

## **SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Attention: 401 Coordinator

OR

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**Project Applicant:** Pacific Gas & Electric Company – Jon Wilcox

**Applicant's Agent:** Pacific Gas & Electric Company – Katherine Lai

**Project Name:** Gas Transmission Pipeline Erosion Mitigation Project

**Receiving Water:** unnamed intermittent drainage, tributary to Harkins Slough

**City/County:** Watsonville / Santa Cruz

**Public Notice:** September 21, 2019 – October 12, 2019

**Project Description:** The purpose of the proposed project is to remove a portion of the existing concrete swale and install backfill over pipelines to restore a minimum 3-foot soil coverage. The proposed project activities include:

- Mowing and clearing the project area;
- Removing 16 native and non-native trees;
- Trimming seven native and non-native trees;
- Removing up to 30 linear feet of existing concrete swale;
- Restoring a minimum of 3 feet of coverage over the exposed pipeline;
- Installing a new rip rap swale;
- Installing backfill to match the existing grade at the top of the swale;
- Installing 25 square yards of biodegradable erosion control blanket along the northern boundary of the proposed swale;
- Excavating accumulated debris and soil from the failed concrete swale;
- Dewatering if necessary;
- Performing corrective grading of slope and contour for the rip rap swale; and
- Hydroseeding using an appropriate native seed mix.

Proposed Mitigation:

Re-establishing 0.5 acres of riparian habitat.

The applicant finds the project is exempt from CEQA under exemption number 15282 (k).