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## State Water Resources Control Board

July 21, 2023

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**Bucks Creek Hydroelectric Project  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 619  
Plumas County  
Bucks Creek, Grizzly Creek, Milk Ranch Creek, and Tributaries to Milk Ranch  
Creek**

### **APPROVAL OF FISH STOCKING PLAN FOR BUCKS CREEK HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT**

Dear Ms. Visinoni:

On May 18, 2023, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) requested approval of the Bucks Creek Hydroelectric Project (Project) Fish Stocking Plan from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Deputy Director of the Division of Water Rights (Deputy Director). The Fish Stocking Plan is required by Condition 11 of the water quality certification (certification) issued as part of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing process for the Project.<sup>1</sup>

The Fish Stocking Plan outlines the fish stocking process, procedures, and targets PG&E will implement when stocking fish in Bucks Lake, Grizzly Forebay, and Lower and Middle Three Lakes. On March 13, 2023, PG&E circulated a draft Fish Stocking Plan for review by State Water Board, United States Forest Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. No comments were provided by the reviewing agencies.

***Approval:*** The Fish Stocking Plan complies with Condition 11 of the Project certification and is hereby approved. PG&E shall file the approved Fish Stocking Plan with FERC prior to implementation. Any revisions to the Fish Stocking Plan shall be approved by the Deputy Director and filed with FERC prior to implementation.

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<sup>1</sup> The State Water Board Executive Director issued the Project certification on October 22, 2020, and on June 16, 2022, FERC issued a new license for the Project that included the certification conditions.

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