
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY; GENERAL SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION ORDER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY, VICTOR_DONMIWUK_12022021_4_WATER CROSSINGS ACCESS ROAD PROJECT (WDID#5B55CR00200), TUOLUMNE COUNTY

On 13 March 2026, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (Applicant) filed a notification requesting coverage under the 7 July 2023 State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Regional General Permit No. 10 for Wildfire Mitigation (WQ 2023-0055-DWQ) (General Certification Order) for the Victor_DonMiWuk_12022021_4_Water Crossings Access Road Project (Project). After review of the notification and the supplemental material submitted by the Applicant, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) has determined that the Project qualifies for enrollment under this General Certification Order. The proposed activity will result in temporary and permanent impacts to 0.0285 acre(s)/259 linear feet of waters of the United States.

The Central Valley Water Board is certifying this Project under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit No. 10 for Wildfire Mitigation Activities, subject to the conditions and notification requirements described in the State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water Act Section 401 General Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit No. 10 (Order No. WQ 2023-0055-DWQ) ("General Certification Order"). This Notice of Applicability is issued in accordance with the General Certification Order and pursuant to Section 3838 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations.

A copy of the [General Certification Order](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders/2023/2-wildfire-rgp-certification-main-body.pdf) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders/2023/2-wildfire-rgp-certification-main-body.pdf) can be found on the State Water Resources Control Board's General Orders webpage and is enclosed.

The Project must proceed in accordance with the requirements contained in this Notice of Applicability and General Certification Order. The Project is described in the notification form requesting coverage under the General Certification Order, dated 13 March 2026, and supplementary information (Application Package). Coverage under the General Certification Order is no longer valid if the Project (as described) is modified.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The 2.67-acre Victor_DonMiWuk_12022021_4_Water Crossings Access Road Project (Project) consists of maintenance and minor improvements of an existing access road in Tuolumne County. Project activities include grading, compaction, and placing rock at three drainage crossings to stabilize the road and reduce erosion. Work is confined to the existing road prism and includes limited vegetation trimming and installation of drainage features to improve runoff management. From a water quality perspective, the primary concern is the potential for sediment discharge and turbidity from in-channel work and road disturbance at intermittent streams and small wetlands; however, impacts are minimal (only small fractions of an acre) and are largely temporary. The project incorporates standard erosion and sediment control BMPs, conducts work during the dry season, and is designed to reduce long-term sediment delivery by improving drainage and stabilizing the roadway, thereby minimizing adverse effects on downstream waters such as the South Fork Stanislaus River.

The Project will permanently impact 0.0171 acre(s)/146.97 linear feet and temporarily impact 0.01144 acre(s)/112.39 linear feet of waters of the United States.

PROJECT LOCATION:

The Project is located at Twain Harte CA, 95383
Section 35, Township 3 N, Range 16 E, MDB&M
Latitude: 38°04'14.11" and Longitude: -120°11'31.00"

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The approximate timeframe of Project construction is 1 June 2026 through 1 July 2026.

APPLICATION FEE RECEIVED:

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 H- Wildfire Mitigation by Electrical Corporations, Electric Utilities, and Electrical Cooperatives. Wildfire Mitigation Projects authorized by a Water Board General Order (fee code 19) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice of Applicability, please contact Sara Gevorgyan at (916) 464-4710 or Sara.Gevorgyan@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original Signed by Anne Walters
For Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Enclosure: Water Quality Order No. 2023-0055-DWQ Clean Water Act Section 401
Water Quality Certification for Regional General Permit 10 for U.S. Army
Corps of Engineers Regional General Permit No. 10 for Wildfire Mitigation.

Figure 1: Location Map

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