



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER NO. 2004-0004-DWQ, STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DREDGED OR FILL DISCHARGES TO WATERS DEEMED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO BE OUTSIDE OF FEDERAL JURISDICTION, BELLOTA SUBSTATION 115 KV PAD EXPANSION PROJECT (WDID#5B39CR00358), SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

On 26 August 2021, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ, Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for Dredged or Fill Discharges to Waters Deemed by the United States. Army Corps of Engineers to be Outside of Federal Jurisdiction.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff has reviewed your enrollment materials and determined the Bellota Substation 115 kV Pad Expansion Project (Project) meets the requirements of, and is hereby enrolled under, Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. You may proceed with your Project in accordance with the Order.

A copy of Order 2004-0004-DWQ

(https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/ wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's Adopted Orders webpage and is enclosed.

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. You are responsible for complying with all applicable Order requirements. Failure to comply with Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment under the Order.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 2.5-acre Project consists of expanding the Bellota Substation footprint for a new 115 kV pad and switchgear. Construction activities include site grading, installing a precast concrete security wall, concrete foundation, and above ground equipment, and site cleanup and restoration.

DENISE KADARA, ACTING CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Project elements that affect aquatic resources include the western substation expansion and the addition of 112 cubic yards of fill material. The Project will permanently impact 0.021 acre of wetland habitat.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located at 24300 E. Flood Road in Linden. The approximate center of the Project area is located at latitude 38.015134°N and longitude 121.019682°W.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The Project is anticipated to occur between 1 April 2022 through 28 February 2023 and will require up to 11 months to complete.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

A fee of 2,066.00 was received on 26 August 2021. The fee amount was determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3) and was calculated as category E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

MITIGATION AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES:

PG&E is required to provide compensatory mitigation for the authorized impact to 0.021 acre of wetland habitat by purchasing 0.02 Aquatic Resource Credits in the San Joaquin River Aquatic Resource Watershed Service Area. Required credits shall be purchased from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Sacramento District California In-Lieu Fee Program and submitted to the Central Valley Water Board prior to commencement of construction activities.

TERMINATION OF COVERAGE:

Upon completion of the Project, you shall submit a complete Notice of Termination (NOT) requesting to be un-enrolled under Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ. Attachment 2 to the Order contains the NOT form.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Shawn Agarwal by phone at (916) 464-4849 or by email at Shawn.Agarwal@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed By James Marshall for:

Patrick Pulupa Executive Officer

Enclosure: State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ

Attachment: Figure 1 – Project Vicinity Map Figure 2 – Project Impacts Area Map

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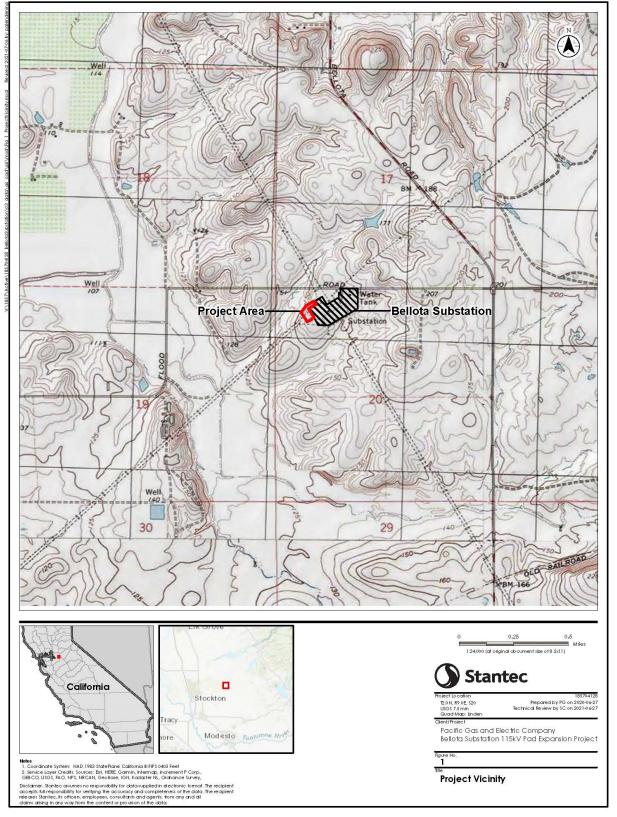


Figure 1 – Project Vicinity Map

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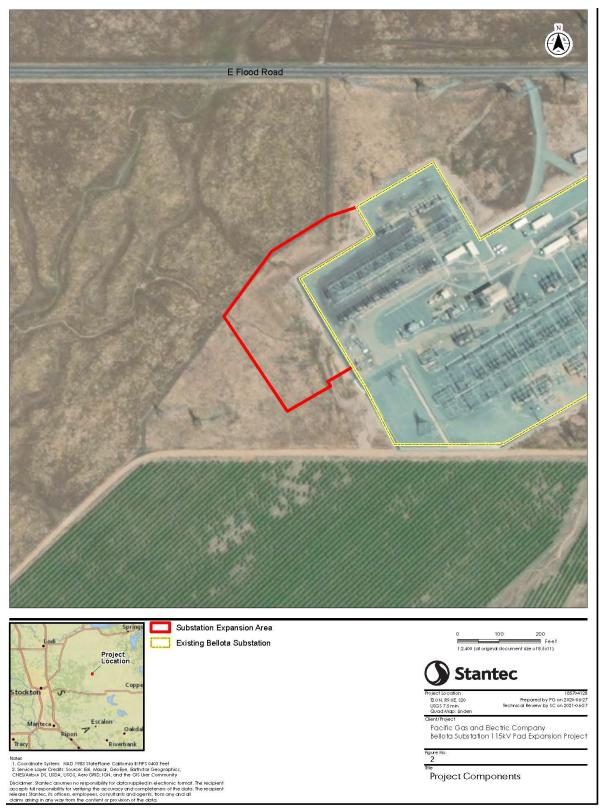


Figure 2 - Project Impacts Area Map