



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD WATER QUALITY ORDER NO. 2004-0004-DWQ, PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, ORO FINO 1102, PH 1.4 & 1.5 EPHEMERAL STREAM STABILIZATION PROJECT (WDID NO. 5A04CR00390), BUTTE COUNTY

On 5 June 2026, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, (Applicant) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) requesting coverage under State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order 2004-0004-DWQ, Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters Deemed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to be Outside of Federal Jurisdiction (General Order). After review of the NOI and the supplemental material submitted by the Applicant, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has determined that the PG&E Oro Fino 1102, PH 1.4 & 1.5 Ephemeral Stream Stabilization Project (Project) qualifies for enrollment under the General Order.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under Water Quality Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. This Notice of Applicability (NOA) is being issued at the request of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (hereinafter Enrollee) under the General Order pursuant to Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations.

NOA Effective Date: 7 June 2026

NOA Expiration Date: 7 June 2031

A copy of the General Order is enclosed. You can also access the General Order on [State Water Resources Control Board's Adopted Orders Web Page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf).

The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this NOA and the General Order. The Project is described in the NOI Form requesting coverage and supplementary information (Application Package). If the Project is modified from

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that described in the Application Package, then coverage under the General Order is no longer valid.

I. Public Notice

The Central Valley Water Board provided public notice of the application from 12 June 2026 to 3 July 2026. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

II. Project Description

The project proposes to remove large cobble that was previously placed within the ephemeral stream and to restore the impacted area to preexisting conditions. No constituents will be discharged during work. Sediment will be contained via the use of best management practices (BMPs) and work will occur when the ephemeral waterway is completely dry. The Project will temporarily impact a total of 0.0029 acre of waters of the state and is expected to have no permanent impacts to waters of the state.

III. Project Location

County: Butte County

Latitude: 39.884632 ° and Longitude: - 121.675005°

Maps showing the Project location are found in Attachment A of this NOA.

IV. Project Impact and Receiving Waters Information

The Project is located within the jurisdiction of the Central Valley Water Board. Receiving waters and groundwater potentially impacted by this Project are protected in accordance with the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins, Fifth Edition, February 2019 (Basin Plan). The plan for the region and other plans and policies may be accessed at the [State Water Resources Control Board's Plans and Policies Web page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/) (http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/plans_policies/). The Basin Plan includes water quality standards, which consist of existing and potential beneficial uses of waters of the state, water quality objectives to protect those uses, and the state and federal antidegradation policies.

Project impact and receiving waters information can be found in Attachment B. Table 1 of Attachment B shows the receiving waters and beneficial uses of waters of the state impacted by the Project. Individual impact location and quantity is shown in Table 2 of Attachment B.

V. Description of Direct Impacts to Waters of the State

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 1. Impacts to waters of the state shall not exceed quantities shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Temporary Impacts¹

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Stream Channel	0.0029		32

VI. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

The Central Valley Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15061. Specifically, the issuance of this Order and the activities described herein meet the exemption criteria under California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Article 19, section 15304, Minor Alterations to Land. Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

VII. Compensatory Mitigation

All impacts are temporary. Compensatory mitigation is not required.

VIII. Petitions for Reconsideration

Any person aggrieved by this action may petition the State Water Board to reconsider this NOA in accordance with California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3867. A petition for reconsideration must be submitted in writing and received within 30 calendar days of the issuance of this NOA.

IX. Fees Received

An application fee of \$4212.00 was received on 18 June 2026. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, Title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3) and was calculated as Category E- Low Impact Discharges (Fee Code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

¹ Includes only temporary direct impacts to waters of the state and does not include area of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state. Temporary impacts, by definition, are restored to pre-project conditions and therefore do not include a physical loss of area or degradation of ecological condition.

X. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Contact:

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Jerred Ferguson at (530) 224-4784 or Jerred.Ferguson@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Clint E. Snyder, AEO

7/7/2026

For Patrick Pulupa, Executive Officer
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Date

Enclosure: State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ, Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters Deemed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to be Outside of Federal Jurisdiction (General WDRs)

Attachments: Attachment A - Project Map
Attachment B - Receiving Waters, Impacts, and Mitigation Information
Attachment C – California Environmental Quality Act

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via email: U.S. EPA, Region 9, San Francisco
Water Quality Certification Program, SWRCB, Sacramento
California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Rancho Cordova

