



# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 234  
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**AUGUST 05, 2024**

**PROJECT TITLE: PG&E AGREEMENT AND UTILITY POLE RELOCATION**

**PROJECT LOCATION:** McInnis Park. 310 Smith Ranch Road; San Rafael, CA

**ASSESSOR'S PARCEL:** 155-060-17 and -33

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project:** The purpose of the proposed project is to enter into a Permission to Enter and Construct Agreement with PG&E to allow construction of a new powerline alignment and to provide conveyance of a permanent easement to PG&E for maintenance of the powerline. Marin County Parks (MCP) currently holds an easement with PG&E at McInnis Park. PG&E proposes to relocate an existing overhead powerline and the associated existing easement agreement with MCP.

PG&E crews would replace three overhead powerline poles within the project area. Existing poles at locations 1 and 3 would be removed and replaced in the same locations. Existing pole at location 2 would be relocated away from the marsh to be closer to the walking path. PG&E would access all three poles via the existing walking path utilizing a utility track vehicle (UTV) and a crane. Project implementation is expected to begin August 30, 2024 and would require two days to complete.

The cumulative area of disturbance expected from project implementation would be 0.85 acre including access and staging, and project implementation is estimated to generate 2,310 cubic yards of soil. Surplus soil would be disposed of at PG&E-approved landfills. During excavation, PG&E would set aside and retain a minimum of six inches of topsoil to be used for finish grading. After completion of the project, PG&E would restore the project area, including existing roads and trails, to natural conditions by re-grading the site to re-create natural contours. PG&E would compact the soil to 85 percent relative compaction. No soil would be imported.

PG&E acknowledges and understands that the project area is within sensitive habitat and assumes presence for California Ridgway rail and salt marsh harvest mouse and would implement Best Management Practices to avoid negative impact to these species as described in the Permission to Enter and Construct Agreement. For example, crews will hand-carry equipment and use protective mats to minimize ground disturbance when working within pickleweed or smooth cordgrass. Small areas that require vegetation removal would be accomplished by hand. Work within 700 feet of wetlands suitable for Ridgway's rail would occur between September 01 – January 31. PG&E has determined that implementation of the proposed project would not require regulatory permit authorizations from the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, or the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Should any regulatory permit authorizations ultimately be required, it would be PG&E's responsibility to apply for and obtain them.

**Public Agency Approving Project:** Marin County Parks and Open Space District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:** Max Korten, Director and General Manager

**Reasons for Exemption:** Marin County Parks has reviewed the project along with its environmental setting and has determined it to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under the following sections of the California Administrative Code:

**Section 15301: Existing Facilities.** The project consists of Marin County Parks (MCP) entering into a Permission to Enter and Construct Agreement with PG&E to allow construction of a new powerline alignment and to provide conveyance of a permanent easement to PG&E for maintenance of the powerline. PG&E's proposed relocation an existing overhead powerline would result in the minor alteration of existing facilities located on public land involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Neither the agreement nor the proposed powerline relocation would result in impacts on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies. The proposed project is not located on a hazardous waste site pursuant to Government Code Section

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65962.5. The project area is not located within an officially designated state scenic highway and nonetheless would not affect scenic resources including trees, historical buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resource. The project area is located adjacent to wetlands with the potential of habitat for special status species. PG&E would implement Best Management Practices to avoid negative impact to these species as described in the Permission to Enter and Construct Agreement. Implementation of the proposed project would not result in cumulative impacts; result in a significant effect to the environment due to unusual circumstances; or change the significance of a historical resource.

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# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION – LOCATION MAP

## McINNIS Park – PG&E AGREEMENT AND UTILITY POLE RELOCATION

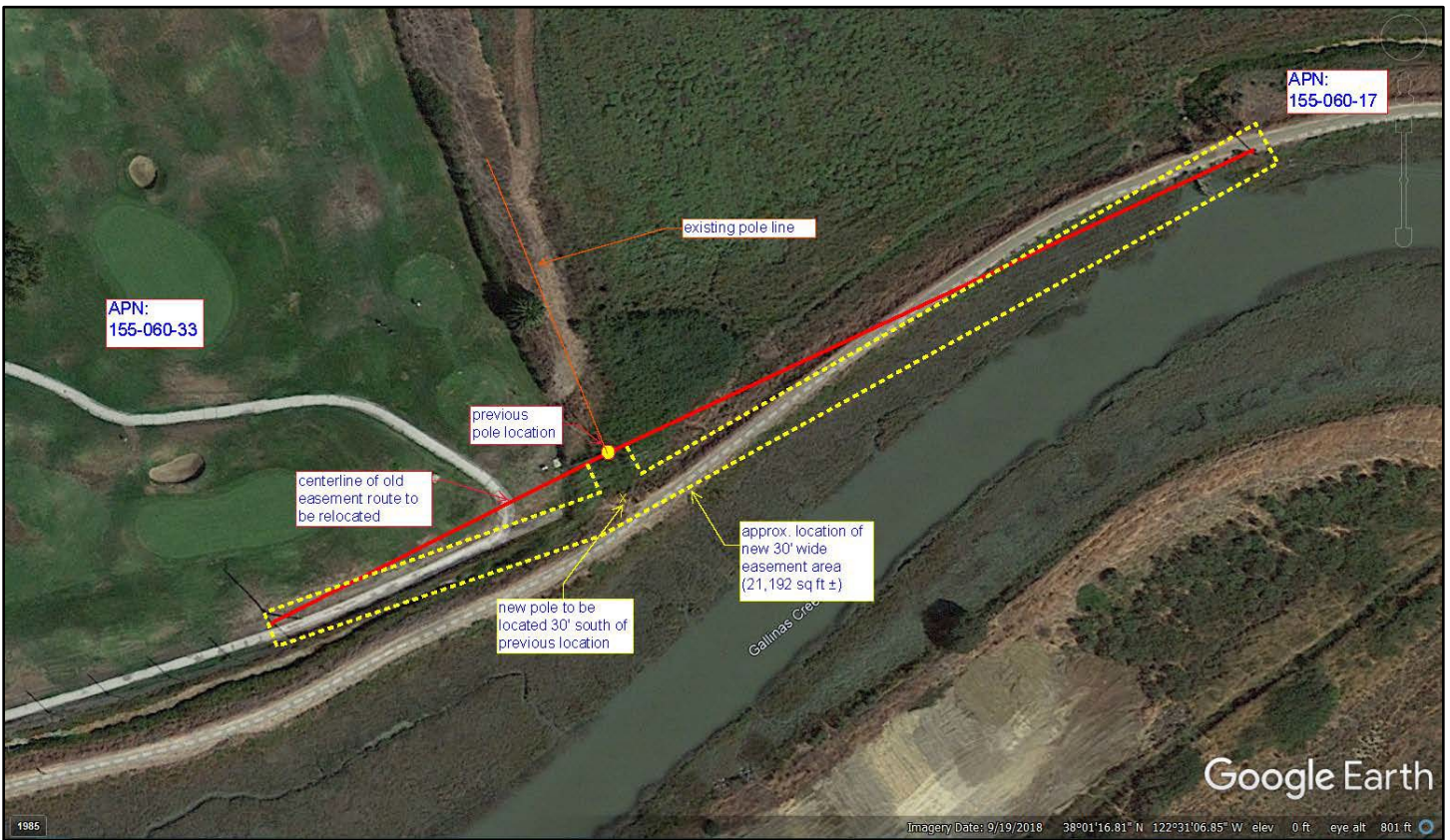
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McInnis Park Regional Location



McInnis Park Location



Project Area