

August 10, 2012

**Public Notice for Water Quality Certification and/or Waste
Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects)**

PG&E Ackerman Creek External Corrosion Direct Assessment Project
WDID No. 1B12108WNME

Mendocino County

On June 5, 2012, the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) received an application from Mr. Ernie Ralston, of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Applicant), requesting Federal Clean Water Act, section 401, Water Quality Certification (certification) and/or Waste Discharge Requirements (Dredge/Fill Projects) for activities associated with inspection and any necessary repairs of a gas pipeline crossing under Ackerman Creek. Project is located on Ackerman Creek, along the west side of North State Street between Orr Springs Road and Hensley Creek Road, in the City of Ukiah, latitude 39.179180°N, and longitude 123.210067°W, in Mendocino County. The proposed project will cause permanent impacts to 60 square feet of bed and bank of Ackerman Creek, Ukiah Hydrologic Subarea No. 114.31, Russian River Hydrologic Area 114.00.

The project includes excavation of soil around 12 feet of gas pipeline, inspection, testing, conducting necessary repairs of the gas pipe, and backfilling excavation with native soils and returning the surface to pre-excavation grade.

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, as lead California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) agency, had determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption, 15301(b)-Existing Facilities, and will file a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse concurrent with issuance of the 401 Water Quality Certification, pursuant to CEQA guidelines.

The Applicant has applied to the California Department of Fish and Game for a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement. The Applicant has applied to US Army Corps of Engineers for a Clean Water Act Section 404 Nationwide Permit.

Project is scheduled to start during the dry season of 2012. In-stream work should be completed by October 15, or by date determined by resource agencies.

Regional Water Board staff are proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and/or Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act authority. In addition, staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office by mail during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. If you have any questions, please contact staff member Stephen Bargsten at (707) 576-2653 within 21 days of the posting of this notice.

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