



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
FOR REGIONAL GENERAL PERMIT 8 (ORDER WQ 2023-0061-DWQ), PACIFIC
GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, EMERGENCY TOWER STABILIZATION -
THOMES CREEK PROJECT, TEHAMA COUNTY, WDID NO. 5A52CR00255**

This letter serves to notify Pacific Gas and Electric Company the Emergency Tower Stabilization - Thomes Creek Project (Project) is certified under State Water Resources Control Board's Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification for Regional General Permit 8 for Emergency Repair and Protection Activities (General Order; Order WQ 2023-0061-DWQ). The project site is located at approximate latitude 39.9751° and longitude -122.2662° in Tehama County, California.

This Notice of Applicability (NOA) is being issued to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (hereinafter Enrollee) by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) under the General Order pursuant to Section 3838 of the California Code of Regulations. A copy of the General Order is enclosed and may also be accessed on [State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders Web Page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2023) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders.html#yr_2023).

The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this NOA and the General Order. The Project is described in the Notice of Intent requesting coverage and supplemental information (Application Package) submitted by the Enrollee and is limited to the impacts identified in the Application Package and described in this NOA. If the Project is modified from that described in the Application Package, then coverage under the General Order is no longer valid.

I. EMERGENCY WORK DESCRIPTION

The Enrollee will conduct emergency repairs to stabilize Tower Structure 088/743 and protect the tower from further erosion). Immediate stabilization is necessary to prevent failure and ensure continued safe operation of the transmission line.

Construction equipment and material will be mobilized to the work site using existing roadways to Thomes Creek. The Enrollee will lay back the existing slope where it is oversteepened. A minimum of 1 foot of 1.5-inch aggregate base will be placed and covered with Caltrans Class III Rock Slope Protection (RSP). Approximately 2,400 cubic yards of base rock and RSP will be used of which 1,310 cubic yards will be placed below the ordinary high water mark (OHWM). Following placement of the RSP, the area will be backfilled with soil and treated with native hydroseed to promote revegetation and minimize habitat loss. The RSP will not extend waterward of the OHWM that existed prior to the damage during the 2023/2024 winter.

The total project area including the staging area and work area is approximately 1.68 acres, which includes an approximate 0.68-acre work area for Tower 088/743.

II. CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PERMIT REQUIREMENT

If applicable, the Enrollee shall obtain coverage under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities (Order No. 2022-0057-DWQ; NPDES No. CAS000002), as amended, for discharges to surface waters comprised of storm water associated with construction activity, including, but not limited to, demolition, clearing, grading, excavation, and other land disturbance activities of one or more acres, or where projects disturb less than one acre but are part of a larger common plan of development that in total disturbs one or more acres.

III. DESCRIPTION OF DIRECT IMPACTS TO WATERS

Total Project fill/excavation quantities for all impacts are summarized in Table 1. Permanent impacts are categorized as those resulting in a physical loss in area and also those degrading ecological condition.

Table 1: Total Project Fill/Excavation Quantity for Permanent Physical Loss of Area Impacts

Aquatic Resources Type	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Stream Channel	0.11	1310	140

IV. COMPENSATORY MITIGATION

No compensatory mitigation is required for permanent impacts to water of the state. While the impacts are considered permanent, there is no physical loss or permanent ecological degradation of a water of the state. The proposed project will return the affected riverbank to pre-erosion conditions.

V. REPORTING

The Enrollee must notify the Central Valley Water Board no less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to initiating the emergency project.

A Notice of Completion (NOC) shall be submitted by the Enrollee within 45 calendar days of completion of Project activities. The NOC shall demonstrate that the work has been carried out in accordance with the description provided in the Enrollee's Notice of Intent.

Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this NOA may expose the Enrollee to enforcement action pursuant to the Clean Water Act and California Water Code.

