



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY

**WAIVER OF REPORT OF WASTE DISCHARGE AND WASTE DISCHARGE
REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF DISCHARGE WITHIN THE CENTRAL
VALLEY REGION,
PACIFIC GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY,
FIDDLER GREEN YB 63 DIVERSION DAM
SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT,
PLACER COUNTY**

On 30 October 2019, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to obtain coverage under the *Waiver of Report of Waste Discharge and Waste Discharge Requirements for Specific Types of Discharge within the Central Valley Region, Order R5-2013-0145* (the Waiver). The submittal contains all the information required to evaluate the applicability of the Waiver; therefore, the NOI is considered complete and the discharge meets the conditions of the Waiver for the disposal of dredge material to land. The discharge is hereby covered under the Waiver Order R5-2018-0085-0033. Please include this number on all correspondence related to this discharge.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

On an approximate two-year cycle, PG&E removes sand, gravel, and sediment from the basin located behind the Fiddler Creek YB 63 Diversion Dam on PG&E's Upper Wise Canal near Auburn in Placer County. If the sediment is not removed every other year, sediment will overtop the diversion wall, flow into irrigation canals, and create blockages.

Approximately 500 cubic yards of sediment is removed from the basin and piled in an adjacent open area, allowed to dry, and the spread over a previously authorized dredged material placement area. The placement area is stabilized in-place with typical erosion control best management practices (e.g., native grass seed mix, broadcast

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straw, straw wattles, etc.). Some of the dredged material is used as general purpose fill material for other utility projects.

Pre-dredge sediment samples have been collected for analysis of total inorganic constituents. Results show that the dredged material meets or exceeds applicable screening criteria, and concentrations of total inorganic constituents are equal to or less than the concentrations reported in soils at the placement area.

FACILITY-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

Please review the attached waiver documents and ensure that the discharge complies with the Conditions of Discharge contained in Attachment A. PG&E is responsible for compliance with the waiver and must provide sufficient contractor oversight to ensure compliance and prompt reporting of any noncompliance.

DOCUMENT SUBMITTALS

All monitoring reports and other correspondence should be converted to searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) and submitted electronically. Documents that are less than 50 MB should be emailed to:

centralvalleysacramento@waterboards.ca.gov.

To ensure that your submittal is routed to the appropriate staff person, the following information must be included in the body of the email or any documentation submitted to the mailing address for this office:

Facility Name:	PG&E Fiddler Green YB 63 Diversion Dam Sediment Removal Project
Program:	Non-15 Compliance
Order No.:	R5-2018-0085-0033
CIWQS Place ID:	812171

Documents that are 50 MB or larger must be transferred to a CD, DVD, or flash drive and mailed to:

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
ECM Mailroom
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Now that the NOA has been issued, the Board's Compliance and Enforcement section will take over management of your case. Guy Childs is your new point of contact for any questions about the Waiver. If you find it necessary to make a change to your permitted operations, Guy will direct you to the appropriate Permitting staff. You may contact Guy at (916) 464-4648 or at gchilds@waterboards.ca.gov.

--original signed by Robert Busby for--

Patrick Pulupa
Executive Officer

Enclosure: Waiver Order R5-2018-0085

cc w/o enc: Placer County Environmental Management Department, Auburn