

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

A request for a water quality certification (certification) amendment for the Poe Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2107) 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 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 Savannah Downey:

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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program
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RECEIVED:	November 26, 2019
PROJECT:	Poe Hydroelectric Project
APPLICANT:	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
CONTACT:	Steve Bauman
COUNTY:	Butte County
PUBLIC NOTICE:	December 4, 2019
PROJECT STATUS:	Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has requested an amendment to the Poe Hydroelectric Project (Project; Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [FERC] Project No. 2107) water quality certification (certification). 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 submission deadline by three, six, or twelve months for the following management plans:

- Three-month Extension (March 31, 2020):
 - Sediment Management Plan (Condition 4);
 - Amphibian Monitoring Plan (Condition 9);
 - Riparian Monitoring Plan (Condition 11); and
 - Tributary Access Monitoring Plan (Condition 13);
- Six-month Extension (June 31, 2020):
 - Recreation Management Plan (Condition 8); and
 - Road Management Plan (Condition 12); and
- Twelve-month Extension (December 31, 2020):
 - Long-Term Ramping Rate Plan (Condition 5); and
 - Bardees Bar Tunnel Spoil Pile Revegetation Plan (Condition 15).

PG&E is developing management plans in consultation with State Water Board staff, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, United States Department of Agriculture – Forest Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Butte County, Plumas County, American Whitewater, and California Sportfishing Protection Alliance.