VI. CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CONTACT

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Daniel Warner at (530) 224-4848 or Daniel.Warner@Waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Clint E. Snyder, AEO
For Patrick Pulupa, Executive Officer
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

10/15/2025
Date

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Attachment A - Project Maps

Attachment B - Receiving Water, Impacts, and Mitigation Information

Enclosure: State Water Resources Control Board's Clean Water Act Section 401
General Water Quality Certification for Regional General Permit 8 for
Emergency Repair and Protection Activities (Order WQ 2023-0061-DWQ)

cc via email: U.S. EPA, Region 9, San Francisco
Water Quality Certification Program, SWRCB, Sacramento
Maya Bickner, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District
Kyle Schneider, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, West Sacramento

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Attachment A

Figure 1: Project Location Map

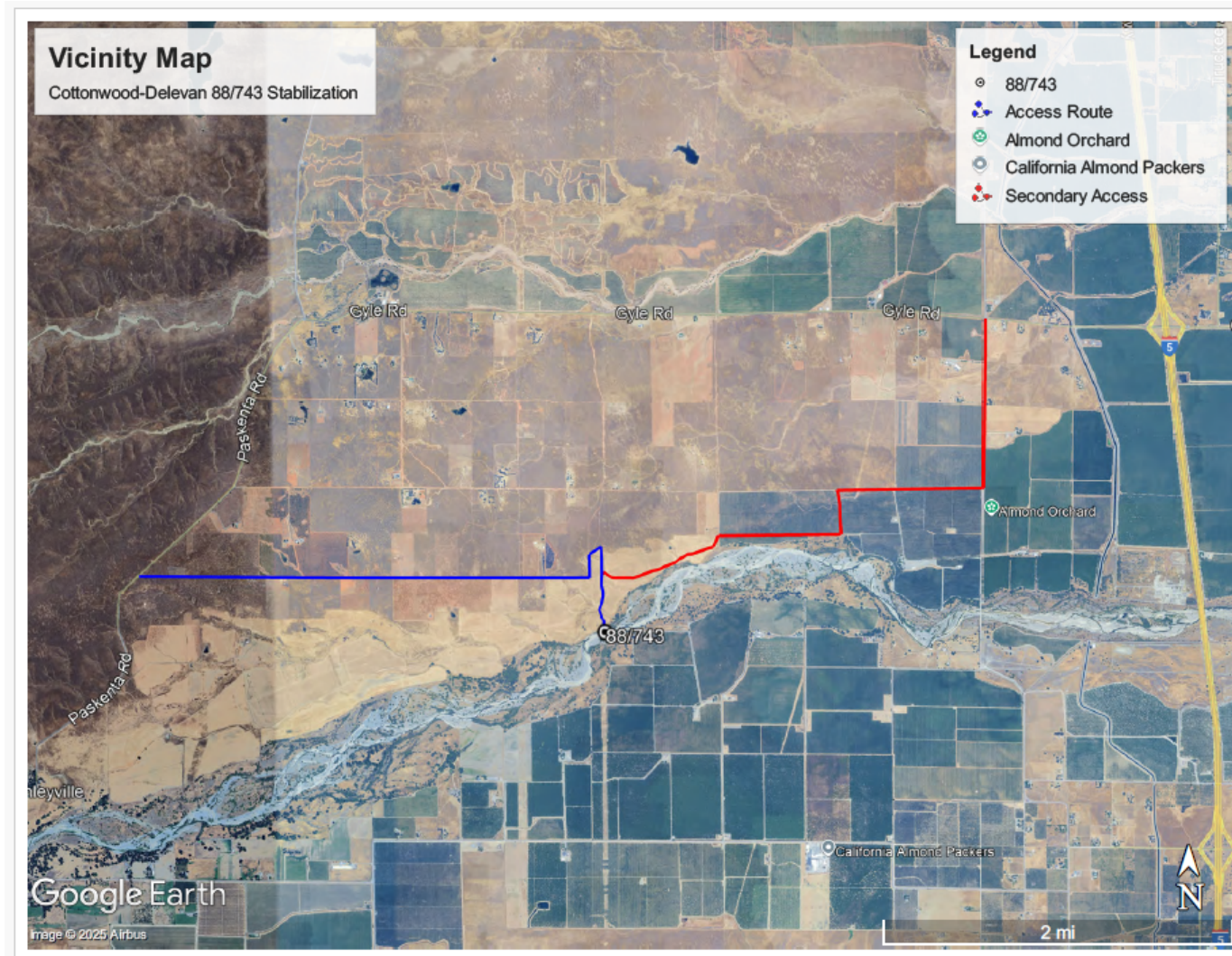


Figure 2. Project Vicinity Map



Figure 3. Project Area Map

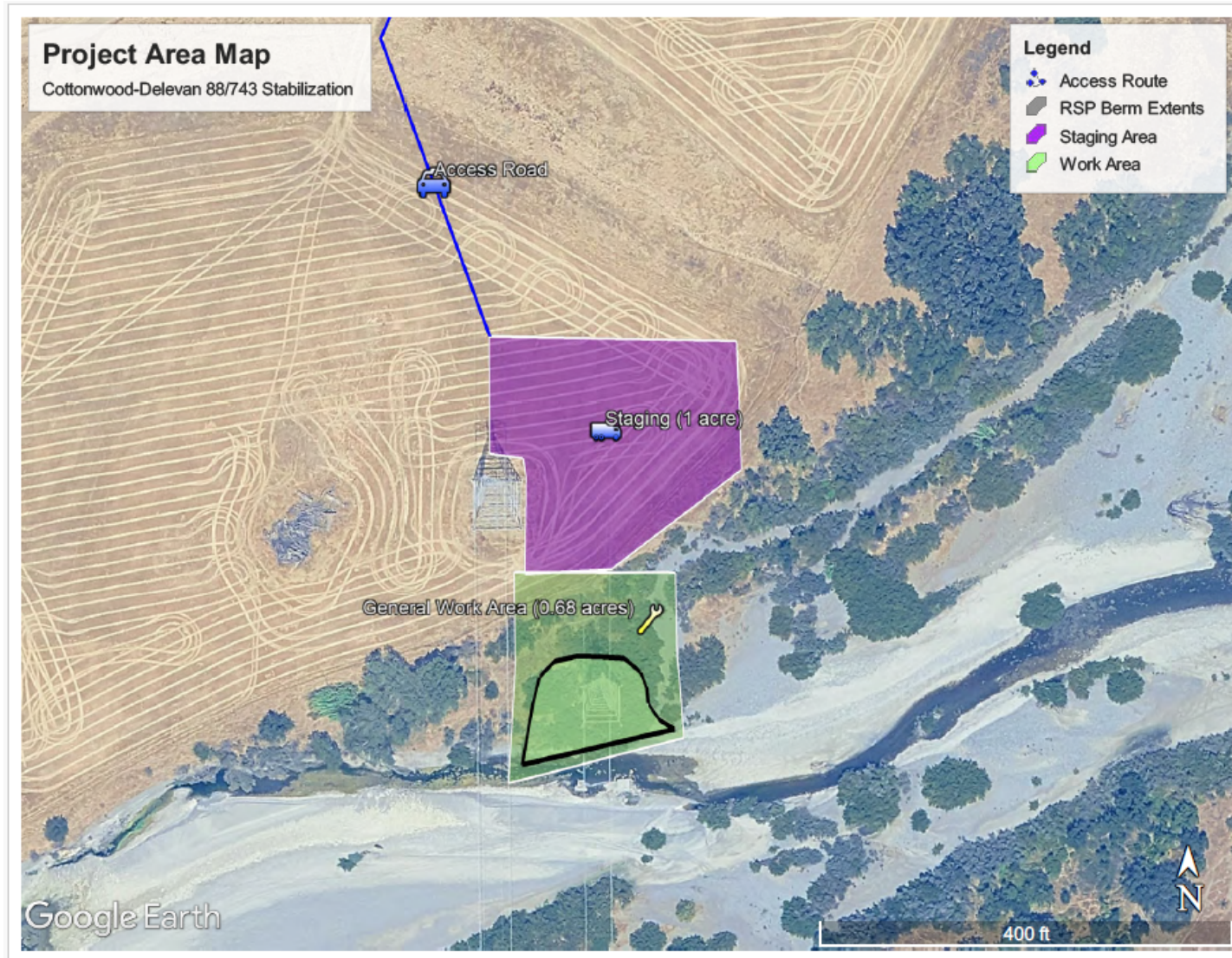
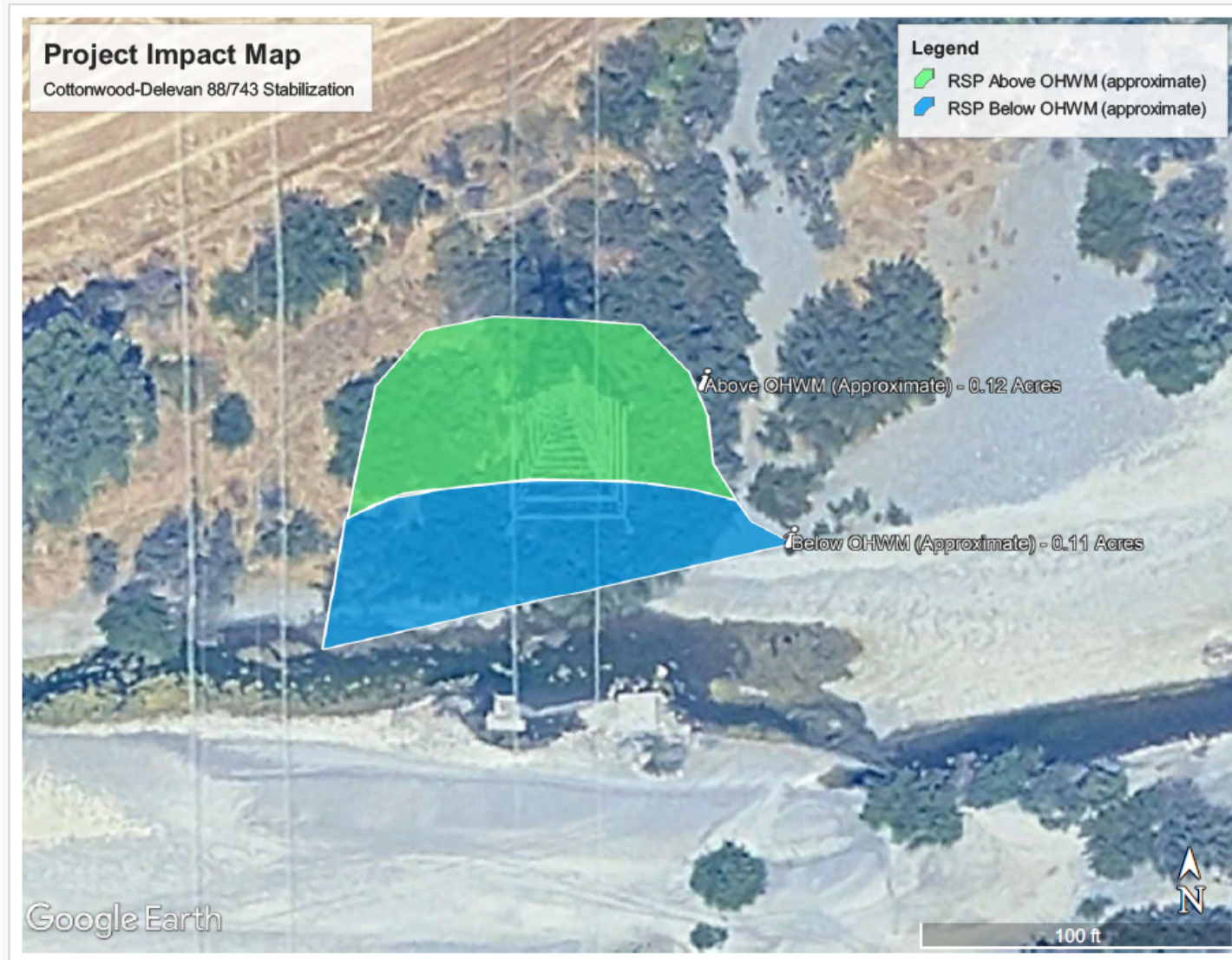


Figure 4. Project Impact Map



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Receiving Waters, Impacts and Mitigation Information

The following table shows the receiving waters associated with each impact site.

Table 1: Receiving Waters Information

Site ID	Waterbody Name	Impacted Aquatic Resource Type	Water Board Hydrologic Units	Receiving Waters	Receiving Waters Beneficial Uses	303d Listing Pollutant	California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM) ID
Tower Structure 088/743	Thomes Creek	Stream Channel	504.20	Sacramento River (Shasta Dam to Colusa Basin Drain)	MUN, AGR, IND, POW, REC-1, REC-2, WARM, COLD, MIGR, SPWN, WILD, NAV	Mercury, Temperature, Toxicity	Not Applicable

Individual Direct Impact Locations

The following tables show individual impacts.

Table 2: Individual Permanent Fill/Excavation Impact Information

Impact Site ID	Latitude	Longitude	Indirect Impact Requiring Mitigation?	Acres	Cubic Yards	Linear Feet
Tower Structure 088/743	39.9751°	-122.2662°	No	0.11	1310	140