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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

WAIVER OF REPORT OF WASTE DISCHARGE AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF DISCHARGE WITHIN THE CENTRAL VALLEY REGION, PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, I-111D LOCATION F, LINE SP5 UPGRADE, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

On 25 August 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 R5-2013-0145-0059. Please include this number on all correspondence related to this discharge.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

PG&E is planning on upgrading a small portion of a gas transmission pipeline (Line SP-5) located near the intersection of Hillcrest Avenue and Renwick Lane in Contra Costa County. The project will involve excavating around the pipeline, removing a current feature (miter bend), and installing an elbow that will allow PG&E to run smart pigs and perform in-line inspections on the pipeline in the future. The project is expected to begin on 8 September 2016 and be completed by 15 October 2016.

The project location and discharge area are located adjacent to each other on PG&E owned land. Based on the GeoTracker database, depth to groundwater ranges from 23 to 37 feet below ground surface at a site approximately 1,700 feet north of the project location. If groundwater is encountered during excavation, it will be pumped into tanks prior to discharge to allow for settling. Groundwater will be discharged to approximately one acre of PG&E owned land using a water buffalo, water truck, or temporary irrigation system (gated flood irrigation or sprinkler system), depending on the volume of water to be discharged. Discharges will be contained in the land application area and will infiltrate the subsurface within 24 to 48 hours. The discharge will not be allowed near any sensitive site features (water ways, drain inlets, etc.) An estimated 250,000 gallons of water are expected to be generated and will be

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discharged towards the end of the project, unless large volumes of water are encountered. According to the GeoTracker database, there are no contaminated sites located within 1,500 feet of the project location.

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.

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 I-111D Location F, Line SP5, Contra Costa County		
Program: Non-15 Compliance	Order: R5-2013-0145-0059	CIWQS Place ID: 827509

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

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Now that the NOA has been issued, the Board's Compliance and Enforcement section will take over management of your case. Guy Childs 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, Guy will direct you to the appropriate Permitting staff. You may contact Guy at (916) 464-4648 or at gchilds@waterboards.ca.gov.

 For
PAMELA C. CREEDON
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Waiver Order R5-2013-0145

cc w/o: John Wiggins, Contra Costa County Environmental Resources Department,
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