PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AMENDMENT BEFORE THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

A request for water quality certification (certification) amendment under section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the following project was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 requires the Executive Director of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application for certification amendment at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. The typical notice period may be shortened in an emergency.

Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to Andrea Sellers:

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PROJECT: Lake Fordyce Dam Seepage Mitigation Project

APPLICANT: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

CONTACT: Jeremy Nickel

COUNTY: Nevada and Placer Counties

PUBLIC NOTICE: November 29, 2023

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: On October 30, 2020, the State Water Board issued a certification for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Lake Fordyce Dam Seepage Mitigation Project (Project). The Project is for dam safety that consists of several features that have been designed to reduce seepage rates.

On October 31, 2023, PG&E applied to amend the Project's certification to incorporate changes to the Project design which mainly include: 1) construction of a new rockfill cofferdam instead of installation of a bin-wall cofferdam; 2) development of quarry areas for source rock intended for the cofferdam embankment; and 3) updates to water treatment methods, containment, and water quality monitoring plan.