

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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ORDER AMENDING CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 TECHNICALLY CONDITIONED WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION; PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, THE PG&E T-1680 L-131 HYDROTEST PROJECT (WDID# 5B01CR00051A1), ALAMEDA AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

This Order responds to the 8 May 2026 request for an amendment of The PG&E T-1680 L-131 Hydrotest Project (Project) Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WDID#5B01CR00051). The original Water Quality Certification (Certification) was issued on 28 August 2025. The requested amendment is hereby approved. The original Certification is therefore amended as described below. Please attach this document to the original Certification.

AMENDMENT:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company is requesting a change in project description and change in impacts. The amendment request revises the enrolled hydrotest project to include an additional drip removal excavation within an isolated wetland that was discovered during construction. PG&E proposes temporary excavation of an approximately 8-foot by 25-foot bell hole (0.0025 acre/25 linear feet) to access and remove the drip associated with the existing gas transmission pipeline. The work would be hand dug, conducted during the dry season, restored to pre-project conditions, and would increase the project's total temporary impacts to 0.0093 acre/127 linear feet.

Original NOA authorized:

0.0068 acre / 102 linear feet of temporary impacts.

Amendment proposes new total:

0.0093 acre / 127 linear feet of temporary impacts.

Increase Total:

0.0025 acre/ 25 linear feet.

Pacific Gas and Electric Company has provided documentation from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) (SPK-2025-00291) for a 404(f)(1)(b) exemption letter. USACE concluded that the work would not alter the alignment, capacity, or function of the pipeline, all excavated material would be restored to pre-existing contours and conditions, and no Department of the Army permit is required under Section 404.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

No fee was required for this amendment. Total fees of \$4,212.00 for the original Certification were received on 5 August 2025. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3383(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3), as was calculated as category E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

The Central Valley Water Board provided public notice of the application pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 from 8 May 2026 to 29 May 2026. The Central Valley Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION:

I hereby issue an Order amending the existing Clean Water Act, Section 401 Technically Conditioned Water Quality Certification for the PG&E T-1680 L-131 Hydrotest Project (WDID#5B01CR00051A1). All other conditions and provisions of the original Water Quality Certification and any previously approved amendments remain in full force and effect, except as modified based on the conditions of this Order. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the original Water Quality Certification, previously approved amendments, or of this Order may result in suspension or revocation of the Water Quality Certification.

Original Signed by Anne Walters
For Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Attachment: Figure 1 – Project Location Map

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Figure 1 – Project Location Map

