
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, PG&E WEIR 33 EMERGENCY REPAIR AND PROTECTION PROJECT (WDID# 5B20CR00135), MADERA COUNTY

On 3 May 2024, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Applicant or PG&E) notified this office of the need to perform emergency work. On 8 May 2024, the Applicant submitted an application using the incorrect form, but on 13 May 2024, using the correct form, the Applicant filed an application requesting coverage under the 1 August 2023 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification of the United States Army Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit 8 (General Certification Order) for the PG&E Weir 33 Emergency Repair and Protection (Project). After review of the notification and the supplemental material submitted by the Applicant, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has determined that the Project qualifies for enrollment under this General Certification Order. The proposed activity took place in 0.010 acres/42 cubic yards of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under United States Army Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit 8, Emergency Repair and Protection Activities, subject to the conditions and the notification requirements described in the Nationwide Permit ("Special Conditions"). This Notice of Applicability is being issued under the General Certification Order pursuant to Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations.

A copy of the [General Certification Order](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2023/rgp-8-certification-mainbody.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/docs/2023/rgp-8-certification-mainbody.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage.

The Project was conducted in accordance with the requirements contained in this Notice of Applicability and General Certification Order. The Project is described in the notification form requesting coverage under the General Certification Order, dated 13 May 2024, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Project proposal consists of installing approximately 60 tons of Caltrans Type VI riprap (18-24 inch nominal size) downstream of the weir wall to re-establish the toe of the embankment and to backfill the void under the wall. Once the void under the wall has the riprap backing, crews will install additional rip rap and sandbags on the upstream side to further reduce flows under the wall. The placement of riprap and sandbags is a temporary solution until water levels are low enough to perform a permanent repair solution, however, it is expected that much of the riprap installed will remain in place as permanent armoring/stabilization of the embankment.

The Project will permanently impact 0.004 acres/5 cubic yards and temporarily impact 0.006 acres/37 cubic yards of South Fork Willow Creek, a water of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located approximately 8.4 miles east of Wishon, California.

Section 30, Township 7 South, Range 23 East, MDB&M

Latitude: 37.292744 Degrees and Longitude: -119.500842 Degrees

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The Project started construction on 3 May 2024 and continued until 7 May 2024.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

An application fee of \$2,985.00 was received on 5 May 2024. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3) and was calculated as category F - Emergency Projects authorized by a Water Board General Order (fee code 85) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

REPORTING AND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Applicant shall submit all reports in accordance with the report submittal instructions in Attachment B of Order No. WQ 2023-0061-DWQ, and in accordance with conditions specified in this Notice of Applicability and email it to centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov with a cc to Ernesto Garcia at Ernesto.Garcia@waterboards.ca.gov. The WDID No. for this Project is 5B20CR00135.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Ernesto Garcia at (559) 445-6281 or at Ernesto.Garcia@waterboards.ca.gov.

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