

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

An application for a water quality certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the Upper Drum-Spaulding Hydroelectric Project and Lower Drum Hydroelectric Project (Projects)<sup>1</sup> 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 at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. The typical notice period may be shortened in an emergency. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to Jordan Smith:

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Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program  
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<b>RECEIVED:</b>	February 4, 2020
<b>PROJECT:</b>	Upper Drum-Spaulding Hydroelectric Project and Lower Drum Hydroelectric Project
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
<b>CONTACT:</b>	Steve Bauman
<b>COUNTY:</b>	Nevada and Placer Counties
<b>PUBLIC NOTICE:</b>	October 16, 2020
<b>PROJECT STATUS:</b>	Pending

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** On February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, The State Water Board received an application for water quality certification from Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for Upper Drum-Spaulding Hydroelectric Project and Lower Drum Hydroelectric Project in support of PG&E's application before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for a new license. The Projects are located in Nevada and Placer counties in the South Yuba River, Bear River, North Fork American River, and Sacramento River basins. The Projects involve the transfer of water from the South Yuba River and North Fork of the North Fork American River to the Bear River basin, and the transfer of water from Bear River to the Sacramento River basin. The Projects are comprised of 29 reservoirs; six major water conduits; 11 powerhouses; five transmission lines; one distribution line; and associated structures, including recreation facilities.

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<sup>1</sup> The Upper Drum-Spaulding Hydroelectric Project is also referred to as FERC Project No. 2310. The Lower Drum Hydroelectric Project is also referred to as FERC Project No. 14531.