

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR  
CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION  
BEFORE THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

An application for water quality certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the following project was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 requires the Executive Director of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. The typical notice period may be shortened in an emergency. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

Nathan Fisch  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Rights  
Water Quality Certification Program  
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**RECEIVED:** August 14, 2018  
**PROJECT:** Bucks Creek Hydroelectric Project  
**APPLICANT:** Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the City of Santa Clara  
**CONTACT:** Alan Soneda, Alvin Thoma  
**COUNTY:** Plumas  
**PUBLIC NOTICE:** August 22, 2018  
**PROJECT STATUS:** Pending

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the City of Santa Clara have filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) for a new license to operate the Bucks Creek Hydroelectric Project (Commission Project No. 619). The Commission license for the Bucks Creek Project (Project) was issued on December 19, 1974, and expires on December 31, 2018.

The Project is located on Bucks Creek, Grizzly Creek, Milk Ranch Creek, and various tributaries to Milk Ranch Creek. Bucks Creek, Grizzly Creek, and Milk Ranch Creek are all tributaries to the North Fork Feather River. The Project has an installed capacity of 84.8 megawatts. The Project consists of the Bucks Creek Powerhouse, Grizzly Powerhouse, Bucks Lake, Lower Bucks Lake, Grizzly Forebay, and Three Lakes along with associated conveyances and other facilities. Bucks Lake and Lower Bucks Lake are located on Bucks Creek and are used to store and divert water through the Grizzly Powerhouse into Grizzly Forebay. Grizzly Forebay is located on Grizzly Creek and diverts water through the Bucks Creek Powerhouse and into the North Fork Feather River.

The City of Santa Clara is lead agency and the State Water Board is a responsible agency for the purpose of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).