PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION
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 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:	April 20, 2026
PROJECT:	Lower Blue Lake Dam Seepage Mitigation Project
APPLICANT:	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
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COUNTY:	Alpine
PUBLIC NOTICE:	May 19, 2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: On April 20, 2026, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) submitted a request for water quality certification for Lower Blue Lake Dam Seepage Mitigation Project (Project), part of the Mokelumne River Hydroelectric Project. In 2018, PG&E observed evidence of seepage on the downstream embankment face of Lower Blue Lake Dam. Since 2018, PG&E has maintained a lower reservoir level to minimize ongoing seepage.

The Project includes: (1) installing a filter, seepage collection system, and rock fill buttress along the downstream earthen embankment portion of Lower Blue Lake Dam; (2) raising the crest of Lower Blue Lake Dam by approximately two feet; (3) placing a gravel surface along the crest of the dam; (4) replacing the existing reservoir depth staff gage; (5) installing a public safety railing along a portion of the dam; (6) replacing degraded concrete associated with the instream flow release weir and incorporating it

into the Mokelumne River Hydroelectric Project boundary; (7) removing the helipad at the left dam abutment; (8) removal and abandonment of an existing water line; (9) relocating a portion of electrical conduit that provides power and communications to the instream flow release weir gauging station outside of the rock fill buttress footprint; (10) installing additional concrete erosion protection adjacent to the right wall of the existing spillway; and (11) replacing the spillway sills and flashboards.