



State of California – The 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  
1416 Ninth Street  
P.O. Box 942896  
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

**PROJECT TITLE:** PG&E Electrical Tower Power Line Replacement Project

**LOCATION:** Cowell Ranch / John Marsh SHP      **COUNTY:** Contra Costa

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** Allow PG&E access to non-easement areas to access an existing utility pole easement. Non easement access area consists of the installation of one temporary road accessway 70 feet long by 10 feet in width. Temporary road accessway will be mowed and overlaid with filter fabric and gravel and will be removed once access is no longer needed. Allow PG&E to establish two temporary wire pulling service areas .52 acres in size. PG&E shall consult with the USFWS and other appropriate permitting agencies prior to the installation of temporary road accessway and two wire pull sites and shall provide State Park staff with copies of all permits prior to the initiation of work on State Park land. PG&E shall follow all USFWS recommendations and conditions from their consultation for this project. PG&E will place wood/metal plating under wire pull vehicle wheels and or hydraulic stantions to prevent impact to soils. PG&E shall restore any soil disturbance areas in accordance with State Park staff recommendations.

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

**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Diablo Vista District

**EXEMPT STATUS:**

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

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

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