

# ATTACHMENT X

# So. Tulare Biogas Gathering Line

## Summary

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**Document Description**

CalBioGas South Tulare LLC proposes to construct 8.8 miles of a pressurized underground gas pipeline within portions of the County of Tulare rights-of-way of Roads 96, 128, 132 and 152; Avenues I84, 192 and 208; and Spacer Drive D 134), south of the City of Tulare. The intent of the project is to transport dairy biogas from participating dairies to a Southern California Gas Company mainline tie-in facility. The scope of the project consists of the installation of HDPE PE4710 SDR 11 gas pipeline and concomitant safety equipment along the 8.8-mile alignment. On August 18, 2020, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors approved an indemnification agreement to allow some segments of the underground pipeline to utilize County rights-of-way within easements along or across public roadways. All of Tulare County will benefit as the Project would recover manure methane at dairies and using the methane as a renewable source of natural gas thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

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Project Applicant

Location

Counties

Tulare

Township

21,20S

Range

24,25E

Section

multi

Other Location Info

Section Various, Township 21 and 20 S, Range 24 and 25 E of the Lake View School, Tipton, Tulare, and Cairn's Corner USGS 7 ½ minute quadrangles

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Exempt Status

Categorical Exemption

Type, Section or Code

Sec. 15301, Class 1, and Sec. 15303, Class 3

Reasons for Exemption

The Project will not involve any new developments or changes to existing land uses, nor are any proposed, there will be no additional vehicular trips generated as a result of the proposed Activity/Project. The Activity/Project will result in no adverse impact to the environment including aesthetics, air quality, agriculture, biology, cultural, greenhouse gases, hazards/hazardous materials, land use/planning, noise, public services, traffic, or utilities/service systems. Furthermore, the proposed Project site will be required to comply with applicable San Joaquin Valley Unified Air District rules and regulations, including but not limited to, Rule 2010 (Permits Required), Rule 2201 (New and Modified Stationary Source Review), and Rule

9510 (indirect Source Review). The Activity/Project will result in reduction of methane-related GHG by using methane gas emissions from the dairies as an alternative/renewable fuel source, is consistent with draft Tulare County Dairy Climate Action Plan (which incorporates strategies to promote the use of renewable energy sources, including digesters for energy-production), and is also consistent with and implements the California Environmental Protection Agency Air Resources Board's Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy March 2017; Methane Emissions Reductions from Dairy Manure. As the equipment modification will occur at an existing site and pipelines for this Activity/Project will remain within County of Tulare Rights-of-Way, this action is consistent with 14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15301 (b) Existing facilities or both investor and public owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services and; 14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15303(d) Water main, sewage, electrical gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, or reasonable length to serve such construction. Therefore, the use of CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (b) and 15303 (d), as noted above, are applicable and appropriate for this Activity/Project.

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