this form to each CEQA Notice filed with the County Clerk

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Project Title

Geotechnical Exploration for PG&E Access Roads and Del Puerto Canyon Road
Relocation

Check Document being Filed:

- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
☒ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
☐ Other (Please fill in type):

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Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): Del Puerto Water District
17840 Ward Avenue/ PO Box 1596
Patterson, CA 95363

County Clerk

County of: Stanislaus

1021 I Street, Suite 101

Modesto, CA 95354

(Address)

Project Title: Geotechnical Exploration for PG&E Access Roads and Del Puerto Canyon Road Relocation

Project Applicant: Del Puerto Water District

Project Location - Specific:

on both sides of Del Puerto Canyon Road west of Interstate 5 near Patterson, CA

Project Location - City: Patterson

Project Location - County: Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project includes geotechnical exploration work needed to characterize area being considered for potential construction a new road and access roads for PG&E transmission lines. Work includes borings, test pits, trenches and geophysical soundings.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Del Puerto Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Del Puerto Water District

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: Class 4-Sec.15304; Class 6-Sec.15306
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt pursuant to Class 4 because the exploration work would entail only temporary minor alterations to land and pursuant to Class 6 because it consists of basic data collection. Exploration activities would be temporary and would not result in substantial disturbance of any environmental resource. All work would be subject to conditions established in permits, which would include measures to protect sensitive resources in the project area. No exceptions to Categorical Exemptions (pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2) apply to the project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Anthea G. Hansen

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209.892.4470

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: Anthea G. Hansen Date: 09/30/2025 Title: General Manager

▪ 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: _____



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER: 50-10/08/2025-140
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY DEL PUERTO WATER DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/08/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING STANISLAUS COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 50-2025-183	
PROJECT TITLE		

GEOTECHNICAL EXPLORATION FOR PG&E ACCESS ROADS AND DEL PUERTO CANYON ROAD RELOCATION

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME DEL PUERTO WATER DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (209) 892-4470
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 17840 WARD AVENUE	CITY PATTERSON	STATE CA
	ZIP CODE 95363	

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- ☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☒ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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|---|-------------|----------|
| ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | \$ 4,123.50 | \$ _____ |
| ☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) | \$ 2,968.75 | \$ _____ |
| ☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$ 1,401.75 | \$ _____ |

- ☒ Exempt from fee
- ☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- ☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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| ☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$ 850.00 | \$ _____ |
| ☒ County documentary handling fee | \$ 57.00 | \$ 57.00 |
| ☐ Other | | \$ _____ |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- ☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other 3715 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 57.00

SIGNATURE X <i>Jennifer Mercado</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Jennifer Mercado Deputy Clerk
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NOTICE

Each project applicant shall remit to the county clerk the environmental filing fee before or at the time of filing a Notice of Determination (Pub. Resources Code, § 21152; Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subdivision (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5). Without the appropriate fee, statutory or categorical exemption, or a valid No Effect Determination issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Notice of Determination is not operative, vested, or final, and shall not be accepted by the county clerk.

COUNTY DOCUMENTARY HANDLING FEE

The county clerk may charge a documentary handling fee of fifty dollars (\$50) per filing in addition to the environmental filing fee (Fish & G. Code, § 711.4, subd. (e); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 753.5, subd. (g)(1)). A county board of supervisors shall have the authority to increase or decrease the fee or charge, that is otherwise authorized to be levied by another provision of law, in the amount reasonably necessary to recover the cost of providing any product or service or the cost of enforcing any regulation for which the fee or charge is levied (Gov. Code, § 54985, subd. (a)).

COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENTS

Filing Notice of Determination (NOD):

- ☐ Collect environmental filing fee or copy of previously issued cash receipt. *(Do not collect fee if project applicant presents a No Effect Determination signed by CDFW. An additional fee is required for each separate environmental document. An addendum is not considered a separate environmental document. Checks should be made payable to the county.)*
- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt and, if applicable, previously issued cash receipt, to NOD.
- ☐ Mail filing fees for CRP document to CDFW prior to filing the NOD or equivalent final approval (Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 753.5 (b)(5)). The CRP should request receipt from CDFW to show proof of payment for filing the NOD or equivalent approval. Please mail payment to address below made attention to the Cash Receipts Unit of the Accounting Services Branch.

If the project applicant presents a **No Effect Determination** signed by CDFW, also:

- ☐ Attach No Effect Determination to NOD *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Filing Notice of Exemption (NOE) (Statutorily or categorically exempt project (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15260-15285, 15300-15333))

- ☐ Issue cash receipt to project applicant.
- ☐ Attach copy of cash receipt to NOE *(no environmental filing fee is due)*.

Within 30 days after the end of each month in which the environmental filing fees are collected, each county shall summarize and record the amount collected on the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31) and remit the amount collected to the State Treasurer. Identify the remittance on Form No. CA25 as "Environmental Document Filing Fees" per Fish and Game Code section 711.4.

The county clerk shall mail the following documents to CDFW on a monthly basis:

- ✓ A photocopy of the monthly State of California Form No. CA25 (TC31)
- ✓ CDFW/ASB copies of all cash receipts (including all voided receipts)
- ✓ A copy of all CDFW No Effect Determinations filed in lieu of fee payment
- ✓ A copy of all NODs filed with the county during the preceding month
- ✓ A list of the name, address and telephone number of all project applicants for which an NOD has been filed. If this information is contained on the cash receipt filed with CDFW under California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 753.5, subdivision (e)(8), no additional information is required.

DOCUMENT RETENTION

The county shall retain two copies of the cash receipt (for lead agency and county clerk) and a copy of all documents described above for at least 12 months.

RECEIPT NUMBER

- # The first two digits automatically populate by making the appropriate selection in the County/State Agency of Filing drop down menu.
- # The next eight digits automatically populate when a date is entered.
- # The last three digits correspond with the sequential order of issuance for each calendar year. For example, the first receipt number issued on January 1 should end in 001. If a county issued 252 receipts for the year ending on December 31, the last receipt number should end in 252. CDFW recommends that counties and state agencies 1) save a local copy of this form, and 2) track receipt numbers on a spreadsheet tabbed by month to ensure accuracy.

DO NOT COMBINE THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES WITH THE STATE SHARE OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FEES.

Mail to:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Accounting Services Branch
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, California 94244-2090