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Figure 1. Site Location Map

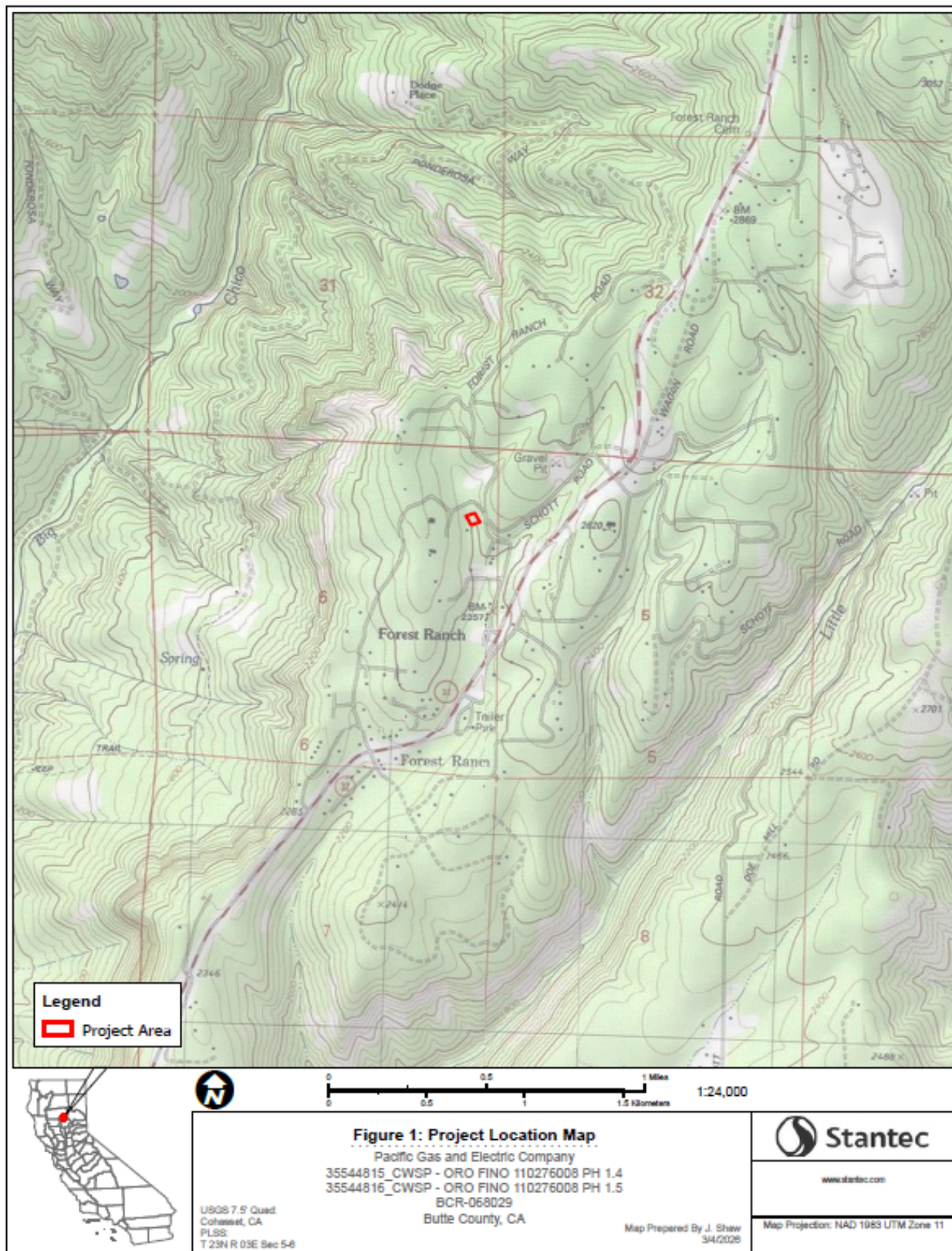


