
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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Project Title: McCloud-Pit Hydroelectric Project Relicensing

Lead Agency: State Water Resources Control Board

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Project Location

Counties: Shasta and Siskiyou

City/Nearest Community: McCloud

Cross Streets: N/a

Zip Code: N/a

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes, seconds): 41°07'52.77"N 122°04'16.48"W

Total Acres: N/a

Assessor's Parcel No.: N/a

Section/Township/Range/Base: N/a

Within 2 miles:

- State Hwy #: N/a
- Waterway(s): McCloud River, Iron Canyon Creek, Pit River
- Airport(s): N/a
- Railway(s): N/a
- School(s): N/a

Document Type:

CEQA: Subsequent EIR

Local Action Type: Other: Clean Water Act 401 water quality certification

Development Type: Power; Type: Hydroelectric; 368 MW

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: Open space, public land, timber/timber production, unclassified

Project Description: The McCloud-Pit Hydroelectric Project (Project) is owned and operated by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). The Project is located on the McCloud River, Iron Canyon Creek, and Pit River, in Shasta and Siskiyou Counties, California. The 368-megawatt Project consists of three power-generating developments that include two storage reservoirs (McCloud and Iron Canyon), two regulating reservoirs (Pit 6 and Pit 7), one afterbay (Pit 7), three powerhouses (James B. Black, Pit 6, and Pit 7), five dams (Pit 6, Pit 7, Pit 7 Afterbay, Iron Canyon, and McCloud), two tunnels, and associated equipment and transmission facilities.

The Project is undergoing relicensing before the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission (FERC). The original FERC license for the Project expired on July 31, 2011. Since then, the Project has operated under annual licenses issued by FERC.

PG&E applied to the State Water Board for a Project certification on November 9, 2018. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) issued a final initial study and negative declaration on November 8, 2019. On November 8, 2019, the Executive Director issued a water quality certification (certification) for the Project.

On December 6, 2019, PG&E (separately) and the Winnemem Wintu Tribe and North Coast Rivers Alliance (NCRA) (jointly) filed petitions for reconsideration of the certification (Petitions) with the State Water Board. Each petition requests modification of the Project certification, and the Winnemem Wintu Tribe and NCRA's petition

additionally challenges the CEQA analysis prepared for the Project certification. In response to the Petitions, the Executive Director directed staff to reinitiate consultation with the Winnemem Wintu Tribe to inform whether, and if so, what additional CEQA work may be necessary (Order WQ 2020-0041-EXEC). As part of the reinitiated consultation with the Winnemem Wintu Tribe, staff determined that preparation of a subsequent environmental impact report (SEIR) would be appropriate to analyze impacts to tribal cultural resources that were unknown during the original CEQA process. A Notice of Preparation for the SEIR was issued on March 10, 2022.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist:

	Air Resources Board	x	Office of Historic Preservation
	Boating & Waterways, Department of		Office of Public School Construction
	California Emergency Management Agency	s	Parks & Recreation, Department of
	California Highway Patrol		Pesticide Regulation, Department of
	Caltrans District #		Public Utilities Commission
	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	s	Regional WQCB #5
	Caltrans Planning	x	Resources Agency
	Central Valley Flood Protection Board		Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
	Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy		S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
	Coastal Commission		San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
	Colorado River Board		San Joaquin River Conservancy
	Conservation, Department of		Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
	Corrections, Department of		State Lands Commission
	Delta Protection Commission		SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
	Education, Department of	s	SWRCB: Water Quality
	Energy Commission		SWRCB: Water Rights
s	Fish & Game Region #1		Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
	Food & Agriculture, Department of		Toxic Substances Control, Department of
	Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	x	Water Resources, Department of
	General Services, Department of		Other:
	Health Services, Department of		
	Housing & Community Development		
x	Native American Heritage Commission		

Local Public Review Period: 4/7/2026 – 5/22/2026

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Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.*