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Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Permit No. 19929 – Authorization of Kern River Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline Project

Project Applicant/Lead Agency: Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E); Craig Geldard, Senior Manager; 300 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, CA 94612; (800) 743-5000; craig.geldard@pge.com

Project Location: The existing pipeline crosses the Kern River channel approximately 1,600 feet southwest of the State Route 204 bridge, at 35.39071°N 119.03206°W, Kern County.

Project Description: To authorize the existing PG&E 12-in diameter natural gas transmission steel pipeline (L-142N) that crosses the Kern River Designated Floodway near the City of Bakersfield.

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

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: Section 15301

☐ Statutory Exemption: _____

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:
The Board has determined that the project activities within the Board's authority are exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Class 1 (Existing Facilities) categorical exemption (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301). The project qualifies for this exemption because it is limited to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, or minor alteration of an existing facility and involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The Board further finds that none of the exceptions to the categorical exemptions set forth in California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15300.2 apply.

Chris Lief 9/15/2026

Signature Chris Lief, Executive Officer Date

☒ Signed by Public Agency ☐ Signed by Responsible Agency

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