

**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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RECEIVED:	August 12, 2020
PROJECT:	Pit 3, 4, and 5 Hydroelectric Project
APPLICANT:	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
CONTACT:	Megan Young
COUNTY:	Butte County
PUBLIC NOTICE:	September 4, 2020
PROJECT STATUS:	Issued June 22, 2021

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) requested a temporary amendment to the Pit 3, 4, and 5 Hydroelectric Project (Project; Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 233) water quality certification (certification) to reschedule the August 2020 recreation stream flows to October 2020. PG&E's 2020 outage schedule was modified due to COVID-19 and several unplanned and forced outages. For this reason, the California Independent System Operator directed that PG&E cannot take the Pit 5 Powerhouse offline to provide the August 2020 recreation stream flows. After consulting with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, American Whitewater, and State Water Board staff, PG&E is proposing to reschedule the recreation stream flows from August 8-9 to October 17-18.