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Public Agency: State Water Resources Control Board Address: 1001 I Street Sacramento, CA 95814 Contact: Savannah Downey Phone: (916) 322-1585

Lead Agency (if different from above) Address: Contact: Phone:

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2019059010

Project Title: McCloud-Pit Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2106)

Project Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Project Location (include county): McCloud River, Pit River, and Iron Canyon Creek in Shasta and Siskiyou Counties

Project Description: The McCloud-Pit Hydroelectric Project (Project) is located on the McCloud River, Pit River, and Iron Canyon Creek in Shasta and Siskiyou Counties, California. The 368megawatt 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, recreational facilities, 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. The majority of Project lands (45 percent) are managed by the United States Forest Service. The Project also occupies land managed by the United States Bureau of Land Management, as well as land owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Company and other private landholders. Pacific Gas and Electric Company will receive a Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification from the State Water Resources Control Board in connection with the Project.

This is to advise that the State Water Resources Control Board (Lead Agency) has, based on the record before it, approved the above described project on NOV 7, 2019, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

- 1. The project $[\square$ will \square will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2. □ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

☑ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

3. Mitigation measures [\Box were \Box were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.

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- 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [□was ⊠ was not] adopted by the lead agency for this project.
- 5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [\Box was \boxtimes was not] adopted for this project.
- 6. Findings: $[\boxtimes were \ \Box were not]$ made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Negative Declaration is available to the General Public at: 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Signature (Public Agency): ORIGINAL SIGNED BY EILEEN SOBECK Title: Executive Director

Date: NOV 7, 2019

Date Received for filing at OPR: NOV 8, 2019

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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