Figure 2. Project Vicinity Map

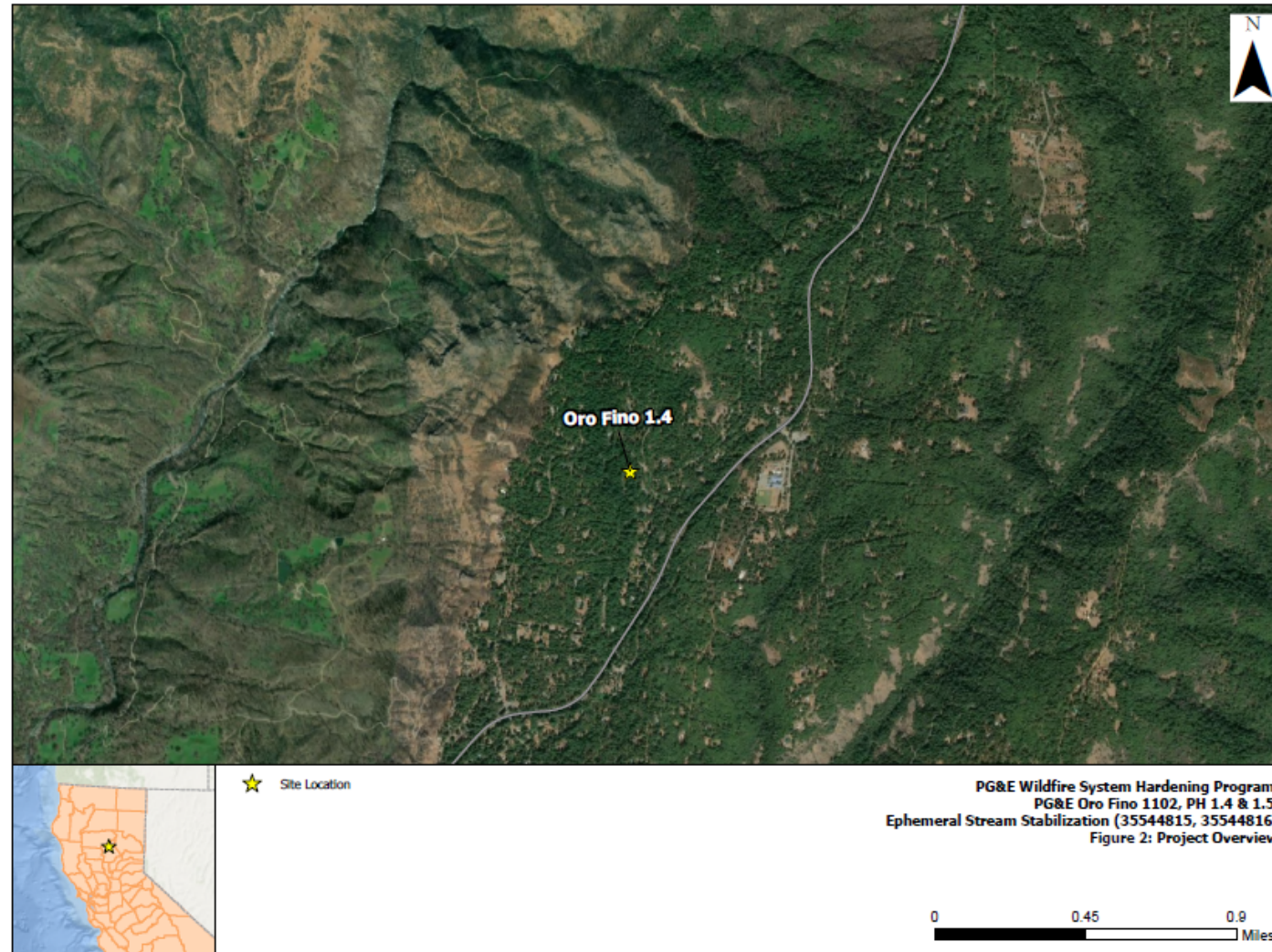
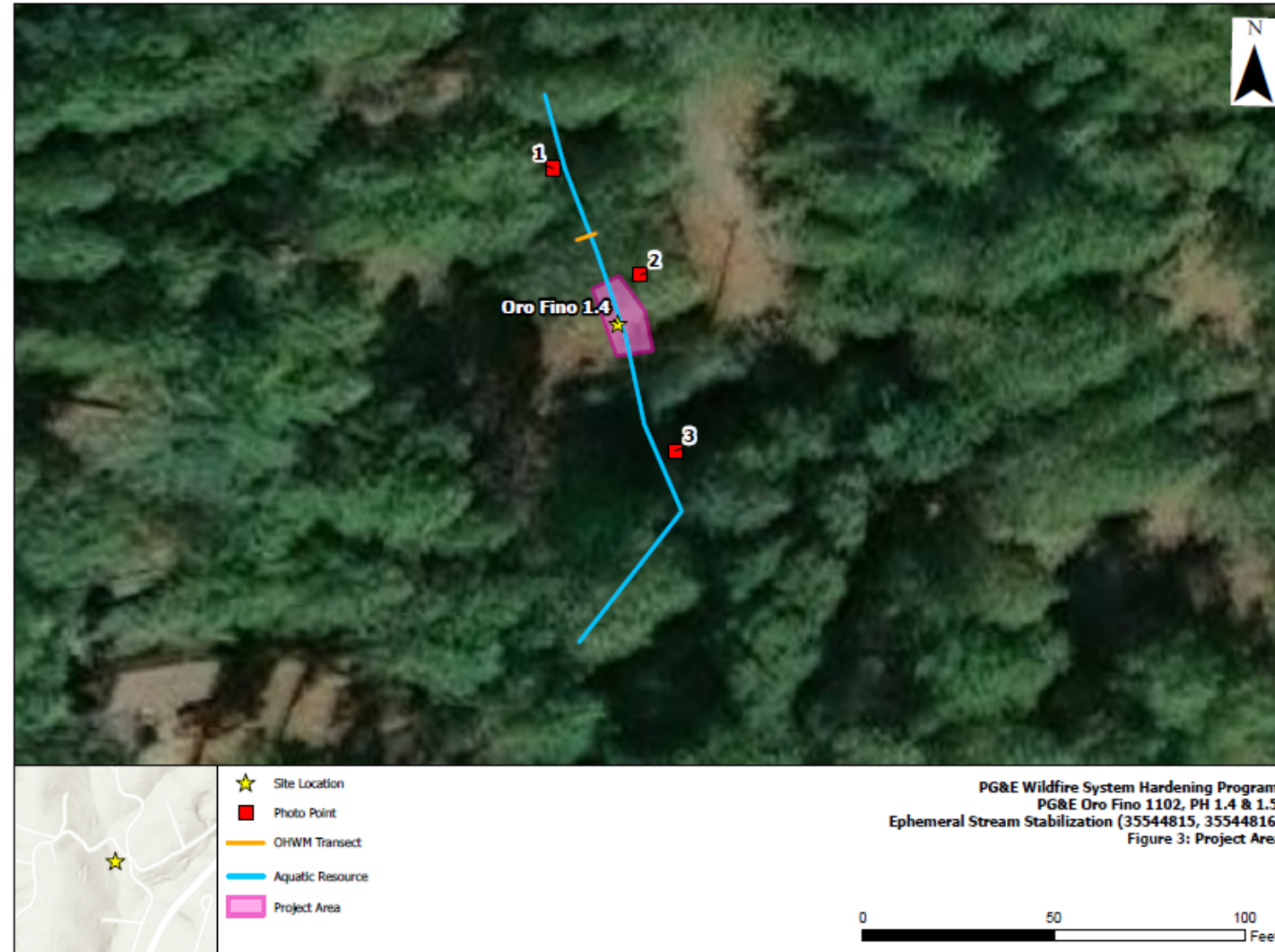


