

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: 35519766 CWSP - KESWICK 11019712 PH 1.1 Project

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

Project Location - Specific: State Route 299 in Shasta County from post mile (PM) 16.963 to 18.242

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) 16.963 to 18.242 near Shasta and Redding as part of their Undergrounding and Wildfire System Hardening Program.

PG&E or a contractor from the Approved Contractor List, proposes to enter upon the Caltrans Right of Way to perform the works listed below in Tier 3 high fire threat district for the following reason(s): Construct overhead electric utility improvements as shown on plans at the following locations:

- Overhead alongside Highway 299 (Inside Caltrans R/W) at locations: 1, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 will consist of replacement of existing overhead conductor with 2169' of 3-397 AL XLPE TW 21kV.
- Overhead alongside Highway 299 (Inside Caltrans R/W) at locations: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15 will consist of replacement of existing overhead conductor with 4279' of 2-1/0 AL XLPE TW 21kV.
- Overhead crossing over Highway 299 (Inside Caltrans R/W) at location 7 over to location 8 and will consist of replacement of existing overhead conductor with 533' of 2-1/0 AL XLPE TW 21kV.

- Overhead crossing over Highway 299 (Inside Caltrans R/W) at location 12 over to location 13 and will consist of replacement of existing overhead conductor with 2-1/0 AR XLPE TW 12kV overhead.

There are 48 tree points (48 total units) proposed for vegetation work. There are 43 brush removal points (43 units), and 2 tree trim points (2 units) located inside Caltrans right of way and the remaining 3 points (3 units) are located outside Caltrans right of way, but the crew will use the highway to access them.

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.