PUBLIC NOTICES FOR CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION BEFORE THE DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

An application for water quality 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), Division of Water Rights (Division). California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 requires the Executive Officer of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

Water Quality Certification Unit Division of Water Rights

P.O. Box 2000

Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

RECEIVED: August 18, 2009

PROJECT: Kilarc-Cow Creek Hydroelectric Project, Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission Project No. 606

APPLICANT: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

COUNTY: Shasta RECEIVING WATER: Kilarc-Cow

PUBLIC NOTICE: September 15, 2009

PROJECT STATUS: Pending Certification Action

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) have proposed to decommission the Kilarc-Cow Creek Hydroelectic Project (Project), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 606. The decommissioning process for this Project is described in the License Surrender Application that PG&E sent to FERC on March 12, 2009. PG&E intends to remove all Project features, including canals, forebays, and instream diversion dams. After the Project features are removed, PG&E intends to restore the portions of Kilarc and Cow Creeks that were affected by the Project to maximize fish passage and spawning opportunities, provide streambed stability, and restore riparian vegetation.