

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

A request for amendment to the existing water quality certification (certification) 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 Philip Meyer:

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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program
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RECEIVED:	June 21, 2019
PROJECT:	Pit 3, 4, and 5 Hydroelectric Project
APPLICANT:	Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)
CONTACT:	Sean Murphy, License Coordinator
COUNTY:	Shasta
PUBLIC NOTICE:	June 28, 2019
PROJECT STATUS:	Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: PG&E has requested that the January 27, 2007 water quality certification for the Pit 3, 4, and 5 Hydroelectric Project (Project), be amended to allow a temporary variance in September 2019 to the minimum instream flow requirements below the Pit 3 and Pit 5 diversion dams. The variance is needed to complete dive inspections of Project spillway aprons, energy dissipaters, valves, and other related appurtenances. Dive inspections at the Pit 3 and Pit 5 diversion dams are required per the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s Dam Safety Surveillance Monitoring Plan and California Division of Safety of Dams’ inspection findings and recommendations, as well as PG&E’s standard operating procedures.

During the dive inspections, PG&E requests to decrease flows to 75 cfs below both diversion dams for a maximum of eight hours. The flows will be reduced from 280 cubic feet per second (cfs) at the Pit 3 diversion dam and 350 cfs at the Pit 5 diversion dam.

PG&E's flow variance request will not impact compliance with the ramping rate (Condition 7) and recreational flow releases (Condition 8) in the certification.