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Project Title: Relief Reach-Kennedy Meadows Riparian Restoration and Streambank Stabilization Project

Lead Agency: State Water Resources Control Board

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Phone: 916-322-8469

City: Sacramento

Zip: 95812-2000

County: Sacramento

Project Location: County: Tuolumne

City/Nearest Community: Dardanelle

Cross Streets: Highway 108 and Kennedy Meadows Road

Zip Code: 95370

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 119 ° 44 ' 28.74 " N / 38 ° 19 ' 9.25 " W Total Acres: 9.38

Assessor's Parcel No.: 021-020-02-00

Section: 2

Twp.: 5 North

Range: 20 East

Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 108

Waterways: Middle Fork Stanislaus River

Airports: NA

Railways: NA

Schools: NA

Document Type:

- CEQA: [ ] NOP [ ] Draft EIR [ ] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [ ] Early Cons [ ] Neg Dec [ ] Mit Neg Dec
NEPA: [ ] NOI [ ] EA [ ] Draft EIS FONSI
Other: [ ] Joint Document [ ] Final Document [ ] Other:

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Local Action Type:

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

Development Type:

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

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

- [x] Aesthetic/Visual [ ] Fiscal [x] Recreation/Parks [x] Vegetation
[x] Agricultural Land [ ] 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 [x] Wetland/Riparian
[x] Biological Resources [x] Minerals [x] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [ ] Growth Inducement
[ ] Coastal Zone [x] Noise [x] Solid Waste [x] Land Use
[x] Drainage/Absorption [x] Population/Housing Balance [x] Toxic/Hazardous [ ] Cumulative Effects
[ ] Economic/Jobs [x] Public Services/Facilities [x] Traffic/Circulation [ ] Other:

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Conservation Easement/Commercial and General Recreation

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

See Attachment A

**Reviewing Agencies Checklist**

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with and "X".  
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District #10                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB #5S                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy                     | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of                             | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission                            | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of                               | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region #4                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development                        |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission         |  |

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

Starting Date June 7, 2017 Ending Date July 11, 2017

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

Consulting Firm: <u>Cardno Entrix</u>	Applicant: <u>Pacific Gas and Electric Company</u>
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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: JUN 07 2017

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

Attachment A  
Attachment to Notice of Completion for a Negative Declaration for  
the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Relief Reach-Kennedy Meadows Riparian Restoration and  
Streambank Stabilization Project

**Project Description**

On April 8, 2016, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) filed an application for water quality certification (certification) under section 401 of the Clean Water Act with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). The *Relief Reach-Kennedy Meadows Riparian Restoration and Streambank Stabilization Project* (Project) is a requirement of PG&E's Spring Gap-Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 2130. The Project is located on the Middle Fork Stanislaus River in Tuolumne County, California. Prior to issuance of 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.

PG&E is required by the Spring Gap-Stanislaus Hydroelectric Project's FERC license, issued on April 24, 2009, to evaluate riparian and streambank conditions in upper Kennedy Meadows (Project Reach) on the Middle Fork Stanislaus River below Relief Dam and to develop and implement vegetation restoration and streambank stabilization measures. These requirements derive from Article 401 of the FERC license, which implements the United State Department of Agriculture-Forest Service 4(e) conditions and Condition 9 of the State Water Board certification.

The Project proposes streambank stabilization and enhancement of riparian and aquatic habitats within the Project Reach. The streambank stabilization and riparian restoration measures are proposed along a 3,000-linear foot reach along the Middle Fork Stanislaus River. The proposed measures include a combination of various bioengineering techniques, including streambank grading, wood and rock placement, and native vegetation planting. Toe rock addition and root wad placement are proposed in areas with more recent and severe active streambank erosion, and where flow velocities are higher during high flows compared to the other treatment areas. Split rail fencing will also be installed in two segments at the downstream end of the Project Reach to protect the restored vegetation and banks. A river access area used by recreationists and cattle will remain open to focus access to the river.

