

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

2019059010

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SCH #

Project Title: McCloud-Pit Hydroelectric Project

Lead Agency: State Water Resources Control Board

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City: Sacramento

Zip: 95812

County: Sacramento

Project Location: County: Shasta & Siskiyou

City/Nearest Community: McCloud

Cross Streets: Hwy 299, Hwy 89

Zip Code: 96057

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): ° ' " N / ° ' " W Total Acres:

Assessor's Parcel No.:

Section:

Twp.:

Range:

Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #:

Waterways: McCloud River, Iron Canyon Creek, Pit River

Airports:

Railways:

Schools:

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP☐ Draft EIRNEPA: ☐ NOIOther: ☐ Joint Document☐ Early Cons☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR☐ EA☐ Final Document☒ Neg Dec

(Prior SCH No.)

☐ Draft EIS☐ Other:☐ Mit Neg Dec

Other:

☐ FONSI

Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update☐ Specific Plan☐ Rezone☐ Annexation☐ General Plan Amendment☐ Master Plan☐ Prezone☐ Redevelopment☐ General Plan Element☐ Planned Unit Development☐ Use Permit☐ Coastal Permit☐ Community Plan☐ Site Plan☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)☒ Other: CWA 401

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____

Employees _____

☐ Transportation: Type _____☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____

Employees _____

☐ Mining: Mineral _____☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____

Employees _____

☒ Power: Type Hydropower MW 368☐ Educational:☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____☐ Recreational:☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____☐ Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual☐ Fiscal☒ Recreation/Parks☒ Vegetation☒ Agricultural Land☐ Flood Plain/Flooding☐ Schools/Universities☒ Water Quality☒ Air Quality☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard☐ Septic Systems☒ Water Supply/Groundwater☒ Archeological/Historical☒ Geologic/Seismic☐ Sewer Capacity☒ Wetland/Riparian☒ Biological Resources☒ Minerals☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading☒ Growth Inducement☐ Coastal Zone☒ Noise☒ Solid Waste☒ Land Use☒ Drainage/Absorption☒ Population/Housing Balance☒ Toxic/Hazardous☒ Cumulative Effects☐ Economic/Jobs☒ Public Services/Facilities☒ Traffic/Circulation☒ Other: Utilities & Svc. Sys.

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Open space, public land, timber/ timber production, unclassified

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

See Attachment A.

State Clearinghouse Contact:

(916) 445-0613

State Review Began:

5 - 2 - 2019

SCH COMPLIANCE

6 - 3 - 2019

Project Sent to the following State Agencies

X Resources

☒ Boating & Waterways
☒ Central Valley Flood Prot.
☐ Coastal Comm
☐ Colorado Rvr Bd
☐ Conservation
☒ CDFW # 1
☒ Cal Fire
☒ Historic Preservation
☒ Parks & Rec
☐ Bay Cons & Dev Comm.
☐ DWR

Cal EPA

☐ ARB: Airport & Freight
☐ ARB: Transportation Projects
☒ ARB: Major Industrial/Energy
Resources, Recycl. & Recovery
☒ SWRCB: Div. of Drinking Water
☐ SWRCB: Div. Drinking Wtr #
☐ SWRCB: Div. Financial Assist.
☐ SWRCB: Wtr Quality
☐ SWRCB: Wtr Rights
☒ Reg. WQCB # 5R
☒ Toxic Sub Ctrl-CTC

Yth/Adlt Corrections

Corrections

Independent Comm

☐ Delta Protection Comm
☒ Delta Stewardship Council
Energy Commission
☒ NAHC
☒ Public Utilities Comm
☒ Santa Monica Bay Restoration
☒ State Lands Comm
☐ Tahoe Rgl Plan Agency

Conservancy

Other:

CalSTA

☐ Aeronautics
☐ CHP
☒ Caltrans # 2
☐ Trans Planning

Other

☐ Education
☐ Food & Agriculture
☐ HCD
☒ OES

State/Consumer Svcs

General Services

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Please forward late comments directly to the
Lead Agency

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Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District #2	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB #5
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region #1	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date May 2, 2019
 Ending Date June 3, 2019

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: *Ann Marie Ore*
 Date: 5/2/19

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

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Project Description:

The McCloud-Pit Hydroelectric Project (Project) is owned and operated by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). The Project is located on the McCloud River, Iron Canyon Creek, and Pit River, in Shasta and Siskiyou counties, California. The 368-megawatt Project consists of three power-generating developments. These developments collectively include two storage reservoirs (McCloud and Iron Canyon), two regulating reservoirs (Pit 6 and Pit 7), one afterbay (Pit 7), three powerhouses (James B. Black, Pit 6, and Pit 7), five dams (Pit 6, Pit 7, Pit 7 Afterbay, Iron Canyon, and McCloud), two tunnels, and associated equipment and transmission facilities. The average annual energy generated between 1987 and 2016 from the James B. Black, Pit 6, and Pit 7 Powerhouses was 629.9, 341.2, and 470.3 gigawatt-hours, respectively. Forty-five percent of the Project lands are owned and managed by the United States Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management; 33 percent are owned by PG&E; and 22 percent are privately held.

For purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis, the Project being considered by the State Water Resources Control Board for water quality certification (certification) includes PG&E's Proposed Project, as described in PG&E's final license application to FERC on July 15, 2009, which includes: continued operation of the existing Project and improvements to recreational facilities; USFS conditions provided pursuant to section 4(e) of the Federal Power Act; FERC's final Environmental Impact Statement staff alternatives developed under the National Environmental Policy Act; and conditions of the certification necessary to protect water quality and beneficial uses.