



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY: STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 GENERAL WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION, SB18054IN, FOR REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT 8 FOR PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, DIXIE FIRE WATERCOURSE CROSSING INSTALLATION AND REPAIR WORK – PHASE 5 PROJECT, PLUMAS COUNTY, WDID NO. 5A32CR00229

This letter serves to notify Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) the Dixie Fire Watercourse Crossing Installation and Repair Work – Phase 5 Project (Project) conducted under the Army Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit 8 (RGP 8) for repair and protection related activities on watercourse crossings within the Dixie Fire burn area (WDID No. 5A32CR00229) is certified under State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 General Water Quality Certification SB18054IN. This certification is for the purpose described in the Notice of Intent (NOI) and supplemental information submitted by PG&E and is limited to the twenty-five watercourse crossings identified in the application materials.

EMERGENCY WORK DESCRIPTION

The Project consists of emergency repair and protection activities for twenty-five watercourse crossings that require culvert installation, culvert repairs and culvert maintenance within the Dixie Fire burn scar. Work consists of replacing fourteen existing culverts, installing four new culverts, and cleaning the inlet of seven culverts that are plugged with debris. The watercourses are tributaries to the North Fork Feather River. PG&E uses this road network to access transmission lines, and watercourse crossing improvements are needed so PG&E can safely conduct inspections, repairs, and maintenance of the facilities.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Temporary Impacts¹

| Aquatic Resources Type | Acres | Cubic Yards | Linear Feet |
|------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| Stream Channel | 0.25 | 0 | 1065 |

Table 2: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Permanent Physical Loss of Area Impacts

| Aquatic Resources Type | Acres | Cubic Yards | Linear Feet |
|------------------------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| Stream Channel | 0.25 | 1103 | 440 |

FINDING OF APPLICABILITY

This letter serves as formal notice that CWA Certification SB18054IN is applicable to this project. Your waste discharge identification (WDID) number is 5A32CR00229.

REPORTING

A Notice of Completion (NOC) shall be submitted by the applicant no later than 45 days after the emergency work has been completed. The NOC shall demonstrate that the work has been carried out in accordance with the description provided in the applicant's Notice of Intent (NOI).

Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this Certification may expose PG&E to enforcement action pursuant to the Clean Water Act and California Water Code.

If you have any questions please contact Lynn Coster at (530) 224-2437 or via email at Lynn.Coster@waterboards.ca.gov.

<u>Original Signed by Clint Snyder</u> (for) PATRICK PULUPA Executive Officer

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cc via email: U.S. EPA, Region 9, San Francisco

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¹ Includes only temporary direct impacts to waters of the state and does not include area of temporary disturbance which could result in a discharge to waters of the state. Temporary impacts, by definition, are restored to pre-project conditions and therefore do not include a physical loss of area or degradation of ecological condition.