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

A request for a water quality certification (certification) amendment for the Lake Fordyce Dam Seepage Mitigation Project was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). Certifications are issued under section 401 of the Clean Water Act. California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 requires the Executive Director of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application for certification 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 Philip Meyer:

By email:

Philip.Meyer@Waterboards.ca.gov

or

By mail:

State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program

Attn: Philip Meyer

P.O. Box 2000

Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

RECEIVED: June 24, 2021

PROJECT: Lake Fordyce Dam Seepage Mitigation Project

APPLICANT: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

CONTACT: Robert Steigmeyer
COUNTIES: Nevada County
PUBLIC NOTICE: July 2, 2021
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: On October 30, 2020, the State Water Board issued a certification for the Lake Fordyce Dam Seepage Mitigation Project (Project). The Project is for dam safety that consists of several features that have been designed to protect the erodible upstream toe of Lake Fordyce Dam and reduce seepage rates.

On June 24, 2021, PG&E applied to amend the Project's certification to incorporate changes to the Project design which mainly includes: 1) increase in the amount of dredged material from 500 cubic yards to 5,000 cubic yards; 2) modify the method of dredging from diver assisted suction dredge to mechanical dredge using a barge-mounted excavator with clam-shell bucket; and 3) permanent disposal of dredged materials on the Project site at the downstream staging area.