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### NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

#### WAIVER OF REPORTS OF WASTE DISCHARGE AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF DISCHARGE WITHIN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION, PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, HYDROSTATIC PIPELINE SEGMENT T-1002B, SUTTER COUNTY

On 26 July 2016, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to obtain coverage under the *Waiver of Report of Waste Discharge and Waste Discharge Requirements for Specific Types of Discharge within the Central Valley Region, Order R5-2013-0145* (the Waiver). The submittal contains all the information required to evaluate the applicability of the Waiver; therefore, the NOI is considered complete and the discharge meets the conditions of the Waiver. The discharge is hereby covered under the Waiver Order R5-2013-0145-0057. Please include this number on all correspondence related to this discharge.

#### PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

PG&E is planning on hydro-testing several segments of a 7-mile section of an underground pipeline. The project area is located off Humphrey Road, southeast of South Butte Road in Sutter County.

The hydrostatic testing of portions of pipeline section T-1002B began in early July 2016 and is ongoing; however, water has been encountered in three of the excavation sections located near irrigation canals. The water encountered in the excavations is either shallow groundwater or infiltration of irrigation water from the canals. The hydrostatic testing is continuing and groundwater or irrigation water encountered in the excavations is currently pumped out and stored in 20,000-gallon frac tanks.

Hydrostatic testing of segment T-1002B will last approximately 4 to 6 weeks. Approximately 65,000 gallons is estimated to be discharged per day from the excavations were water is encountered. The stored water will be used for dust control within the SWPPP permitted areas. Water in excess of what can be used for dust control will be land applied to Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 13-280-129 with permission from Alan Hawkins, the property owner. The land application area is located immediately east and south of PG&E's work and staging

area and groundwater will be applied to the 15-acre agricultural parcel via a temporary piping system and diffuser. The staging and work areas are either within PG&E's easements or on private property with permission from Alan Hawkins.

The Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins, Fourth Edition, revised October 2011 (hereafter Basin Plan), designates beneficial uses, establishes water quality objectives, contains implementation plans and policies for protecting waters of the basin, and incorporates by reference plans and policies adopted by the State Water Resources Control Board. Pursuant to §13263(a) of the California Water Code (CWC), waste discharge requirements must implement the Basin Plan.

### **FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS**

Please review the attached waiver documents and ensure that the discharge complies with the Conditions of Discharge contained in Attachment A. PG&E is responsible for compliance with the waiver and must provide sufficient contractor oversight to ensure compliance and prompt reporting of any noncompliance.

### **DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS**

All monitoring reports and other correspondence should be converted to searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) and submitted electronically. Documents that are less than 50 MB should be emailed to:

[centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov).

To ensure that your submittal is routed to the appropriate staff person, the following information must be included in the body of the email or any documentation submitted to the mailing address for this office:

Facility Name: PG&E Hydrostatic Pipeline Segment T-1002B, Sutter County		
Program: Non-15 Compliance	Order: R5-2013-0145-0057	CIWQS Place ID: 826651

Documents that are 50 MB or larger must be transferred to a CD, DVD, or flash drive and mailed to:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board  
ECM Mailroom  
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Now that the NOA has been issued, the Board's Compliance and Enforcement section will take over management of your case. Brendan Kenny is your new point of contact for any questions about the Waiver. If you find it necessary to make a change to your permitted operations, Brendan will direct you to the appropriate Permitting staff. You may contact Brendan at (916) 464-4635 or at [bkenny@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:bkenny@waterboards.ca.gov).

  
PAMELA C. CREEDON For  
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Enclosures: Waiver Order R5-2013-0145

cc w/o: Jeff Williams, Sutter County Environmental Health Department, Yuba City