



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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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,
GAS TRANSMISSION STRENGTH TESTING PROJECT T-1264 - L215,
STANISLAUS COUNTY**

On 18 April 2017, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to obtain coverage under the *Waiver of Reports 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 R5-2013-0145-0070. Please include this number on all correspondence related to this discharge.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

PG&E is currently working in Patterson in Stanislaus County on Gas Transmission Strength Testing Project T-1264, L215. The project site is located near the intersection of Prune Avenue and Paradise Avenue, as shown on Attachment A.

The pipeline project consists of at least six excavation areas (A, B, C, D, E, and F), located west of the San Joaquin River. Groundwater has been encountered in the excavations, with the exception of excavation location F. Groundwater encountered in the excavations will be removed and stored in storage tanks, settled, and then discharged to parcel APN 048-025-019 with the property owner's permission. The total volume of water to be discharged is estimated to 1.56 million gallons during the construction phase of the project which is anticipated to continue for 4 to 6 weeks. The discharge will be applied to approximately 11 acres of agricultural land for dust control and for general irrigation purposes. Notification of the planned discharge to the land owner will be made at least 48 hours prior to discharge.

PG&E's Environmental Inspectors will perform visual and olfactory observations on groundwater extracted during the project. If any unexpected conditions, such as sheen, discoloration, or odors are detected, water will be segregated, sampled, and handled

appropriately, based on the results of the samples. Once cleared for discharge, the water will be applied to land using a water buffalo, water truck, trailer, or other appropriate alternative, depending on the volume of water to be discharged. Discharges will be contained to the discharge parcel, water will infiltrate within 24 to 48 hours, will not be allowed near any sensitive site features (water ways, drain inlets, etc), and will not cause nuisances or erosion. Stormwater BMPs will be utilized as needed to prohibit migration of flows off of the discharge areas if needed.

A review of the Geotracker database indicates that the nearest site with historical impacts to groundwater is more than 500 feet from this project and is not expected to impact the groundwater in the project areas.

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 Gas Transmission Strength Testing Project T-1264 – L215, Stanislaus County		
Program: Non-15 Compliance	Order: R5-2013-0145-0070	CIWQS Place ID: 834562

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.

- *Original Signed by* -

PAMELA C. CREEDON
Executive Officer

Enclosures: Waiver Order No. R5-2013-0145
Attachment A – Site Location Map

cc w/o: Bella Bedal, Stanislaus County Environmental Health Department, Stockton



● Approximate dig locations



3,000 feet

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

PG&E GAS TRANSMISSION STRENGTH TESTING PROJECT T-1264, L215

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