

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

RESOLUTION NO. R5-2008-00xx  
APPROVING AN INITIAL STUDY  
AND  
ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR  
PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC (PG&E) LINE 131  
PIPELINE REPLACEMENT at MARSH CREEK  
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Pacific Gas and Electric Company proposes to replace an existing gas pipeline (Line 131) at Marsh Creek consisting of approximately 1,400 feet of the existing 24-inch diameter natural gas pipeline to be upgraded from class 1 to class 3. The upgrade will insure compliance with higher safety requirements, and

WHEREAS, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Board) proposes to issue a technically conditioned water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act for discharge of dredged and /or fill material for the Pacific Gas and Electric Company Line 131 Pipeline Class Change at Marsh Project, (WDID#5B07CR00092) Contra Costa County, and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board is the lead agency for this project under the California Environmental Quality Act and has conducted an Initial Study in accordance with Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15063, entitled *Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act*, and

WHEREAS, mitigation measures included in the proposed water quality certification and identified in the Mitigated Negative Declaration will avoid the project's potential significant effects or will reduce such effects to a less than significant impact; and

WHEREAS, copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration were transmitted to or made available to all agencies and persons known to be interested in these matters and the public notice provided exceeded the legal requirements for such notice; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board received no comments objecting to the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Board considered all testimony and evidence at a public hearing held on 12/13 June 2008 in Sacramento, California, and good cause was found to approve the Initial Study and adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region finds:

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1. The Initial Study is approved and the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the *Pacific Gas and Electric Company Line 131 Pipeline Class Change at Marsh Project* is adopted.
2. The record before the Regional Board contains no substantial evidence that a fair argument has been made that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

I, PAMELA C. CREEDON, Acting Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on 12/13 June 2008.

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PAMELA C. CREEDON  
Executive Officer