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NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF COVERAGE UNDER STATEWIDE WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES TO LAND WITH A LOW THREAT TO WATER QUALITY, ORDER NO. 2003-0003-DWQ-0177, PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, HELMS TUNNEL GROUTING PROJECT, FRESNO COUNTY

On 1 September 2017, the Central Valley Water Board issued a Notice of Applicability (NOA) for coverage under *Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges to Land with a Low Threat to Water Quality*, Order No. 2003-0003-DWQ (hereafter General Order) for the discharge of dewatered groundwater to land during the tunnel grouting repair project (Project) at Helms Powerhouse near Wishon Reservoir in Fresno County.

On 7 December 2017, PG&E submitted a Notice of Termination (NOT) form to terminate coverage of the above Project under the General Order, enrollee number 2003-0003-DWQ-0177. Based on the monitoring results submitted with the NOT, dewatered groundwater was discharged in accordance with the NOA between 28 September 2017 and 12 October 2017. Under the NOA approximately 200,000 gallons of dewatered groundwater was applied for dust control on unpaved U.S. Forest Service roads in accordance with the agreement between PG&E and the U.S. Forest Service. According to the NOT, the Project is complete and no further discharge is expected. Therefore, coverage under the General Order is terminated.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Carpenter at (559) 445-5551 or via email at kcarpenter@waterboards.ca.gov.

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