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Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Minor Alteration No. WA2026139 – PG&E Pipe Reinforcement Project

Project Applicant/Lead Agency: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Katherine Lai; Manager; 300 Lakeside Dr., Oakland, CA 94612; kmli@pge.com; (925) 872-0067

Project Location: The project is located at the West bank of the Fresno Slough within the Kings River Bypass, approximately 0.9 miles from W Elkhorn Ave in Fresno County.

Project Description: To drill three pairs (six in total) vertical 12.75-inch diameter steel helical piles to support three E-Z Line Pipe clamps along the exposed 18-inch gas transmission pipeline to prevent structural failure due to potential continued erosion. The piles will be drilled approximately 22 feet below existing grade in the Fresno Slough, below the point of scour to anchor the pipeline in place. The piles will each be capped with a 24”x24”x3/4” plate, which will then have a beam installed between a pair of piles to which the E-Z Line Pipe clamp will be bolted and attached. The support elements will remain in place until a permanent fix is conducted following receipt of all applicable permits. Two access routes are expected to be used during construction. The preferred primary access route is the established levee road on the west bank of Fresno Slough and will require minor grading for the crew to safely access the work area in the low flow channel. Grading will be limited to leveling the travel surface in the low flow channel and shall not be on the bank of the Fresno Slough. Mowing will be needed to access the area requiring grading. The width of the mowed and graded area in the low flow channel leading to the western edge of the work area will be approximately 15 to 20 feet. The secondary access route runs through the bed of Fresno Slough and will only be used if necessary. Prior to the start of construction, the project site will be cleared of grass and installed with temporary matting to facilitate staging.

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

Exempt Status:

☒ Categorical Exemption: Sec. 15301, 15304

☐ 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 project activities within the Board's authority are also exempt from CEQA pursuant to the Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land) categorical exemption (California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15304). The Project qualifies for this exemption because it involves minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. 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 applies.

Chris Lief 10/27/2026

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.