

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: 35546587 CWSP - WILDWOOD 110198896 PH 1.4 Project

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

Project Location - Specific: State Route 36 in Shasta County from post mile (PM) 7.38 to 8.81

Project Location - City: Platina

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 36 in Shasta County from post mile (PM) 7.38 to 8.81 near Platina as part of their Undergrounding and Wildfire System Hardening Program. These improvements would include the following:

Civil scope is hybrid: Comprised of approximately 3,385 linear feet of horizontal direction drilling (HDD) and approximately 457 linear feet of open trench. One span of OH conductor to be installed over State Route 36. There are approximately 5 subsurface boxes to be installed. Scope of work includes a conduit bridge attachment on the Cottonwood bridge.

Vegetation Scope of Work: There are 14 vegetation points (57 total units) proposed for vegetation work. There are 7 brush removal points (50 units), 2 tree trim points (2 units) and 1 wood management point to removal a fallen tree (1 unit) located inside Caltrans right of way and the remaining 4 points (4 units) are located outside Caltrans right of way but the crew will use the highway to access them.

Traffic control will be provided while performing the work. The shoulder and/or lane closure will be taken in accordance with Caltrans standard traffic control plan T-13. Subject to change per site condition and pre-construction meetings. Rolling Traffic Breaks will be coordinated with help from the local CHP prior to pre-construction meeting with Caltrans' local inspector.

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: 9/9/2026 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.