
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,
PG&E R-687 L-215 SAN JOAQUIN RIVER CROSSING REPLACEMENT PROJECT
(WDID#5B50CR00100A1), SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY**

This Order responds to the 27 January 2021 request for an amendment of the PG&E R-687 L-215 San Joaquin River Crossing Replacement Project (Project) Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WDID#5B50CR00100). The original Water Quality Certification (Certification) was issued on 29 December 2020. 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 is requesting a project type definition change and dewatering clarification.

The Certification is amended as shown below:

7. In-water work shall occur during periods of no precipitation when the work area is naturally dry or after the work area has been completely dewatered where feasible. If in-water work during periods of channel flow is unavoidable, a turbidity curtain or method of turbidity reduction and containment must be installed and utilized for the duration of all in-water work.
25. If water is present, the area must be dewatered prior to the start of work. If dewatering is not feasible, a turbidity curtain or method of turbidity reduction and containment must be installed around the work area and utilized for the duration of all in-water work.

The Project Information Sheet is amended as shown below:

Type of Project: Utilities-Underground

Project Description: The PG&E R-687 L-215 San Joaquin River Crossing Replacement Project (Project) is located approximately 4 miles southeast of Patterson, adjacent to and crossing the San Joaquin River, in Stanislaus County. The Project is

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required for PG&E to comply with Federal Pipeline Safety Regulations that require the operator to correct potentially hazardous conditions. The 9.47-acre Project consists of decommissioning the 2,800 linear-foot-long L-215 pipeline. The process includes pigging and flushing the pipeline to remove potential contaminants, filling specific pipeline segments with concrete slurry, and removing 800 feet of pipeline segments, including the river crossing.

No dewatering will occur within the Project area. Work will be performed following the installation of a turbidity curtain or other turbidity reduction and containment method during periods of no precipitation. No wet concrete will be placed into stream channel, riparian, or wetland habitat. The Project will temporarily impact 0.44 acre of waters of the United States.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

No fee was required for this amendment. Total fees of \$1,949.00 for the original Certification were received on 20 August 2020. 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 A - Fill & Excavation Discharges (fee code 84) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

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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 R-687 L-215 San Joaquin River Crossing Replacement Project (WDID#5B50CR00100A1). 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 Bryan J. Smith for:

Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

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