



Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY FOR COVERAGE UNDER ORDER WQ 2004-0004-DWQ, STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DREDGE OR FILL DISCHARGES TO WATERS DEEMED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO BE OUTSIDE OF FEDERAL JURISDICTION, A-462 L-300A MP 3.95 REPAIR ACCESS ROAD PROJECT, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, WDID NO. 7B363064001

Dear Craig Geldard,

On September 19, 2025, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Discharger) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to enroll under and comply with State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) Order WQ 2004-0004-DWQ, *Statewide General Waste discharge Requirements for Dredge or Fill Discharges to Waters Deemed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Be Outside of Federal Jurisdiction* (General WDRs). The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region (Colorado River Basin Water Board) has reviewed your enrollment materials and finds that the dredge or fill discharges associated with the A-462 L-300A MP 3.95 Repair Access Road Project (Project) meet the requirements for enrollment under the General WDRs. The Project is hereby enrolled under the General WDRs, and the Discharger may proceed with the Project in accordance therewith.

A copy of the General WDRs is attached to this Notice of Applicability (NOA) and can also be found on the [State Water Board's Adopted Orders webpage](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf) at: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/2004/wqo/wqo2004-0004.pdf.

Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of the General WDRs. You are responsible for complying with all applicable requirements. Failure to comply with the

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General WDRs constitutes a violation of the California Water Code and may result in enforcement action or termination of enrollment.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION, IMPACTS, AND MITIGATION

The purpose of the Project is to complete repairs on an access road and an existing gas pipeline both in an ephemeral wash, that were damaged by storm water. Project activities will include earthwork to recontour the damaged area, installation of a new polyethylene culvert, disposal of the old galvanized culvert, installation of rock slope protection, and recoating and stabilization of the existing gas pipeline. Vegetation in the temporarily impacted areas will be avoided to the extent feasible. Best Management Practices will be used to prevent sediment from traveling into waters of the state outside the project area.

The Project will permanently impact 0.03 acres (64 linear feet) of permanent impacts and 0.06 acres (66 linear feet) of temporary impacts to waters of the state within washes (ephemeral streams), which are subject to the Colorado River Basin Water Board's jurisdiction. The temporarily impacted areas will be restored to pre-project conditions upon completion of the work.

The Discharger will provide compensatory mitigation for the authorized permanent impacts to waters of the state at a ratio of 2:1 for a total of 0.06 acres of in-kind waters of the state within the service area via a Mojave Desert Tortoise mitigation bank credit purchase.

PROJECT LOCATION

The Project is located about 10 miles southeast of the City of Needles, in San Bernardino County, California. This area is within Section 14, Township 7 North, Range 23 East, San Bernardino Base & Meridian.

The latitude and longitude of the Project site(s) are listed below in Table 1.

Maps showing the Project locations and areas of impacted waters are found in Attachment A: Project Maps

Table 1: Project Site Locations

Site	Latitude	Longitude
1	34.70379° N	114.551025° W

FEES RECEIVED

An application fee of \$4,212.00 was received in two payments; \$2,133.00 was received on September 19, 2025 and \$2,079.00 was received on October 6, 2025. The fee amounts were determined as required by California Code of Regulations, title 23, sections 3833(b)(3) and 2200(a)(3) and were calculated as a Category E - Low Impact Discharges (fee code 87) with the dredge and fill fee calculator.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

The Project consists of maintenance and repairs to a preexisting access road and gas pipeline. The Colorado River Basin Water Board has determined that the Project is exempt from the procedural requirements of CEQA (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.;;) based on a “Class 1” categorical exemption for “Existing Facilities” (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301) and no exceptions to these exemptions apply (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15300.2).

AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION MEASURES

The Discharger shall implement all measures identified in the NOI and supplemental materials to avoid and minimize adverse impacts to waters of the state and comply with all applicable conditions in the General WDRs.

