

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

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 before taking certification action on the application. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

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Division of Water Rights
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RECEIVED:	February 25, 2015
PROJECT:	Pit 3 Dam Rubber Bladder Control Gates Replacement Project
APPLICANT:	Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)
CONTACT:	Jessica Albietz
COUNTY:	Shasta
PUBLIC NOTICE:	February 26, 2015
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, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 233. PG&E's application is requesting temporary modifications to Condition 4 of the certification to allow: (1) a four-foot increase in the Pit 3 Reservoir (Lake Britton) level; and (2) the ability to maintain all three Pit 3 Dam spillway rubber bladder control gates closed between March 1, 2015, and March 31, 2015. PG&E's is requesting the temporary amendment to allow for testing of the three newly installed spillway rubber bladder control gates. Testing is necessary to ensure the safety and reliability of the control gates operation prior to the non-spill period, which begins on April 16, 2015. All other conditions of the certification, including minimum in-stream flows and ramping rates, would remain in full effect.