



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, ID-604G L-300A MP 312.78 ILI INVESTIGATION DIG PROJECT (WDID 5C15CR00131), KERN COUNTY

On 28 February 2023, the Pacific Gas & Electric Company (Applicant) 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 Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has reviewed the enrollment materials and finds the ID-604G L-300A MP 312.78 ILI Investigation Dig Project (Project) meets the requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. The Applicant may proceed with the 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.

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. The Applicant is 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.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The purpose the project involves natural gas pipeline maintenance. A work area of approximately 80 feet by 300 feet will be utilized. Construction activities include digging

a bell hole via excavator (approximately 10 by 16 by 12 feet) to uncover the pipeline, installation of shoring, and conducting an assessment to determine repair types needed. If an in-kind replacement is needed, two additional excavations measuring approximately 6 by 6 feet would be needed for safety purposes. Once the pipeline is assessed and repaired, the excavations would be backfilled, and site restored to as close to previous conditions as possible.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include approximately 10.4 by 6.7 feet of excavation soils that are within the wetland swale. The Project will temporarily impact 0.0016 acres/10.4 linear feet of wetlands. Temporarily impacted areas will be restored to pre-Project condition.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located southeast of the Paso Robles Highway (California State Route 46) and Westside Freeway (Interstate 5) intersection. The approximate center of the Project area is located at latitude 35.631849 degrees North and longitude 119.604643 degrees West.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

Project activities are proposed to take place from 4 April 2023 to 3 November 2023.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

A fee of \$2,734.00 was received on 1 March 2023. 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.

MITIGATION AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES:

Best management practices (BMPs) include mowing, silt fencing, and using straw wattles. Upon completion of pipeline repairs, excavation would be backfilled, and site restored to previous conditions.

TERMINATION OF COVERAGE:

Upon completion of the Project, the Applicant 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 Brandon Salazar by phone at (559) 445-6278 or by email at Ernesto.Garcia@waterboards.ca.gov.

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