

---

## State Water Resources Control Board

APR 14 2015

To: FERC Service List P-2867

REQUEST TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF FLUSHING FLOWS, PIT 1 HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT, FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT NO. 2687

On March 19, 2015, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) submitted a letter requesting an extension of the suspension of flushing flows for one additional year for the Pit 1 Hydroelectric Project (Project) to allow for the completion of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis. If approved, this request would continue the suspension of flushing flows in the Pit 1 Bypass Reach for a limited amount of time while the CEQA analysis is completed.

On June 24, 2009, PG&E submitted a request to the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to amend the water quality certification to remove Conditions 13 (flushing flows) and 14 (flushing flow effectiveness monitoring). Condition 13 of the water quality certification requires PG&E to release flushing flows during three weekends in May or June, July, and August. The flows are designed to reduce nuisance vegetation and control mosquito populations in the Fall River Pond. By letter dated August 28, 2009, State Water Board staff notified PG&E that before an amendment of the water quality certification can be considered, the State Water Board must comply with CEQA. In a letter dated December 17, 2009, United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) staff stated that flushing flows are likely resulting in take and are facilitating the decline of the endangered Shasta crayfish in the Pit 1 Bypass Reach.

On April 15, 2010, the State Water Board received a request from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) to temporarily suspend the flushing flow requirements in the Project's (FERC Project No. 2687) water quality certification, issued on December 4, 2001. The water quality certification conditions are incorporated into the license issued by the Commission on March 19, 2003. On July 6, 2010, the State Water Board issued Order WQ 2010-0009-EXEC, which temporarily amended the water quality certification to suspend flushing flows for two years (i.e., for 2010 and 2011) in order to allow PG&E to complete the required CEQA documentation.

On March 22, 2012, PG&E submitted a letter requesting an extension of the suspension of flushing flows for one additional year for the Project to allow for implementation of the Shasta crayfish study plan and completion of the CEQA analysis. On June 14, 2012, the State Water Board issued Order WQ 2012-0008-EXEC approving the temporary suspension of flushing flow requirements through 2012. The Shasta crayfish study plan was completed and the final report issued on January 31, 2013.

APR 14 2015

On March 28, 2013, PG&E submitted a letter requesting an extension of the suspension of flushing flows for one additional year for the Project to allow for the completion of the draft environmental impact report (EIR) required by CEQA. On June 20, 2013, the State Water Board issued Order WQ 2013-0024-EXEC approving the temporary suspension of flushing flow requirements through 2013.

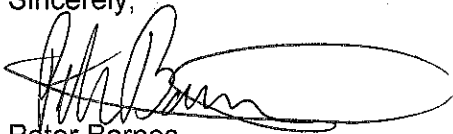
On April 21, 2014, PG&E submitted a letter requesting an extension of the suspension of flushing flows for one additional year for the Project to allow for the completion of the draft EIR required by CEQA. On June 12, 2014, the State Water Board issued Order WQ 2014-0023-EXEC approving the temporary suspension of flushing flow requirements through 2014.

California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3838 authorizes the Executive Director for the State Water Board to take all actions connected with applications for water quality certification. This letter serves as notice that pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858, the State Water Board is taking action on the request to extend the temporary suspension of the flushing flow requirements.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (916) 445-9989 or by email at: Peter.Barnes@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondence can be directed as follows:

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Rights  
Water Quality Certification Program  
Attn: Peter Barnes  
P.O. Box 2000  
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Sincerely,



Peter Barnes  
Engineering Geologist  
Water Quality Certification Program

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20426

Ms. Jane Diamond, Director  
U.S. EPA, Region 9  
Water Division  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

Ms. Jessica Albietz  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
P.O. Box 770000, Mail Code N13E  
San Francisco, CA 94177

Mr. Matt Myers  
California Department of Fish and Game  
601 Locust Street  
Sacramento, CA 96001

Mr. Josh Hull  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
2800 Cottage Way  
Sacramento, CA 95825-1846

Mr. Dave Steindorf  
American Whitewater  
4 Baroni Drive  
Chico, CA 95928

**Pit 1 (FERC No. 2687)  
Interested Parties Mailing List  
(April 14, 2015)**

Kevin Lewis, Director  
Shasta Paddlers  
6069 Hornbeck Lane  
Anderson, CA 96007-4864

