

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Concerning

**RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
ORDER R5-2015-0104
FOR
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
KERCKHOFF DAM LOW LEVEL OUTLET GATE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
MADERA COUNTY**

The Kerckhoff Dam Low Level Outlet Gate Replacement Project (Project), located in Madera County, was completed in accordance with Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order R5-2015-0104, adopted by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 31 July 2015.

The Project to replace the three 72" Low Level Outlets at the base of the dam required dredging, disposal to reuse of dredged material, and dewatering of the plunge pool downstream of Kerckhoff Dam. During the Project, Pacific Gas and Electric Company conducted water quality monitoring in-lake and downstream of the Project according to an approved monitoring plan and provided monthly reports to the Central Valley Water Board. There were no reported or observed violations of the WDRs. The majority of the Project was completed by November 2015. Some minor in-water repair work was needed on one gate which was completed in September of 2016. Pacific Gas and Electric Company removed all construction materials, support facilities, and Project waste from the Project site and staging areas. The site and staging areas met final stabilization requirements on 7 November 2016.

The Central Valley Water Board will consider rescinding Waste Discharge Requirements Order R5-2015-0104. A public hearing to address this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 31 May/1 June 2018
TIME: 8:30 or 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Designated parties but not interested persons will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. Central Valley Water Board staff will prepare the administrative

record, and may present evidence, make an oral presentation, and cross-examine opposing witnesses.

Interested persons may not cross examine witnesses, and will not be subject to cross examination. Interested persons may submit evidence (e.g., photographs, eye-witness testimony, monitoring data) if the evidence is submitted in accordance with the deadlines for submitting evidence described below. Interested persons who present evidence may be subject to cross-examination. Interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on <30 days from posting date>**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

The notification for the Planned Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements was issued on **20 February 2018**. Persons wishing to comment on this item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 29 March 2018**. Written materials submitted after this date and time will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair. Both designated parties and interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Board.

Anyone having questions on the tentative documents should contact Debra Mahnke at (559) 445-6281, or at Debra.Mahnke@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the proposed Order from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706, (559) 445-5116, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The final meeting agenda will be available at

www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/

at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the Board meeting will be held, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing

www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/

Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Board's website at www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/

or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Original signed by

CLAY L. RODGERS
Assistant Executive Officer

20 February 2018