

**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. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

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RECEIVED: May 20, 2014
PROJECT: Merced Falls Hydroelectric Project, Federal
Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2467
APPLICANT: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
CONTACT: Alan Soneda
COUNTIES: Merced and Mariposa
PUBLIC NOTICE: June 24, 2014
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is seeking to relicense its Merced Falls Hydroelectric Project (Project), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2467. The Project is located on the Merced River in Mariposa and Merced Counties, California. The 3.4 megawatt Project consists of one power generating development with a 65 surface acre impoundment with an approximate storage capacity of 678 acre-feet of water; one powerhouse with associated switchyard; appurtenant facilities; and recreational facilities. The powerhouse is operated as a run-of-the-river facility using water from the impoundment. Immediately upstream of the Project is the Merced River Hydroelectric Project, which is owned and operated by Merced Irrigation District (MID). Within the Project's impoundment, water is diverted to MID's North Side Canal and two other private irrigation diversions. The majority of Project lands are owned by PG&E. The Project also occupies land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, as well as other private landholders.

The State Water Board is the lead agency for the purpose of the California Environmental Quality Act.