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) 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 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 Jordan Smith:

By email: Jordan.smith@waterboards.ca.gov

or

By mail:

State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program

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PROJECT: Lake Fordyce Dam Seepage Mitigation Project

APPLICANT: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

CONTACT: Robert Steigmeyer
COUNTY: Nevada County
PUBLIC NOTICE: June 29, 2020

PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has requested a water quality certification for the Lake Fordyce Dam Seepage Mitigation Project. Note that Lake Fordyce Dam is part of the Upper Drums Spaulding Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2310). The Project is for dam safety and is necessary to address historic seepage though the base of Fordyce Dam. The Project consists of constructing several features that have been designed to protect the erodible upstream toe of the dam and reduce seepage rates.