PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
BEFORE THE DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

An application for water quality 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), Division of Water Rights (Division). The Division has reviewed the application and finds it complete pursuant to the requirements specified in California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3856. California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 requires the Executive Director of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

Water Quality Certification Unit
Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

RECEIVED: April 20, 2011
PROJECT: DeSabla-Centerville Hydroelectric Project
          FERC Project No. 803
APPLICANT: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
COUNTY: Butte
RECEIVING WATER: Butte Creek and West Branch Feather River
PUBLIC NOTICE: December 2, 2011
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) for a new license to operate the DeSabla-Centerville Hydroelectric Project (Commission Project No. 803). The Commission license for the DeSabla-Centerville Hydroelectric Project (Project) was issued on June 11, 1980, and expired on October 11, 2009. The Project is located on Butte Creek and the West Branch of the Feather River and has an installed capacity of 26.7 megawatts. The Project includes the following: Round Valley Reservoir, Philbrook Reservoir, Hendricks Head Dam, Hendricks Canal, Toadtown Powerhouse, Butte Creek Diversion Dam, Butte Creek Canal, DeSabla Forebay, DeSabla Powerhouse, Lower Centerville Canal, Lower Centerville Diversion Dam, and Centerville Powerhouse.

The State Water Board is the lead agency for the purpose of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has prepared a Draft Negative Declaration for the DeSabla-Centerville Hydroelectric Project, which will be released for public comment in the near future.