An application for water quality certification (certification) under section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) 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 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:

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Water Quality Certification Program  
Division of Water Rights  
State Water Resources Control Board  
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RECEIVED: September 30, 2014
PROJECT: Pit 3, 4, and 5 Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 233
APPLICANT: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)
CONTACT: Jessica Albietz
COUNTY: Shasta
PUBLIC NOTICE: October 6, 2014
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

On January 27, 2007, the State Water Board issued a certification for the Pit 3, 4, and 5 Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 233 (Project). Condition 14 and Mitigation Measure 12 of the certification requires PG&E to develop a Recreation Resource Management Plan (RRMP) for the Project. The RRMP was approved by the State Water Board on April 25, 2011, and by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on June 3, 2011. PG&E’s application is requesting modifications to Mitigation Measure 12 of the certification to remove any inconsistencies with the FERC-approved RRMP.

In addition, PG&E is also requesting modification to Conditions 4, 5, 6, and 7 of the certification to remove inconsistencies with Section 4(e) Conditions changes that were filed by the United States Forest Service to “correct grammatical errors, provide clarifications, changes to survey protocols identified during specific resource plan development, design changes during construction, and others.”