

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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From (Public Agency):
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2000
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Project Title: Poe Hydroelectric Project Water Quality Certification Amendment

Project Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Project Location - Specific: North Fork Feather River in Butte County, California; near the community of Pulga.

Project Location - City: N/A **Project Location - County:** Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is requesting an amendment to the water quality certification (certification) for the Poe Hydroelectric Project (Project; Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [FERC] Project No. 2107). The Project certification currently requires PG&E to submit management plans to the Deputy Director of the Division of Water Rights for review and approval within one year of FERC license issuance (by December 17, 2019). The proposed amendment would extend the one-year deadline for submitting the following management plans: Sediment Management Plan; Amphibian portion of Poe Bypass Reach Biological Monitoring Plan; Riparian Monitoring Plan; Tributary Access Plan; Recreation Improvement and Monitoring Plan; Road Management Plan; Ramping Rate Plan; and Bardees Bar Spoil Pile Revegetation Plan.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
 Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
 Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
 Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 6 § 15306
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The Class 6 exemption applies because the management plans are for information gathering and/or resource evaluation and management. The proposed amendment will not result in a major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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