

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

A request for a water quality certification (certification) amendment for the Pit 3, 4, and 5 Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 233) was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). Certifications are issued under section 401 of the Clean Water Act. 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 Savannah Downey:

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Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program
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RECEIVED:	December 23, 2019
PROJECT:	Pit 3, 4, and 5 Hydroelectric Project
APPLICANT:	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
CONTACT:	Megan Young
COUNTY:	Butte County
PUBLIC NOTICE:	January 2, 2020
PROJECT STATUS:	Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) requested an amendment to the Pit 3, 4, and 5 Hydroelectric Project (Project; Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [FERC] Project No. 233) water quality certification (certification). PG&E is requesting a modification to Mitigation Measure 12, Recreation Management Plan. Mitigation Measure 12 requires PG&E to increase the amount of public overnight camping units around Lake Britton by 25 percent, with at least half of the increased capacity added in the first 12-year period after FERC license issuance. The proposed amendment would extend the 12-year deadline by one year, from December 31, 2019, to December 31, 2020. All other conditions of the certification would remain the same and in full effect.