

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
BEFORE THE DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

An application for the following project was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights for a Water Quality Certification 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. Written questions regarding the application should be directed to:

WQ Certification Unit
Division of Water Rights
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

RECEIVED: June 17, 2009
PROJECT: Upper North Fork Feather Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2105)
APPLICANT: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
AGENT: North State Resources.
COUNTY: Plumas County
RECEIVING WATER: North Fork Feather River
PUBLIC NOTICE: July 14, 2009
PROJECT STATUS: Pending Certification Action

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Upper North Fork Feather River (UNFFR) Hydroelectric Project consists of several facilities, which include Lake Almanor, Butt Valley Reservoir, three dams which impound water on the North Fork Feather River, five powerhouses, and three bypassed stream reaches. In accordance with the Federal Power Act, Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) submitted an application to relicense the UNFFR Project with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on October 23, 2002. Prior to the issuance of a new license, PG&E must obtain a Clean Water Act (CWA) section 401 water quality certification that the project will be in compliance with the specified provisions of the CWA (33 U.S.C. § 1341 et seq.), including State water quality standards as contained in the applicable water quality control plan. Issuance of a water quality certification is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.