TERMINATION OF COVERAGE

Upon completion of the Project, the Discharger shall submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) requesting to be un-enrolled from the General WDRs. The NOT form can be found in Attachment 2 of the General WDRs.

If you require further assistance, please contact Logan Raub, 401 Water Quality Certification Program Manager via phone at (760) 776-8966 or email at Logan.Raub@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Michael Placencia
Executive Officer
Colorado River Basin
Regional Water Quality Control Board

Enclosures: 1) Attachment A Project Maps
2) State Water Board Water Quality Order No. 2004-0004-DWQ

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Attachment A Project Maps

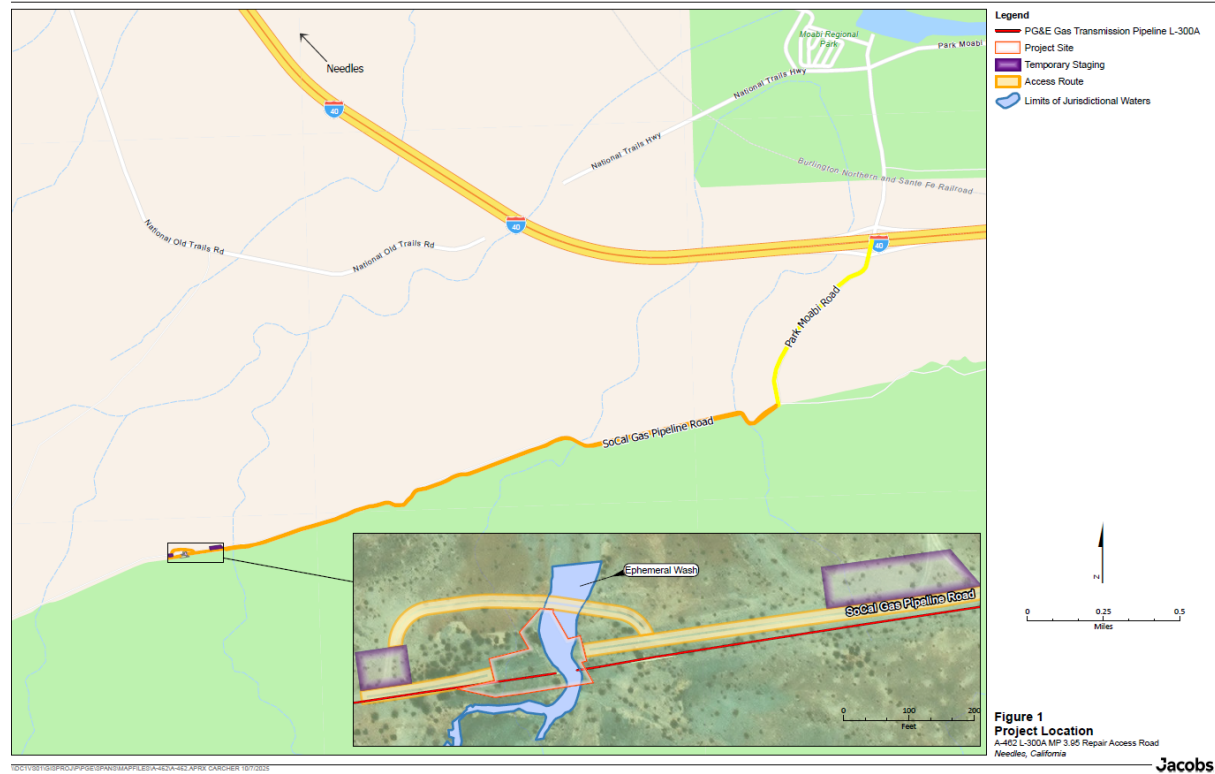


Figure 1. Regional Map of the Project site.¹

¹ Figures and photos submitted with the Notice of Intent (NOI) Form and supplemental materials for the A-462 L-300A MP 3.95 Repair Access Road Project was received by Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board on September 19, 2025.



Figure 2. Work are and jurisdictional map.



Figure 3. Project site, image of damaged access road. Photo facing East.

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