Figure 3. Project Impacts Map



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Receiving Waters, Impacts and Mitigation Information

The following table shows the receiving waters associated with each impact site.

Table 1: Receiving Water(s) Information

Impact Site ID	Waterbody Name	Impacted Aquatic Resources Type	Water Board Hydrologic Units	Receiving Waters	Receiving Waters Beneficial Uses	303d Listing Pollutant	California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM) ID
PG&E Oro Fino 1102, PH 1.4 & 1.5 Ephemeral Stream Stabilization Project	Unnamed Ephemeral Stream	Stream Channel	521.30	Butte Creek (Sources to Chico)	MUN, AGR, POW, REC-1, WARM, COLD, MIGR, SPWN, WILD	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

Individual Direct Impact Locations

The following tables show individual impacts.

Table 2: Individual Temporary Fill/Excavation Impact Information

Impact Site ID	Latitude	Longitude	Indirect Impact Requiring Mitigation?	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
PG&E Oro Fino 1102, PH 1.4 & 1.5 Ephemeral Stream Stabilization Project	39.884632	-121.675005	No	0.0029		32

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FINDINGS FOR CEQA EXEMPT PROJECT

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Additionally, the Central Valley Water Board concludes that no California Code of Regulations, title 14, section exceptions to the CEQA exemption apply to the activities approved by this Order.

The Central Valley Water Board will file a Notice of Exemption with the State Clearinghouse within five (5) working days from the issuance of this Order. (California Code of Regulations., title 14, section 15062.)