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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR DRAFT WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AMENDMENT PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S PIT 1 HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT NO. 2687**

To: Interested Parties Mailing List

On June 24, 2009, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) requested an amendment of the Pit 1 Hydroelectric Project (Project) water quality certification (certification) from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board).

The Project is located on the Pit and Fall Rivers in Shasta County, California, near the communities of Fall River Mills and McArthur. The Project consists of the Pit 1 Forebay, Pit 1 Forebay Dam, and the Pit 1 Powerhouse. Water is diverted from the Pit 1 Forebay, on Fall River, to the Pit 1 Powerhouse, and discharged to the Pit River via a 1,150-foot-long tailrace channel.

PG&E's requested amendment would remove flushing flow requirements currently contained in Condition 13 and flushing flow effectiveness monitoring requirements currently contained in Condition 14, and would include enhanced access to the Pit River for members of the public through parking improvements and other measures intended to improve recreational opportunities.

This draft certification amendment does not constitute a final action by the State Water Board. The State Water Board is releasing this draft certification amendment to provide the public with an opportunity for review and comment.

The certification comment period is from the date of this notice until May 17, 2021. **Comments on the draft certification must be received by 5:00 pm on May 17, 2021**, and can be submitted electronically or by mail as follows:

**Email:**

[WR401Program@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:WR401Program@waterboards.ca.gov)

Or

**Mail:**

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Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program  
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The **draft certification and additional information** regarding the Project **are available on the [Project webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/pit1_ferc2687.html)** at:

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To receive emails related to the Project, interested persons should enroll in the “Water Rights Water Quality Certification” e-mail notification service. Instructions on how to sign up for the State Water Board’s Email Subscription List are outlined below:

1. Visit the [State Water Board’s Email Lists webpage](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml#rights) at:

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2. Provide your name and email in the required fields.

3. In the categories below the email and name fields, select “Water Rights,” then “Water Rights Water Quality Certification.”

4. Click the "Subscribe" button.

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By enrolling in this email list, you will receive notices for Division of Water Rights’ Water Quality Certification Program pertaining to the Project. If you do not have internet access or do not wish to participate in the email subscription list, you may contact Ms. Savannah Downey by phone at (916) 322-1585 to request to receive notices by mail. You can enroll or un-enroll from the email subscription service at any time.

During the current COVID-19 emergency, most Division of Water Rights staff are working from home. Accordingly, if you have questions regarding this notice please contact Savannah Downey, Project Manager, by email at [Savannah.Downey@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Savannah.Downey@waterboards.ca.gov).

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April 16, 2021

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