



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER 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, PG&E CORTINA-MENDOCINO WATERCOURSE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (WDID#5A17CR00196), LAKE COUNTY

On 7 March 2024, the Pacific Gas and Electric submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ, Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters Deemed by the United States. Army Corps of Engineers to be Outside of Federal Jurisdiction.

The Central Valley Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed your enrollment materials and finds the PG&E Cortina-Mendocino Watercourse Improvements Project (Project) meets the requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. You may proceed with your Project in accordance with the Order.

A copy of [Order 2004-0004-DWQ](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) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's Adopted Orders webpage and is enclosed.

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. You are responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Failure to comply with Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the Order.

MARK BRADFORD, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, ESQ., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 0.15-acre Project consists of widening an existing road and removing a tree located in the road. Excavation will occur to a maximum depth of 29 inches below the existing grade and widened to be a minimum width of 16.5 feet. The contractor will place a 12-inch-thick layer of granular bedding and a 6-inch-thick layer of imported rock. Both layers will be keyed into the existing side slopes to reinforce the constructed road prism.

Rock Ford Crossing (R-1) –

R-1 is located within an ephemeral Class 3 water crossing located at a bend in the road between the transmission structure and the narrow road section. The rock ford crossing will be excavated to a maximum depth of 18 inches below finished grade. Displaced native material will be used as compacted native fill to build the outboard slope to widen the road width to a minimum of 12 feet. The rock ford cross-section (running parallel to the road) will be trapezoidal in shape to contain the water. The crossing will be sloped at 2% toward the outboard slope to convey water across the road. The contractor will place a 12-inch-thick layer of granular bedding and a 6-inch-thick layer of imported rock in the excavation and on the outboard fill slope. The finished grade of the rock ford crossing will not create an impoundment or a disruption to the passage of stormflows.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include roadside brushing, mowing, and road surface blading to construct rolling dips to ensure proper stormwater drainage off the road surface. Widen one section of the road and construct one rock ford crossing at one ephemeral drainage. The Project will temporarily impact 0.0003 acre/12.74 linear feet and permanently impact 0.0005 acre/22.26 linear feet of stream channel impacted areas will be restored to pre-Project condition.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located at 18879 E State Highway 20. The approximate center of the Project area is located at Latitude 39°0'11.16" and Longitude -122°33'50.04"; Section 5, Township 13 N, Range 6 W, MDB&M.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

August 2024- December 2024

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

\$2,985.00 was received on 5 March 2024. 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.

TERMINATION OF COVERAGE:

Upon completion of the Project, you shall submit a complete Notice of Termination (NOT) requesting to be un-enrolled under Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. Attachment 2 to the Order contains the NOT form.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Sara Gevorgyan by phone at (916) 464-4710 or by email at Sara.Gevorgyan@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Anne Walters for:
Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Enclosure: State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No.
2004-0004-DWQ

Figure 1: Location Map

cc: [Via email only]

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