

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Contra Costa County
Dept. of Conservation & Development
c/o East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy
(Lead Agency)
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

County Clerk
County of: Contra Costa

Project Title: PG&E T-1527 and T-1528 Hydrostatic Strength Test Project

Project Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Project Location – Specific: The northern end of the project is in Brentwood located near Marsh Creek State Historic Park. The project extends south to the junction of Marsh Creek Road and Camino Diablo, and then extends further south onto the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Watershed, terminating just north of Walnut Blvd near Los Vaqueros Reservoir

Project Location – City: Brentwood and Unincorporated **Project Location – County:** Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: PG&E is planning to conduct pipeline hydrostatic testing and pipeline improvements on Gas Line 131 for test segments T-1527 and T-1528 between Mile Posts 17.55 and 20.98 in Contra Costa County. The purpose of the strength testing is to identify potential pipeline defects that could subsequently cause a rupture or leak. Maintenance and repair of the system is required by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 112-F, which incorporates the United States (U.S.) Department of Transportation regulations provided by Title 49, Part 192 (Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipeline) of the Code of Federal Regulations.

The East Contra Costa Habitat Conservancy Governing Board authorized staff to execute a Participating Special Entity Agreement with PG&E for this Project to extend take coverage.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Gas & Electric Company

Exempt Status:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial Project (Sec. 21080(b) (1); 15268; | <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)); | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Statutory Exemption |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)); | <input type="checkbox"/> General Rule of Applicability |

Reasons why project is exempt:


The project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to a statutory exemption under California Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15284 whereas the project consists of strength testing to identify potential pipeline defects of an existing pipeline and no expansion of its existing use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Joanne Chiu

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (925) 674-7263

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: July 14, 2021 Title: Planner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING

I declare that on _____ I received and posted this notice as required by California Public Resources Code Section 21152(c). Said notice will remain posted for 30 days from the filing date.

Signature

Title

Applicant's

Name: East Contra Costa County
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Department of Fish and Game Fees Due

- EIR - \$3,029.75
 Neg. Dec. - \$2,181.25
 DeMinimis Findings - \$0
 County Clerk - \$50
 Conservation & Development - \$25

Total Due: \$ _____

Total Paid \$ _____

Receipt #:

Figure 1. Project Vicinity Map

