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## State Water Resources Control Board

### **Public Notice of Application for Water Quality Certification and Waste Discharge Requirements for the Pacific Gas and Electric Bay Area Operations and Maintenance Program**

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Quality  
Water Quality Certification Program

**Date Posted: July 12, 2022**

**Comment Period: July 12, 2022 - August 26, 2022 at noon**

**Affected Counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma**

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has received an application for water quality certification and waste discharge requirements for the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Bay Area Operations and Maintenance Program (Reg. Meas. ID: 428347 and SWRCB ID: SB21039IN). **Staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received during a 45-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter (July 12, 2022) and ends at noon on the last day of the comment period (August 26, 2022).** To submit comments, or if you have any questions, please contact the State Water Board staff person listed below. Electronic submittals are strongly encouraged.

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**Note: No regulatory decision is implied or intended in this public notice.**

**Project Name: Pacific Gas and Electric Bay Area Operations and Maintenance Program**

**Background:** Pursuant to federal law (Title 33, United States Code, Section 1241; Clean Water Act Section 401), applicants for a federal license or permit for activities which may discharge to waters of the United States must seek Water Quality Certification from the state or Indian tribe with jurisdiction. Such Certification is based on

a finding that the discharge will meet water quality standards and other applicable requirements. In California, Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) issue or deny Certification for discharges within their geographic jurisdiction. The State Water Board has this responsibility for projects affecting waters within multiple Regional Water Board jurisdictions.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife acting as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act prepared an Environmental Impact Report, which is available at the following website: [Pacific Gas and Electric Company Bay Area Operations & Maintenance Environmental Impact Report \(https://ceganet.opr.ca.gov/2017122028/3\)](https://ceganet.opr.ca.gov/2017122028/3).

**Project Description:** PG&E's Bay Area Operation and Maintenance Program consists of activities required to maintain safe and operable electrical and gas utility infrastructure including operation and maintenance of PG&E's gas and electrical transmission and distribution systems and minor new construction (e.g., inspecting and testing valves, enclosures, and other components; repairing and replacing facilities, structures, and access roads; electrical transmission and distribution reconductoring projects; gas pipeline replacement; and emergency repair and replacement). The program includes discharges of dredged or fill material to waters of the U.S. as well as waters of the state that are not waters of the U.S.

**Project Location:** PG&E's ongoing and routine maintenance activities related to gas and electric infrastructure would affect the nine-county region consisting of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma counties. Activity locations may vary from year to year, based on maintenance schedules, changes in maintenance priority, and the need to respond to emergencies.

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