Craig A. Engle  
California Department of Parks and  
Recreation  
P.O. Box 2430  
Shasta, CA 96087-2430

Fall River and Big Valley Cattleman's  
Assoc.  
P.O. Box 445  
McArthur, CA 96056-0445

Jennifer Carville  
Friends of the River  
1418 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite A  
Sacramento, CA 95811-5206

John Sandhofner  
PG&E  
Shasta Hydro  
20818 Black Ranch Road  
Burney, CA 96013-9639

Martin Bauer  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Reclamation  
3310 El Camino Ave., Suite 300  
Sacramento, CA 95821-6377

Regional Environmental Officer  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
333 Bush Street, Suite 515  
San Francisco, CA 94104

Regional Director  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
2800 Cottage Way, W-2606  
Sacramento, CA 95825-1846

Jim Crenshaw  
California Sportfishing Protection Alliance  
1248 E. Oak Avenue, Suite D  
Woodland, CA 95776-4104

Andrew Barnsdale  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102-3214

Mike Fitzwater  
Fall River Wild Trout Foundation  
16862 Pasquale Road  
Nevada City, CA 95959-9575

Tamara C. Falor, Esq.  
County of Humboldt  
825 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Eureka, CA 95501-1153

Randal S. Livingston  
Lead Director  
PG&E  
77 Beale Street  
San Francisco, CA 94177-0001

Stephan Volker  
Law Offices of Stephan C. Volker  
436 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oakland, CA 94612

Margaret J. Kim  
California Resources Agency  
1416 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1311  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5509

R. Winston Bell, Jr.  
Vice President  
Foothill Conservancy  
P.O. Box 1255  
Pine Grove, CA 95665

Les Nicholson  
Hydro Manager  
Nevada Irrigation District  
28311 Secret Town Road  
Colfax, CA 95713-9473

Lynn Cox  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
2800 Cottage Way, Suite E1712  
Sacramento, CA 95825-1863

Field Supervisor  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
2800 Cottage Way, W2605  
Sacramento, CA 95825

Erica Niebauer  
Office of Regional Solicitor  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
2800 Cottage Way, W2605  
Sacramento, CA 95825

Kerry O'Hara  
Office of Regional Solicitor  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
2800 Cottage Way, W2605  
Sacramento, CA 95825

Kelly Marie Sohn  
5815 Amaya Drive  
La Mesa, CA 91942

Regional Environmental Officer  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
333 Bush Street, Suite 515  
San Francisco, CA 94104

Ross Jones  
23457 Fall River Road  
Cassel, CA 96028

Doug Knox  
HC-4 Box 49528  
Alturas, CA 96101

Janet & Harold Chandler  
P.O. Box 1466  
Burney, CA 96013

Daniel Harney  
39207 Wildbird  
Cassel, CA 96016

Virginia Dye  
44217 Cedar Street  
McArthur, CA 96056

Myra Swarts  
22754 Cassel Road  
Cassel, CA 96016

Orvil Swarts  
22754 Cassel Road  
Cassel, CA 96016

Adele Boster  
P.O. Box 105  
Cassel, CA 96016

Ron Shannon  
44308 A Street  
McArthur, CA 96056

Mike Ammon  
California Department of Boating &  
Waterway  
Executive Office  
1 Capitol Mall, Suite 410  
Sacramento, CA 95814-3277

William D. Cunningham  
State of California  
P.O. Box 944255  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2550

Stan Griffin  
27 Dorset Lane  
Mill Valley, CA 94941-5203

Governor of California  
Office of the Governor of California  
State Capitol Building, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Commander  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
San Francisco District Office  
1455 Market Street, Suite 1760  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Honorable Barbara Boxer  
Senator  
U.S. Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Edward C. Cole  
Forest Supervisor  
USDA Forest Service  
2550 Riverside Drive  
Susanville, CA 96130

Email List:

Joshua Horowitz  
Bartkiewicz, Kronick & Shanahan  
[jmh@bkslawfirm.com](mailto:jmh@bkslawfirm.com)

Steve Rotherth  
American Rivers  
[srothert@americanrivers.org](mailto:srothert@americanrivers.org)

Kevin Richard Colburn  
American Whitewater  
[kevin@amwhitewater.org](mailto:kevin@amwhitewater.org)

Dave Steindorf  
American Whitewater  
[dave@amwhitewater.org](mailto:dave@amwhitewater.org)

