

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
BEFORE THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
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). California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 requires the Executive Director 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:

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Division of Water Rights
State Water Resources Control Board
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RECEIVED: April 8, 2016
PROJECT: Relief Reach – Kennedy Meadows Riparian Restoration and Streambank Stabilization Project
APPLICANT: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)
CONTACT: Justin T. Smith
COUNTY: Tuolumne County
PUBLIC NOTICE: February 23, 2017
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The overall goals of the Relief Reach – Kennedy Meadows Riparian Vegetation Restoration and Streambank Stabilization Project (Project) are to provide streambank stabilization and enhance the riparian and aquatic habitats within the Project Reach¹. The streambank stabilization and riparian restoration measures are proposed along a 3,000-linear foot reach along the Middle Fork Stanislaus River. The proposed measures include a combination of various bioengineering techniques, including streambank grading, wood and rock placement, and native vegetation planting. Toe rock additions and root wad series are proposed in areas with more recent and severe active streambank erosion, and where flow velocities are higher during high flows compared to the other treatment areas. Split rail fencing will also be installed in two segments at the downstream end of the Project Reach to protect the restored vegetation and banks. A river access area utilized by recreationists and cattle will remain open to focus access to the river.

¹ PG&E is required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license for the Spring Gap-Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2130) (issued April 24, 2009) to evaluate riparian and streambank conditions in upper Kennedy Meadows (Project Reach) on the Middle Fork Stanislaus River below Relief Dam and to develop and implement vegetation restoration and streambank stabilization measures. These requirements derive from Article 401 of the License, which implements the United States Department of Agriculture-Forest Service (Forest Service) Condition 4(e) and Condition 9 of the State Water Board 401 Water Quality Certification.