

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
BEFORE THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

A request for a water quality certification (certification) under section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the following project was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 requires the Executive Director of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application for certification at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. The notice period may be shortened in an emergency.

Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to Chase McCormick:

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State Water Resources Control Board
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RECEIVED: January 21, 2025
PROJECT: Lower Blue Lake Dam Seepage Mitigation and Weir Replacement Project for the Mokelumne River Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 137) Non-Capacity License Amendment
APPLICANT: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
CONTACT: Connor Foad
COUNTY: Alpine
PUBLIC NOTICE: February 12, 2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: On January 21, 2025, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) submitted a request for water quality certification for Lower Blue Lake Dam Seepage Mitigation and Weir Replacement Project for the Mokelumne River Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 137) Non-Capacity License Amendment (Project). In 2018, PG&E observed evidence of adverse seepage conditions on the downstream embankment face of Lower Blue Lake Dam. Since the 2018 event, PG&E has been operating the reservoir under a self-imposed temporary elevation restriction. The Project includes: (1) installing a filter, seepage collection system, and rock fill buttress along the downstream earthen embankment portion of Lower Blue Lake Dam to address seepage; (2) raising the crest of Lower Blue Lake Dam by approximately two feet; (3) replacing the existing reservoir depth staff gage; (4) installing a public safety railing along a portion of the dam; and (5) replacing degraded concrete associated with the instream flow release weir and including it within the FERC Project Boundary; (6) removal of the existing helipad at the left dam abutment; (7) asphalt paving on the dam crest; (8) removal and abandonment of an existing water line; (9) and a portion of electrical conduit that provides power and communications to the IFR weir gauging station would be relocated outside of the rock fill buttress footprint.