Dan Smith  
Association of California Water Agencies  
[dans@acwanet.com](mailto:dans@acwanet.com)

Richard Roos-Collins  
Natural Heritage Institute  
[rrcollins@waterpowerlaw.com](mailto:rrcollins@waterpowerlaw.com)

Nate Rangel  
California Outdoors  
[nate@raftcalifornia.com](mailto:nate@raftcalifornia.com)

Arocles Aguilar, Esq.  
California Public Utilities Commission  
[aro@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:aro@cpuc.ca.gov)

Peter Allen  
California Public Utilities Commission  
[pva@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:pva@cpuc.ca.gov)

Traci Bone  
California Public Utilities Commission  
[tbo@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:tbo@cpuc.ca.gov)

Jeffrey Meith  
Meith, Soares & Sexton, LLP  
[jmeith@minasianlaw.com](mailto:jmeith@minasianlaw.com)

Michael Glaze  
Oroville-Wyandotte Irrigation District  
[glaze@southfeather.com](mailto:glaze@southfeather.com)

Angela Risdon  
PG&E  
[acr1@pge.com](mailto:acr1@pge.com)

Annette Faraglia  
PG&E  
[arf3@pge.com](mailto:arf3@pge.com)

PG&E Law Dept FERC Cases  
[lawferccases@pge.com](mailto:lawferccases@pge.com)

Michael W. Neville  
Deputy Attorney General  
[Michael.neville@doj.ca.gov](mailto:Michael.neville@doj.ca.gov)

John Whittaker  
Winston & Strawn LLP  
[jwhittaker@winston.com](mailto:jwhittaker@winston.com)

Lon W. House  
Regional Council of Rural Counties  
[jwhouse@innercite.com](mailto:jwhouse@innercite.com)

Gary Taylor  
US Fish & Wildlife Service  
[gary\\_l\\_taylor@fws.gov](mailto:gary_l_taylor@fws.gov)

John Bezdek  
US Dept. of Interior  
[John\\_bezdek@ios.doi.gov](mailto:John_bezdek@ios.doi.gov)

Legal Department  
US. Dept. of Interior  
[Gloria-smith@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Gloria-smith@ios.doi.gov)

Stephen M. Bowes  
US Dept. of Interior  
[Stephen\\_bowes@nps.gov](mailto:Stephen_bowes@nps.gov)

Denis O'Halloran  
US Dept. of Interior  
[dhall@usgs.gov](mailto:dhall@usgs.gov)

Chris Watson  
US Dept. of Interior  
[Chriswatson.sol@gmail.com](mailto:Chriswatson.sol@gmail.com)

Curt Aikens  
Yuba County Water Agency  
[caikens@ycwa.com](mailto:caikens@ycwa.com)

Katy Cotter  
[kcotter@friendsoftheriver.org](mailto:kcotter@friendsoftheriver.org)

Marsh Chamberlain  
[marsh@dataglyph.com](mailto:marsh@dataglyph.com)

Matt Myers  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
[matt.myers@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:matt.myers@wildlife.ca.gov)

Steve Yonge  
Cardno Entrix  
[Steve.yonge@cardno.com](mailto:Steve.yonge@cardno.com)

Steve Baumgartner  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
[Steven.baumgartner@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Steven.baumgartner@wildlife.ca.gov)

Guy Chetelat  
[gchetelat@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:gchetelat@waterboards.ca.gov)

Ron Rogers  
American Whitewater  
[yogayaker@gmail.com](mailto:yogayaker@gmail.com)

Mike Martini  
American Whitewater  
[mmartini@chicousdi.org](mailto:mmartini@chicousdi.org)

Charlie Guilbault  
[wwpaddle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wwpaddle@sbcglobal.net)

Scott Magrini  
Pacific Gas & Electric Company  
[s4m7@pge.com](mailto:s4m7@pge.com)

Michael Harris  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
[michael.harris@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:michael.harris@wildlife.ca.gov)

Dave Meurer  
[dave.meurer@sen.ca.gov](mailto:dave.meurer@sen.ca.gov)

Ian Caliendo  
Pacific Gas & Electric Company  
[ixc8@pge.com](mailto:ixc8@pge.com)

George Williams  
[countrygeorge1984@yahoo.com](mailto:countrygeorge1984@yahoo.com)