

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

An application for water quality 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 at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

Jeffrey Parks
Water Quality Certification Program
Division of Water Rights
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

RECEIVED: March 12, 2015
PROJECT: Phase 2 of the Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project (Project)
APPLICANT: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
CONTACT: Lisa Whitman
COUNTY: Shasta
PUBLIC NOTICE: July 1, 2015
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Battle Creek Salmon and Steelhead Restoration Project (Restoration) was created as a joint proposal by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Marine Fisheries Service, to re-establish naturally producing salmon and steelhead habitat on Battle Creek and its tributaries. The Project will complete the Restoration goals and re-establish approximately 42 miles of Chinook salmon and steelhead habitat in the north and south forks of Battle Creek, plus an additional 6 miles of habitat on its tributaries. Restoration will be accomplished primarily through the modification of the existing Battle Creek Hydroelectric Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission No. 1121 facilities and operations, including instream flow releases.

A previous water quality certification was issued to PG&E on December 9, 2008 for Phase 1 of the Restoration. The Project covers the remaining activities of the Restoration that were separated into Phase 2 due to Restoration scheduling constraints. Reclamation was issued a water quality certification on December 9, 2008 for the construction aspects of both Phase 1 and 2 of the Restoration.