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## State Water Resources Control Board

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To: Interested Parties Mailing List

ACCEPTING COMMENTS ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS AND DRAFT WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR THE RELICENSING OF DESABLA-CENTERVILLE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT, FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT NO. 803, BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

On October 2, 2007, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed an application for a new major license (relicensing) with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the DeSabra-Centerville Hydroelectric Project (Project). The Project is located on Butte Creek and the West Branch Feather River in Butte County, California. As part of the Project relicensing process, PG&E filed its most recent application for water quality certification (WQC) under section 401 of the Clean Water Act with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on March 1, 2013. Prior to issuance of WQC, the State Water Board must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The State Water Board is the lead agency under CEQA.

***As lead agency, in accordance with CEQA, the State Water Board is releasing the environmental documents for public comment. These documents include the draft Initial Study (IS) and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). Although not required, State Water Board staff is also accepting comments on the draft WQC.***

***The State Water Board will accept written comments on the draft IS/proposed MND and draft WQC until 12:00 pm (noon) on June 13, 2013. Written comments must specifically identify the document the comment(s) applies to, and be submitted electronically or by mail to:***

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Sacramento, CA 95812-2000  
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The draft IS/proposed MND and draft WQC are available on the Division of Water Rights (Division) web site at:  
[http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_quality\\_cert/desabla\\_ferc803.shtml](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/desabla_ferc803.shtml)

If you cannot access the documents online, you may request that the Division mail you a copy by contacting Amber Villalobos at (916) 323-9389 or by email at: [avillalobos@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:avillalobos@waterboards.ca.gov). Please make your request promptly to allow sufficient time to receive and review the documents within the comment period.

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In an effort to reduce reliance on paper mailings, future notices will be provided by email. In order to receive future notices on the Project and for other Division related water quality certification projects, go to the State Water Board's home page located at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml) and subscribe to the: "Water Rights Water Quality Certification" email list.

The draft IS/proposed MND and draft WQC are available at the State Water Board's office in the Cal/EPA Building by visiting the Division's Records Unit, located at: 1001 I Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Room 114, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to Amber Villalobos at (916) 323-9389 or by email at: [avillalobos@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:avillalobos@waterboards.ca.gov). Written correspondence should be directed to:

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Sincerely,



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