

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: Poe Hydroelectric Project Minimum Instream Flow and Tributary Access Monitoring Temporary Amendment

Project Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)

Project Location - Specific:

Poe Dam on North Fork Feather River in Butte County, California

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is receiving a temporary amendment to the water quality certification (certification) for the Poe Hydroelectric Project (Project; Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [FERC] Project No. 2107). The temporary amendment would allow for a one-time minimum instream flow variance of 100 cubic feet per second in the North Fork Feather River below Poe Dam from June 1 to November 15, 2025, to complete dam safety maintenance on the radial bypass gate, specifically, recoating the gate, replacing seals, and replacing the hoist and controls of Poe Dam. This work is needed to address public safety and recommendations from the Department of Water Resources Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD). Because lowering MIF will impact tributary access monitoring, PG&E proposes to delay monitoring until the next Critically Dry water year type if 2025 is classified as a Critically Dry water year.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: PG&E

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1 § 15301(m)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

PG&E is completing dam safety repair work per recommendations from DSOD. The Project involves minor modifications to an existing facility with no expansion of use.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jessica Dyke Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 341-5448

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Parker Thaler Date: 6/12/25 Title: Water Quality Certification Program Manager

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____