



**State of California – Natural Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Bay Area District  
845 Casa Grande Road  
Petaluma, CA 94954

**PROJECT TITLE:** Grant Easement and Issue ROE to PG&E for Gas Pipelines Replacement Project

**LOCATION:** Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park    **COUNTY:** Sonoma

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Grant Easement and issue Right of Entry Permit (ROE) to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) to construct/replace two gas pipelines across State Park land at Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park.

The easements (approximately 10' x 177' and 25' x 167') will provide additional permanent right-of-way width on both sides of PG&E's existing easement to complete a consistent 50' wide easement to the park boundary (the creek) allowing the two gas pipelines to run side by side eliminating an off shoot line resulting in eliminating replacement impacts to other portions of the park. The ROE will permit PG&E access for equipment, construction staging, and onsite soils stockpiling for the installation of two additional gas lines (to serve as replacement lines).

All work conducted within the boundaries of the easement, including routine maintenance will comply with all State and Federal environmental laws, including but not limited to the Endangered Species Act, CESA, CEQA, and Section 5024 of the Public Resources Code. All ground-disturbing work within the proposed easement on DPR property will be monitored by an archaeologist meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Qualification Standards for historic and prehistoric archaeology. If potentially significant resources are unearthed, work in the immediate area of the find will be temporarily halted or diverted until the site monitor consults with a DPR archaeologist, and identification and proper treatment are determined and implemented. PG&E will be responsible for providing all qualified monitors. All finds will become the property of DPR; ownership of any Native American artifacts will be determined on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with the appropriate tribal representative(s) and/or the Native American Heritage Commission. Archaeological consultants working within the boundaries of the easement on State Park property will obtain a permit from the DPR Cultural Resource Division prior to commencing any investigations on the property.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Bay Area District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption                      *Class:* 5                      *Section:* 15305

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** Project consists of minor alteration in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20 percent, which does not result in any changes in land use or density, and is included as "issuance of easements and permits" in the Department of Parks and Recreation's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR § 15300.4.

**CONTACT:** Laura Wilson  
Bay Area District

**PHONE NO.:** (707) 769-5652 x 218  
**EMAIL:** [Laura.Wilson@parks.ca.gov](mailto:Laura.Wilson@parks.ca.gov)

*Danita Rodriguez*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Danita Rodriguez, Superintendent  
Bay Area District

*8/28/14*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE