



CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

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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, CARIBOU POWERHOUSE CRANE LOAD TEST PROJECT, PLUMAS COUNTY

On 21 October 2019, 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 with the Central Valley Region, Order R5-2018-0085* (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 Waiver Order R5-2018-0085-0032. Please include this number on all correspondence related to this discharge.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

PG&E will be testing the load weight of the new Caribou Powerhouse crane, located in Plumas County. Water from the Powerhouse penstock (incoming from the Butte Valley Reservoir) will be put into certified clean bladder bags which will act as weights to load the crane. After the test, water from the bladders will be pumped to tanks to allow settling. The tanks will be stored within the Caribou switchyard. Visual inspection of the water will be conducted and once it is determined sufficient settling time has occurred, the water will be discharged to land in the switchyard. The water will be contained within the switchyard property, will be allowed to percolate, and may also be used for on-site dust control. The project is expected to begin mid-November 2019 and is estimated to end early January 2020. A total of approximately 55,000 gallons of water will be

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discharged. If weather conditions do not support discharges to land, such as saturated conditions due to rain events, the water will be hauled off site for disposal at a PG&E-approved facility.

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:

centralvalleyredding@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 Caribou Powerhouse Crane Load Test, Butte County
Program: Non-15 Compliance
Order: R5-2018-0085-0032
CIWQS Place ID: 862482

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
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
Redding, CA 96002

Now that the NOA has been issued, the Board's Compliance and Enforcement section will take over management of your case. George Low is your point of contact for any questions about the Waiver. You may contact George at (530) 224-3208 or glow@waterboards.ca.gov.

--original signed by Robert Busby for--

Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Enclosure: Order R5-2018-0085

cc w/o: Plumas County Environmental Health Department, Quincy