



State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR ENROLLMENT UNDER STATE WATER BOARD GENERAL ORDER FOR THE CORPS' 2026 NATIONWIDE PERMITS (ORDER NO. WQ 2025-0066-EXEC)

Effective Date: Upon Deputy Director's Signature

Program Type: Fill/Excavation

Project Type: Overhead Utility

Project: White Deer Ranch Crossing Replacement Project
Regulatory Measure ID: 462127
WDID: SB25040IN

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I. Summary

This Notice of Applicability for enrollment under the State Water Board Nationwide Permits General Order (Order No. WQ 2025-0066-EXEC; SWRCB ID SB25036GN; hereafter referred to as the General Order) is issued at the request of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Applicant). The General Order can be accessed at [the Clean Water Act Section 401 - Certification and Wetlands Program, General Orders webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2026) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2026). On May 7, 2026 the State Water Board received a complete Notice of Intent requesting authorization for the Applicant's White Deer Ranch Crossing Replacement Project (Project). After reviewing the Notice of Intent, the State Water Board has determined that the Project meets General Order requirements for Nationwide Permit 57: Electric Utility Line and Telecommunications Activities.

II. Project Description

As described in the Project Notice of Intent and supplemental information (hereafter referred to as the Application), which is incorporated herein by reference, the purpose of the Project is to replace an existing, undersized, damaged culvert crossing with a vented rock ford crossing consisting of five 50-foot long 48-inch-diameter corrugated metal culverts underlain by 1-foot thick granular bedding.

III. Project Location

The Project is located along U.S. Forest Service Road 12519 at Lefever Creek, approximately 6.3 miles north of Yokuts Valley in Fresno County, California. The Project coordinates are 36.833302°N, 119.228463°W.

IV. Receiving Waters Information

The Project is located within the jurisdiction of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, Fresno Office. Receiving waters and groundwater potentially impacted by this Project are listed in Table 1.

A. Table 1: Receiving Water Information

Impact Site ID	Waterbody Name	Impacted Aquatic Resource Type	Water Board Hydrologic Units	Receiving Waters
LeFever Creek	LeFever Creek	Stream Channel	552.31	Pine Flat Lake

V. Direct Impacts to Waters of the State

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 2.

B. Table 2: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity to Stream Channels

Temporary Impact ¹	Permanent Impact - Physical Loss of Area	Permanent Impact - Degradation of Ecological Condition Only
0.063 acres 100 linear feet	0 acres 0 linear feet	0 acres 0 linear feet

VI. Conditions

A. Mitigation for Temporary Impacts

- i. All temporarily affected areas will be restored to pre-construction contours and conditions upon completion of construction activities in compliance with the General Order and according to the restoration plan submitted by the Applicant in the Application.
- ii. The Applicant shall provide compensatory mitigation by purchasing 0.126 acres of National Fish and Wildlife Foundation’s Sacramento District In-Lieu Fee Program Credits in the Kings River Aquatic Resource Watershed Service Area.

¹ Includes only temporary direct impacts to waters of the state and does not include upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state. Temporary impacts, by definition, are restored to pre-project conditions and therefore do not include a physical loss of area or degradation of ecological condition.

B. Reporting and Notification Requirements

The Applicant shall submit an Annual Report each year on January 15 until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued to the Applicant. Notices and reporting shall be provided to the State Water Board according to section VI.D, "Application for Coverage and Termination," of the General Order. The Applicant shall submit Report Types 2, Commencement of Construction, and 3, Notice of Project Completion as described in Attachment B, "Report and Notification Requirements" of the General Order. The Applicant must also submit Report Types 4 through 9 if the Project encounters the conditions described in these Report Types. The Applicant must submit all reports and information required under this Certification according to the Report Submittal Instructions found in Attachment B, "Report and Notification Requirements," of the General Order.

VII. California Environmental Quality Act

The State Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15302. Additionally, the State Water Board finds that no exceptions to the exemptions apply to the activities approved by this Notice of Applicability.

VIII. Fees

A fee payment of \$4,212 was received by the State Water Board on August 14, 2025. 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).

IX. Public Notice

The State Water Board provided public notice of the Application pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 from August 8, 2025 to August 29, 2025. The State Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

X. Authorization

The Project may proceed only as described in the Application submitted to the State Water Board and in accordance with the conditions in State Water Board General Order No. WQ 2025-0066-EXEC and this Notice of Applicability. Coverage under the General Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified. I hereby issue this Notice of Applicability for the White Deer Ranch Crossing Replacement Project.

Date

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Phillip Crader, Deputy Director
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