

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
AMENDMENT BEFORE THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

A request for an amendment to water quality certification (certification) 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 at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. The notice period may be shortened in an emergency.

Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to
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Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program
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RECEIVED:	March 20, 2025
PROJECT:	Courtright Intake/Discharge Gate, Cylinder, and Piping Improvements Project
APPLICANT:	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
CONTACT:	Matt Walker
COUNTY:	Fresno
PUBLIC NOTICE:	April 18, 2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is requesting an amendment to the certification for the Courtright Intake/Discharge Gate, Cylinder, and Piping Improvements Project (Project), originally issued on July 3, 2024, and amended on September 30, 2024. Courtright Dam is a part of PG&E's Haas-Kings River Project and Helms Pumped Storage Project (also known as Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project Nos. 1988 and 2735, respectively). Courtright Dam's hydraulic lines, cylinders, intake and discharge bulkhead gates, and bypass gates have been in use since they were first commissioned in 1981 and have reached the end of their life cycle and require replacement. The Project consists of installation of new concrete-encased hydraulic lines, gate position sensors, electrical conduits, and air vent lines; replacement of the intake/discharge gate cylinders, bulkheads gates, bypass valves, hydraulic cylinders, access ladders and platforms, and oil containment structure; and

refurbishment of existing access roads, laydown areas, and crane pads above and below Courtright Reservoir's ordinary high-water mark. The request to amend the certification will allow the permanent discharge of fill material associated with constructing the access ramp in the southwest corner of the reservoir. Initially, the weed-free engineered fill material was intended to be removed upon Project completion. Leaving the fill material in place would provide future vehicle and boat access to the waterline when the water level is below, facilitating inspection and maintenance activities at the intake/discharge gate structure.