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**Decision Memorandum**

**Southwest Gas Co. Underground Natural Pipeline  
DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2015-0143-CX  
N-93938**

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## **1.1. Introduction**

### **1.1.1. Proposed Action**

This is an Administrative Action Only. The pipeline already exists underground. Southwest Gas (SWGAs) has applied for an underground natural gas pipeline and related appurtenances for an already existing underground line. The line is in trespass – however, due to the fact that the line is located in a sale parcel in the November 17, 2015 land sale, this needs to be expedited. The natural gas pipeline consists of approximately 1036 feet in length X 10 feet wide, approx. 0.24 acres. No new disturbance will occur. The line is underground so no visual changes.

Proponent said the gas line was necessary to strengthen the system to provide additional capacity to the northwest growing area. The lines were installed in 2014.

There is no construction proposed for this project. Pipeline is existing.

## **1.2. Decision and Rationale**

It is my decision to approve the proposed action as described in Categorical Exclusion (CX) number DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2015-0143-CX. I find this action conforms to BLM (516 DM 11.9) Categorical Exclusions with no exceptions. I further find this action in conformance with applicable land use plans, laws and regulations and that it will not cause unnecessary or undue degradation.

## **1.3. Compliance with Laws, Regulations, Policies, and Land Use Plans**

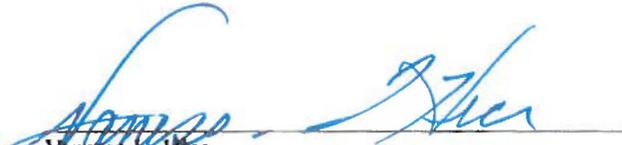
The proposed action is in conformance with the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan, 1998 as amended, even though it is not specifically provided for because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions) and, if applicable, implementation plan decisions:

- Lands Management: Lands would be available to enhance community growth and expansion.

## **1.4. Administrative Remedies**

Administrative remedies may be available to those who believe they will be adversely affected by this decision. Appeals may be made to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, Board of Land Appeals (Board) in strict compliance with the regulations in 43 CFR Part 4. Notices of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days after publication of this decision. If a notice of appeal does not include a statement of reasons, such statement must be filed with this office and the Board within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed. The notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor, Pacific Southwest Region, U.S. Department of Interior, 2800 Cottage Way, E-1712, Sacramento, CA 95825.

**1.5. Authorizing Official:**

  
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Vanessa L. Hice  
Assistant Field Manager, Division of Lands

  
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Date