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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, HAAS POWERHOUSE ROAD DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (WDID# 5C10CR00107), FRESNO COUNTY

On 16 September 2026, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Permittee) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 7 July 2023 State Water Resources Control Board's Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Regional General Permit 10 (General Certification Order) for the Haas Powerhouse Road Drainage Improvements (Project). After review of the notification and the supplemental material submitted by the Permittee, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff has determined that the Project qualifies for enrollment under this General Certification Order. The proposed activity will take place in 0.0644 acre 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 10, Wildfire Mitigation Activities, subject to the conditions and the notification requirements described in the General Certification Order. 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/generalorders/2023/2-wildfire-rgp-certification-main-body.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage.

The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this Notice of Applicability and the General Certification Order. The Project is described in the

notification form requesting coverage under the General Certification Order, dated 16 September 2026, 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 Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.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 consists of restoring reliable drainage capacity and maintaining safe, continuous access to the Haas Powerhouse by upsizing and replacing undersized and deteriorated roadway culverts along Haas Powerhouse Road. The effort addresses post-wildfire hydrologic changes associated with the Garnet Fire burn scar and subsequent debris-flow impacts.

The Permittee will replace 12 of 13 culverts along Haas Powerhouse Road (culverts 1–6 and 8–13; no work at culvert 7) with larger pipes and associated inlet/outlet protection to accommodate increased runoff and debris transport. Work includes saw-cutting existing asphalt, trench excavation and bedding, installing new culvert pipe, backfilling and compaction, roadway surfacing, and constructing headwalls and rock slope protection (RSP) at inlets/outlets per site-specific design. Where needed, cofferdams (sandbags and plastic sheeting), pumps, and diversion piping will be used to isolate work areas from nuisance or flowing water; discharges will be spread upstream or diffused over RSP to avoid erosion.

Project elements that affect aquatic resources occur where replacement of culvert inlet/outlet protection and appurtenant structures are within the ordinary high-water mark.

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Tables 1 and 2. Permanent impacts are categorized as those resulting in a physical loss in area and also those degrading ecological condition. Temporarily impacted areas shall be restored to pre-Project condition.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Temporary Impacts

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Lake			
Ocean/bay/estuary			
Riparian Zone			
Stream Channel	0.0053		
Vernal Pool			
Wetland			

Table 2: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Permanent Physical Loss of Area Impacts

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Lake			
Ocean/bay/estuary			
Riparian Zone			
Stream Channel	0.0591		
Vernal Pool			
Wetland			

PROJECT LOCATION:
The Project is in eastern Fresno County near Black Rock Reservoir within the Sierra National Forest. There are 13 individual work locations which are listed in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Project Site Locations

Site ID	Latitude	Longitude
1	36.92609	-119.03364
2	36.92634	-119.03221
3	36.9269	-119.03103
4	36.92733	-119.02998
5	36.92727	-119.02977
6	36.92698	-119.02754
7 (no work at this location)	36.92755	-119.02601
8	36.92749	-119.02529
9	36.92734	-119.02357
10	36.92739	-119.02282
11	36.92744	-119.02238
12	36.92733	-119.02148
13	36.92703	-119.02095

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:
An application fee of $4,212.00 was received on 17 September 2026. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(4) and was calculated as Category E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS:

1. Restoration of Temporary Impacts

The Permittee shall restore all areas of temporary impacts, including Project site upland areas, which could result in a discharge to waters of the state to pre-construction contours and conditions upon completion of construction activities. If restoration of temporary impacts to waters of the state is not completed within 90 days of the impacts, compensatory mitigation may be required to offset temporal loss of waters of the state.

2. Water Quality Monitoring

If surface water is present, continuous visual surface water monitoring shall be conducted during active construction periods to detect accidental discharge of construction related pollutants (e.g., oil and grease, turbidity plume, or uncured concrete). Sampling is not required in a wetland where the entire wetland is being permanently filled, provided there is no outflow connecting the wetland to surface waters. The Permittee shall perform surface water sampling:

i. When performing any in-water work;

ii. During the entire duration of temporary surface water diversions;

iii. In the event that the Project activities result in any materials reaching surface waters; or

iv. When any activities result in the creation of a visible plume in surface waters.

Sampling during in-water work or during the entire duration of temporary water diversions shall be conducted in accordance with Table 4 sampling parameters. The sampling requirements in Table 4 shall be conducted upstream out of the influence of the Project, and approximately 300 feet downstream of the work area unless otherwise approved by Central Valley Water Board staff.

Table 4: Sample Type and Frequency Requirements

Parameter	Unit of Measurement	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency
pH	Standard Units	Grab	Every 4 hours
Turbidity	NTU	Grab	Every 4 hours
Temperature	Degrees F (or as degrees C)	Grab	Every 4 hours

Parameter	Unit of Measurement	Type of Sample	Minimum Frequency
Visible construction related pollutants[1]	Observations	Visual Inspections	Continuous throughout the construction period

The sampling frequency may be modified for certain projects with written approval from Central Valley Water Board staff. An In-Water Work and Diversions Water Quality Monitoring Report, as described in Attachment C of the General Certification Order, shall be submitted within two weeks of initiation of in-water construction, and every two weeks thereafter. In reporting the data, the Permittee shall arrange the data in tabular form so that the sampling locations, date, constituents, and concentrations are readily discernible. The data shall be summarized in such a manner to illustrate clearly whether the Project complies with Order requirements. The report shall include surface water sampling results and visual observations. If no sampling is required, the Permittee shall submit a written statement stating, "No sampling was required" within two weeks of initiation of in-water construction, and every two weeks thereafter.

3. Reporting and Notification Requirements

The Permittee shall submit all reports in accordance with the report submittal instructions in Attachment C of Water Quality Order No. 2023-0055-DWQ, and in accordance with conditions specified in this Notice of Applicability and email it to centralvalleyfresno@waterboards.ca.gov with a cc to Brandon Salazar at brandon.salazar@waterboards.ca.gov. The WDID No. for this Project is 5C10CR00107.

a. Annual Reporting

The Permittee shall submit an Annual Report (Report Type 1) each year on the 1st day of the month, one year after the effective date of the Order. Annual reporting shall continue until the Central Valley Water Board issues a Notice of Project Complete Letter to the Permittee. The Permittee shall provide at least one annual report, in the event the Project is completed in less than one year.

The Annual Report shall include the information specified in Attachment C of Water Quality Order No. 2023-0055-DWQ. The Permittee shall submit the report in accordance with the report submittal instructions in Attachment B of Water Quality Order No. 2023-0055-DWQ.

b. Notification for In-Water Work and Diversions

The Permittee should notify the Central Valley Water Board at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to initiating work in flowing or standing water or stream

[1] Visible construction-related pollutants include oil, grease, foam, fuel, petroleum products, and construction-related, excavated, organic or earthen materials.

diversions. Notification may be via e-mail, delivered written notice, or other verifiable means.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Brandon Salazar at (559) 445-6278 or at Brandon.Salazar@waterboards.ca.gov.

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