PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION BEFORE THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

A request for a water quality certification (certification) under section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the following project was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 requires the Executive Director of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application for certification at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. The notice period may be shortened in an emergency.

Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to Chase McCormick:

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State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program

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RECEIVED: July 16, 2025

PROJECT: Kerckhoff Hydroelectric Project

(Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project

No. 96).

APPLICANT: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

CONTACT: Jennifer Hartman

COUNTY: Fresno and Madera Counties

PUBLIC NOTICE: August 14, 2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is requesting water quality certification for the relicensing of the Kerckhoff Hydroelectric Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project (FERC) No. 96 (Project). The Project is located in Fresno and Madera Counties on the San Joaquin River with an installed capacity of 162.72 megawatts (MW). In addition to continued operations, PG&E proposes: 1) decommissioning of the Kerckhoff 1 Powerhouse; 2) construction of a new day use area; 3) Project boundary updates; and 4) implementation of new environmental management plans and measures.