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## North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

April 8, 2014

Mr. Chuck Morton  
Pacific Gas and Electric  
6111 Bollinger Canyon Road, Suite 3230-D  
San Ramon, CA 94583

Dear Mr. Morton:

**Subject:** Notice of Applicability (NOA) for Coverage under the State Water Resources Control Board General 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. SB12002GN for US Army Corps of Engineers 2012 Certified Nationwide Permits.

**File:** Pacific Gas and Electric T-326-14 Hydrotest Project  
WDID No. 1B14019WNHU

On March 4, 2014, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received a 2012 Certified Nationwide Permit Notification Form, Notice of Intent (NOI) to comply with the terms of, and obtain coverage under, the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. SB12002GN for 2012 Nationwide Permits (General 401 Order) for the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) T-326-14 Hydrotest Project (Project).

The Project is located on the Eureka Plain Hydrologic Unit 110.00. The Project impacts to wetlands, waters of the US are located at two sites within Humboldt County, California. Coordinates of the Project location B are latitude 40.752915 ° N, and longitude 124.179365 ° W and location H are latitude 40.681188 ° N, and longitude 124.199677 ° W.

Regional Water Board staff has determined that the Project, as described in the NOI, is categorically exempt from CEQA review (section 15301 class 1b – Existing Facilities) and meets the eligibility requirements for coverage under the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order for 2012 Certified Nationwide Permits.

Project Purpose and Description:

The primary purpose of the Project is to strength test a segment of gas pipeline to certify that it is operating within safe limits. The Project includes, access, staging, dewatering and excavation to install temporary bypass lines and facilitate access to the pipeline being tested within wetlands/waters of the US. Geo-textile or similar mats will be laid down at the site to facilitate access while minimizing disturbance to wetlands in the work area.

Project totals of temporarily impacted area approximate 0.415 acres of wetlands, waters of the State. The Project shall be constructed and maintained as described within application materials. The Project is expected to be implemented during the months of June through September 2014. The Applicant shall implement the revegetation plan, *Restoration of temporarily disturbed areas* submitted on March 4, 2012 to restore disturbed areas to pre-project conditions within one year of Project completion.

Receiving Water:	Wetlands Eureka Plain Hydrologic Unit 110.00
Filled Excavated Area:	Permanent Area Impacted: None Temporary Area Impacted: 0.415 acres wetlands
Total Linear Impacts:	Length Permanently Impacted: None Length Temporarily Impacted: None
Fill Volume:	48 cubic yards soil
Latitude/Longitude:	Location B : 40.752915 ° N, 124.179365 ° W Location H : 40.681188 ° N, 124.199677 ° W

Regional Water Board staff has determined that the proposed activities may proceed under the General 401 Order.

Please call Gil Falcone at (707) 576-2830 or Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by Fred Blatt for*

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Matthias St. John  
Executive Officer

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Weblink: The State Water Resources Control Board the General 401 Water Quality Certification Order No. SB12002GN for 2012 Nationwide Permits can be found here:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/nwp\\_401.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/generalorders/nwp_401.pdf)

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