

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

A request for water quality certification (certification) for the Bucks and Grizzly Creek Gravel Augmentation Project associated with the Bucks Creek Hydroelectric Project, was filed on September 9, 2025, 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 Bryan Muro:

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RECEIVED: September 9, 2025
PROJECT: Bucks and Grizzly Creek Gravel Augmentation Project
APPLICANT: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
APPLICANT CONTACT: Jim McKay – J11V@pge.com
COUNTY: Plumas
PUBLIC NOTICE: October 24, 2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is requesting a water quality certification (certification) for the Bucks and Grizzly Creek Gravel Augmentation Project (Project) to implement the Gravel Augmentation Plan (GAP) required by Condition 14: *Gravel Augmentation* of the Bucks Creek Hydroelectric Project's certification. The goal of the GAP is to improve trout spawning habitat and populations downstream of Project-affected reaches via the placement of gravel at two locations: (1) Bucks Creek, about 0.3 miles downstream of Lower Bucks Dam Spillway; and (2) Grizzly Creek, about 400 feet downstream of the Grizzly Creek gaging weir. PG&E is pursuing Clean Water Act Section 404 permitting coverage under United States Army Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit 16 - Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Activities