

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**ADOPTION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
KERCKHOFF DAM LOW LEVEL OUTLET GATE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
MADERA COUNTY**

On 12 March 2015, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Discharger) submitted a Report of Waste Discharge for a proposed dredging project necessary to complete a dam maintenance project on Kerckhoff Dam on the San Joaquin River. The project includes replacing three 72" low level outlets (outlet) at the base of the dam and re-lining the outlet tunnels through the dam. The dredging is necessary to access the dam's upstream slide gates that need to be replaced. Dredged material will be placed in a previously disturbed area adjacent to the public campground at Smalley Cove. Kerckhoff Dam is located at the west end of Kerckhoff Reservoir approximately 8 miles north of Auberry (37° 07' 40", 119° 31' 27"). Portions of the Kerckhoff Project occur on Bureau of Land Management and Pacific Gas and Electric Company owned land.

The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will consider adoption of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for dredging and other project activities to ensure the project meets Basin Plan water quality objectives. The WDRs require monitoring and reporting for the project. Additionally, the WDRs require the Discharger to prepare an emergency spill and containment plan, an erosion and sedimentation control plan, a grout containment plan, a dewatering plan, and a water quality monitoring plan to address various potential threats to water quality in Kerckhoff Lake and the San Joaquin River.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: 30/31 July 2015
TIME: 8:30 a.m. or 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive, Suite 200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670-6114

The designated party for this hearing is 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 a request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **13 July 2015**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party, and, in particular, how the person is affected by the discharge.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
KERCKHOFF DAM LOW LEVEL OUTLET GATE REPLACEMENT
MADERA COUNTY

-2-

Any person or party wishing to comment on the proposed WDRs must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5 p.m.** on **13 July 2015** to CentralValleyFresno@waterboards.ca.gov or Debra.Mahnke@waterboards.ca.gov. Testimony, evidence, and/or written comments submitted after **5 p.m.** on **13 July 2015** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. A person or party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Board Chair must find that the late submission would not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any designated party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board hearing 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 Central Valley Water Board.

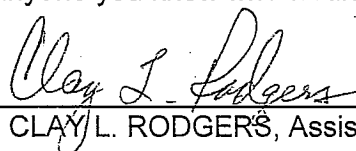
Anyone having questions on the proposed WDRs should contact Debra Mahnke at (559) 445-6281 or at Debra.Mahnke@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the proposed WDRs and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board Board's Internet website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's Fresno office at 1685 E Street, Fresno, California, [(559) 445-6281] weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The final Central Valley Water Board meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/#2015 at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the hearing will be held, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed WDRs.

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 Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water 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.



CLAY L. RODGERS, Assistant Executive Officer

11 June 2015