

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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From:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
1001 I Street, 14th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
Contact: Amber Villalobos
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2013042035

Project Title: DeSabra-Centerville Hydroelectric Project

Project Location (include county): Butte Creek and West Branch Feather River in Butte County.

Project Description: The Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is undergoing relicensing of its DeSabra-Centerville Hydroelectric Project (Project), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 803. The 25.8 megawatt Project consists of three developments (Toadtown, DeSabra, and Centerville), which collectively include three reservoirs, three powerhouses, 14 diversion and feeder dams, five canals, and associated equipment and transmission facilities. The Project involves the issuance of a water quality certification (WQC) as part of the FERC relicensing of PG&E's existing Project located on Butte Creek and the West Branch Feather River in Butte County. Before FERC can issue a new license, PG&E must receive a WQC from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). This WQC will become part of the FERC 30-to-50-year license for the Project.

The primary purpose of the WQC is to protect water quality standards of the West Branch Feather River and Butte Creek and their tributaries. The beneficial uses and water quality objectives that are contained in the water quality control plans (basin plans) together with state and federal anti-degradation requirements constitute California's water quality standards. The basin plans designate the beneficial uses of waters within each watershed basin, and water quality objectives designed to protect those uses pursuant to Section 303 of the Clean Water Act.

This is to advise that the State Water Resources Control Board (Lead Agency) has approved the above described project on APR 08 2015 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval, is available to the General Public at: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, 1001 I Street, 14th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Signature (Public Agency): Thomas Howard Title: Executive Director

Date 4/8/15 Date Received for filing at OPR _____

Reference Section: 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

