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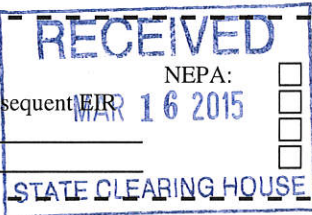
Project Title: Pinecrest Lake Level Modification Project

Lead Agency: State Water Resources Control Board Contact Person: Jeffrey Parks
Mailing Address: PO Box 2000 Phone: 916-341-5319
City: Sacramento Zip: 95812-2000 County: Sacramento

Project Location: County: Tuolumne City/Nearest Community: Pinecrest/ Strawberry
Cross Streets: Pinecrest Avenue and Lakeshore Avenue Zip Code: 95364
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): -119 0 55 ' 40.2 " N / 38 0 11 ' 36.9 " W Total Acres: ~300
Assessor's Parcel No.: NA Section: 15, 16 Twp.: 4N Range: 18W Base: MDBM
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 108 Waterways: South Fork Stanislaus River
Airports: NA Railways: NA Schools: Pinecrest Elementary

Document Type:

CEQA: [ ] NOP [ ] Draft EIR NEPA: [ ] NOI Other: [ ] Joint Document
[ ] Early Cons [ ] Supplement/Subsequent EIR (Prior SCH No.) [ ] EA [ ] Final Document
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Local Action Type:

[ ] General Plan Update [ ] Specific Plan [ ] Rezone [ ] Annexation
[ ] General Plan Amendment [ ] Master Plan [ ] Prezone [ ] Redevelopment
[ ] General Plan Element [ ] Planned Unit Development [ ] Use Permit [ ] Coastal Permit
[ ] Community Plan [ ] Site Plan [ ] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [X] Other: C.W.A. 401

Development Type:

[ ] Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Educational: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

[X] Aesthetic/Visual [ ] Fiscal [X] Recreation/Parks [X] Vegetation
[X] Agricultural Land [X] Flood Plain/Flooding [ ] Schools/Universities [X] Water Quality
[X] Air Quality [X] Forest Land/Fire Hazard [ ] Septic Systems [X] Water Supply/Groundwater
[X] Archeological/Historical [X] Geologic/Seismic [ ] Sewer Capacity [ ] Wetland/Riparian
[X] Biological Resources [X] Minerals [X] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [X] Growth Inducement
[ ] Coastal Zone [X] Noise [ ] Solid Waste [ ] Land Use
[X] Drainage/Absorption [X] Population/Housing Balance [X] Toxic/Hazardous [ ] Cumulative Effects
[ ] Economic/Jobs [X] Public Services/Facilities [X] Traffic/Circulation [X] Other: Utilities & Svc. Sys.

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Public, Parks and Recreation, Forest Land

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)
See Attachment A.

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**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

March 16, 2015

Starting Date \_\_\_\_\_ Ending Date April 15, 2015

**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

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Phone: <u>510-267-0494</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 3/16/15

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Attachment A  
Attachment to Notice of Completion for a Mitigated Negative Declaration for  
the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Pinecrest Lake Level Modification Project

**Project Description**

On December 16, 2011, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed a request with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to modify the existing Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification (certification) condition pertaining to the minimum Pinecrest Lake level. Pinecrest Lake is part of PG&E's Spring Gap-Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project. Pinecrest Lake is located on the South Fork Stanislaus River in Tuolumne County, California. Prior to making a modification to the certification, the State Water Board must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The State Water Board is the lead agency under CEQA.

If approved, PG&E's proposed Pinecrest Lake Level Modification Project (Project), would allow lowering Pinecrest Lake until and including Labor Day each year from the current minimum elevation of 5,608 feet to a range of minimum elevations between 5,606 and 5,600 feet, depending on the water year type as defined in the existing certification. Other activities proposed as part of the Project include the removal of underwater boating hazards such as tree stumps and boulders to facilitate boating and other recreation activities at lower lake elevations, and modification of shoreline sediment to enhance the quality of shoreline based recreation at lower lake elevations.