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Notice of Exemption **Appendix E**

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Project Title: Permit No. 20030--Butte-Esquon-60KV Electrical Transmission Line Project

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

Project Location: The project is located at the electric transmission line (Butte-Esquon-60KV) crosses Butte Creek Pole 003/069 (39.678604, -121.778618) on the west side of Butte Creek and pole 003/070 (39.678229, -121.777234) on the east side of Butte Creek approximately 5 miles to the southeast of City of Chico, Butte County.

Project Description: To authorize an existing PG&E electric transmission line (Butte-Esquon-60KV) established in 1909 that crosses Butte Creek between Pole 003/069 (39°40'43.0"N 121°46'43.0"W) on the west side of Butte Creek and Pole 003/070 (39°40'41.6"N 121°46'38.0"W) on the east side of Butte Creek. PG&E provided a map establishing its existence in 1909, which predates the adopted plan of flood control established in 1955.

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

Agency/Person Carrying Out Project: PG&E; Kyle Schneider; Land Planner; 850 Stillwater Rd. West Sacramento, CA 95695-1630; kesu@pge.com; (916) 212-4695

Exempt Status:

☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

☐ Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Sec. 15061(b)(3))

☒ Categorical Exemption: Sec. 15301 Existing Facilities

☐ Statutory Exemption: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:
The project is 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 12/11/2025

Signature Chris Lief, Executive Officer Date

☒ Signed by Public Agency ☐ Signed by Responsible Agency

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