

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
Water Quality Certification Program

**Public Notice
Of Application for Water Quality Certification**

Pursuant to federal law (Title 33, United States Code, Section 1341; Clean Water Act Section 401), applicants for a federal license or permit for activities which may discharge to waters of the United States must seek Water Quality Certification from the state or Indian tribe with jurisdiction. Such Certification is based on a finding that the discharge will meet water quality standards and other applicable requirements. In California, Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Board) issue or deny Certification for discharges within their geographical jurisdiction. The State Water Resources Control Board has this responsibility for projects affecting waters within multiple RWQCB jurisdictions. The following information is provided in satisfaction of the public notice requirements of Section 3858, Title 23, of the California Code of Regulations, which govern the State's Certification Program.

Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

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Project Name: PG&E Vacaville Dixon—Birds Landing 230 kV Reconductoring Project, Solano County, California

Date of Application: 6/19/2008

Affected Regions: San Francisco Bay (Region 2) and Central Valley (Region 5)

**Public Notice for Water Quality Certification and/or Waste
Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects)**
PG&E Vacaville Dixon—Birds Landing 230 kV Reconductoring Project

Solano County

On June 19, 2008, the State Water Board received an application from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), requesting Federal Clean Water Act (CWA), section 401, Water Quality Certification to replace the wires on approximately 30 miles of power line. This project is located on or near, Section 33, Township 5 N, Range 1 E, Latitude - 121°52'36", Longitude 38°14'32", Solano County California. The purpose of the proposed project is to increase transmission capacity to residents of Solano and Contra Costa counties. PG&E's project proposal would require electrical tower modifications for 105 towers to accommodate the new heavier wires, to be accomplished mainly by helicopters. Temporary work areas will include construction access roads, conductor pull and tensions sites, helicopter landing zones, guard structure locations, and installation of grounding rods

Temporary impacts to both waters of the U.S., including wetlands, and waters of the State are anticipated.

The applicant has applied for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (Corps) Nationwide Permit 12 Utility Line Activities (Corps File # SPN-2008-00243-N).

The Project Water Board staff are proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and/or Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authority. In addition, staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office by mail during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. If you have any questions, please contact staff member Amna Hawatky at (916) 341-5483, or at ahawatky@waterboards.ca.gov, or Bill Orme at (916) 341-5464, or at borme@waterboards.ca.gov within 21 days of the posting of this notice.

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Note: No regulatory decision on the application is implied or intended in this public notice.