

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 2
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding, CA 96001

Project Title: 35519767 CWSP - KESWICK 11019712 PH 2.1 Project

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

Project Location - Specific: State Route 299 in Shasta County from post mile (PM) 19.043 to 20.001

Project Location - City: near Shasta and Redding Project Location - County: Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) proposes various improvements within the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) right of way along State Route 299 in Shasta County from post mile (PM) 19.043 to 20.001 near Shasta and Redding as part of their Undergrounding and Wildfire System Hardening Program.

PG&E's 10K mile wildfire system hardening and undergrounding proposes to enter state highway right of way to replace overhead conductor(s), remove pole(s), bore in the pavement, bore outside the pavement, install new poles, install new conductor, anchors, install new overhead conductors, trench outside the pavement and conduct vegetation management work.

Vegetation work will include: There are 107 tree points (107 total units) proposed for vegetation work. There are 78 brush removal points (78 units), 7 tree trim points (7 units) 22 tree removal point (22 units) located inside Caltrans right of way.

All work will be conducted Monday-Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

For overhead conductor removal and installation over the state route, rolling traffic breaks will be utilized with CHP assistance, as approved by the permit inspector and in compliance with the Lane Closure Chart.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: PG&E

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: Minor Alterations to Land, Section 15304
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The California Department of Transportation has determined that the project is categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) Class 4 (f) – Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored. Class 4 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 would not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: David DeMar

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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:  Date: 7/24/2026 Title: Branch Chief

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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

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