
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR ENROLLMENT UNDER STATE WATER BOARD GENERAL ORDER FOR THE CORPS' 2026 NATIONWIDE PERMITS (ORDER NO. WQ 2025-0066-EXEC)

Effective Date: Upon Deputy Director's Signature

Program Type: Fill/Excavation

Project Type: Overhead Utility

Project: Rice Ranch PG&E Access Road Maintenance Project
Regulatory Measure ID: 466230
WDID: SB26035IN

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I. Summary

This Notice of Applicability for enrollment under the State Water Board Nationwide Permits General Order

(Order No. WQ 2025-0066-EXEC; SWRCB ID SB25036GN; hereafter referred to as the General Order) is issued at the request of Pacific Gas & Electric (Applicant).

The General Order can be accessed at [the Clean Water Act Section 401 - Certification and Wetlands Program, General Orders webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2026)

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2026). On August 14, 2026, the State Water Board received a complete

Notice of Intent requesting authorization for the Applicant's Rice Ranch PG&E Access Road Maintenance Project (Project). After reviewing the Notice of Intent, the State Water Board has determined that the Project meets General Order requirements for Nationwide Permit 57: Electric Utility Line and Telecommunications Activities.

II. Project Description

As described in the Project Notice of Intent and supplemental information (hereafter referred to as the Application), which is incorporated herein by reference, the Project purpose is to enhance and restore stream crossings along an access road following emergency repair work. Surface drainage and durability improvements along approximately 0.62 miles of existing roads include construction of three armored ford crossings.

III. Project Location

The Project is located on the Rice Ranch property along California State Route 36, about one mile west of Bridgeville in Humboldt County. The Project center coordinates are 40.46946°N, 123.81894°W.

IV. Receiving Waters Information

The Project is located within the jurisdiction of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. Receiving waters and groundwater potentially impacted by this Project are listed in Table 1.

A. Table 1: Receiving Water Information

Impact Site ID	Waterbody Name	Impacted Aquatic Resource Type	Water Board Hydrologic Units	Receiving Waters
SC 1, SC 2, and SC 3	Van Duzen River	Stream Channel	111.22	Bridgeville HSA

V. Direct Impacts to Waters of the State

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 2.

B. Table 2: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity to Stream Channels

Temporary Impact ¹	Permanent Impact - Physical Loss of Area	Permanent Impact - Degradation of Ecological Condition Only
0.007 acres 147 linear feet	0.004 acres 153 linear feet	0 acres 0 linear feet

VI. Conditions

A. Mitigation for Temporary and Permanent Impacts

- i. All temporarily affected areas will be restored to pre-construction contours and conditions upon completion of construction activities in compliance with the General Order and according to the restoration plan submitted by the Applicant in the Application.
- ii. By January 30, 2027, the Applicant shall submit a mitigation plan to the State Water Board in accordance with section VI.F.6.e.i of the General Order. By June 1, 2027, the applicant shall submit proof of credit purchase offsetting the previous year's permanent impacts in accordance with section VI.F.6.e.i.2 of the General Order.
- iii. Total required Project compensatory mitigation information for permanent physical loss of area shall be greater than or equal to the Project's permanent impact totals listed in Table 2, above, in the form of mitigation bank or in-lieu

¹ Includes only temporary direct impacts to waters of the state and does not include upland areas of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state. Temporary impacts, by definition, are restored to pre-project conditions and therefore do not include a physical loss of area or degradation of ecological condition.

fee credit purchases in quantities consistent with the mitigation ratios provided in section VI.F.6.e.i.2 of the General Order.

B. Reporting and Notification Requirements

The Applicant shall submit an Annual Report each year on January 15 until a Notice of Project Complete Letter is issued to the Applicant. Notices and reporting shall be provided to the State Water Board according to the "Application for Coverage and Termination," section of the General Order (VI.D). The Applicant shall submit: Report Type 2 (Commencement of Construction) and Report Type 3 (Notice of Project Completion), as specified in the General Order's Report and Notification Requirements Attachment B. If any conditions described under Report Types 4 through 9 occur, the Applicant shall also submit the corresponding reports.

All required reports and supporting information must be submitted in accordance with the Report Submittal Instructions provided in Attachment B of the General Order.

VII. California Environmental Quality Act

The State Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301. Additionally, the State Water Board finds that no exceptions to the exemptions apply to the activities approved by this Notice of Applicability.

VIII. Fees

A fee payment of \$4,212 was received by the State Water Board on March 20, 2026. 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 E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87). An annual fee shall be assessed in accordance with the Fee schedule in effect until the Water Board issues a Notice of Project Complete Letter.

IX. Public Notice

The State Water Board provided public notice of the Application from March 26, 2026, to April 16, 2026. The State Water Board did not receive any comments during the comment period.

X. Authorization

The Project may proceed only as described in the Application submitted to the State Water Board and in accordance with the conditions in State Water Board General Order No. WQ 2025-0066-EXEC and this Notice of Applicability. Coverage under the General Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified. I hereby issue this Notice of Applicability for the Rice Ranch PG&E Access Road Maintenance Project.

Date

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