

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
BEFORE THE DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

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), Division of Water Rights (Division). The Division has reviewed the application and finds it complete pursuant to the requirements specified in California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3856. 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:

Water Quality Certification Unit
Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

RECEIVED: April 29, 2009
PROJECT: Chili Bar Hydroelectric Project
FERC Project No. 2155
APPLICANT: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
COUNTY: El Dorado County
RECEIVING WATER: South Fork American River
PUBLIC NOTICE: June 2, 2009
PROJECT STATUS: Under FERC licensing process

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is seeking to obtain a new Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license for its Chili Bar Hydroelectric Project (Project), FERC Project No. 2155. The Project is located on the South Fork of the American River in El Dorado County and is situated directly downstream of the Upper American River Project (FERC No. 2101) that is operated by the Sacramento Municipal Utility District. PG&E filed a comprehensive Offer of Settlement Agreement with FERC that describes existing and proposed operational and environmental measures to address environmental impacts of the Project. These measures are described in the Settlement Agreement in Articles 2-1 through 2-21. The State Water Resources Control Board is the lead agency for the purpose of the California Environmental Quality Act.