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## State Water Resources Control Board

### Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

**SCH #:** 2023050702

**Project Title:** Kerckhoff Hydroelectric Project Relicensing

Lead Agency: State Water Resources Control Board

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### Project Location

County: Fresno and Madera

City/Nearest Community: Auberry, CA

Cross Streets: N/a

Zip Code: N/a

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes, seconds): 37°07'41"N, 119°31'31"W

Total Acres: 531.7 acres in existing FERC Project Boundary

Assessor's Parcel No.: N/a

Section/Township/Range/Base:

- Township 9S, Range 23E, Section 18 and 19
- Township 9S, Range 22E, Sections 13, 23, 24, 25, 25, 36
- Township 10S, Range 22E, Sections 02, 03, 10, 11

Within 2 miles:

- State Hwy #: N/a
- Waterway(s): San Joaquin River
- Airport(s): Johnston Field, a private airstrip
- Railway(s): N/a
- School(s): Chawanakee School District

### Document Type:

CEQA: Draft EIR and NOA

NEPA: N/A

Other: NOC

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

**Development Type:** Power; Type: Hydroelectric; 162.72 MW

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**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

x	Aesthetic/Visual	x	Agricultural and Forestry	x	Air Quality	x	Archeological/ Historical
x	Biological Resources (aquatics and terrestrial)	x	Cultural Resources	x	Energy	x	Geology and Soils
x	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	x	Hazards and Hazardous Materials	x	Hydrology and Water Quality	x	Lane Use and Planning
x	Mineral Resources	x	Noise	x	Population and Housing	x	Public Services
x	Recreation	x	Transportation	x	Tribal Cultural Resources	x	Utilities and Service Systems
x	Wildfire		--		--		--

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:** Hydropower generation, recreation, and grazing

**Project Description:** The Kerckhoff Hydroelectric Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project (FERC) No. 96 (Project) is owned and operated by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). The Project is located in Fresno and Madera Counties on the San Joaquin River with an installed capacity of 162.72 megawatts (MW). In addition to continued operations, PG&E proposes: 1) decommissioning of the Kerckhoff 1 Powerhouse; 2) construction of a new day use area; 3) Project boundary updates; and 4) implementation of new environmental management plans and measures.

The Project is undergoing relicensing before the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission (FERC). The existing FERC license for the Project expired on November 30, 2022. Since then, the Project has operated under annual licenses issued by FERC. A Notice of Preparation for development of an Environmental Impact Report was issued on May 30, 2023. PG&E filed an application for a water quality certification with the State Water Board on July 16, 2025.

**Document Availability:**

The Draft EIR and associated appendices, along with additional information regarding the State Water Board’s certification process are available on the State Water Board’s [Kerckhoff Hydroelectric Project webpage](https://waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/kerckhoff_hydroelectric_ferc96.html), which is located at: [https://waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_quality\\_cert/kerckhoff\\_hydroelectric\\_ferc96.html](https://waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/kerckhoff_hydroelectric_ferc96.html)

If you cannot access the documents online, you can review the Draft EIR and associated appendices at the following locations. Please note the days the locations are open are provided for convenience; locations may be closed on the indicated days for holidays or other reasons.

<p><b>Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board</b> 1685 E Street <b>Fresno, CA 93706</b> (559) 445-5116 Open Monday – Friday</p>	<p><b>Auberry Branch Library</b> 33049 Auberry Road <b>Auberry, CA 93602</b> (559) 855-8523 Open Tuesday - Saturday</p>
<p><b>Madera Main Library</b> 121 N G Street <b>Madera, CA 93637</b> 559-675-7871 Open Monday Saturday</p>	<p><b>West Fresno Branch Library</b> 188 E. Cesar Chavez Blvd <b>Fresno, CA 93706</b> 559-600-9277 Open Monday - Friday</p>

The Draft EIR and associated appendices are also available at the **State Water Board's office**, which is located at 1001 I Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Room 2-114), **Sacramento, CA 95814**. The document is available at this location Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., by appointment only. Please email [dwr@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dwr@waterboards.ca.gov) to schedule an appointment.

**Reviewing Agencies Checklist:**

S	Air Resources Board	S	Office of Historic Preservation
S	Boating & Waterways, Department of		Office of Public School Construction
S	California Emergency Management Agency		Parks & Recreation, Department of
	California Highway Patrol		Pesticide Regulation, Department of
S	Caltrans District #6	S	Public Utilities Commission
	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	S	Regional WQCB #5
	Caltrans Planning	S	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	S	San Joaquin River Conservancy
	Conservation, Department of		Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
	Corrections, Department of	S	State Lands Commission
	Delta Protection Commission		SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
	Education, Department of		SWRCB: Water Quality
S	Energy Commission		SWRCB: Water Rights
S	Fish & Game Region #4		Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
	Food & Agriculture, Department of		Toxic Substances Control, Department of
S	Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of		Water Resources, Department of
	General Services, Department of		Other:
	Health Services, Department of		
	Housing & Community Development		
S	Native American Heritage Commission		

**Local Public Review Period:** April 10, 2026 – May 26, 2026

**Lead Agency Complete if Applicable:**

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*Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.*

## **Attachment A: Project Maps**

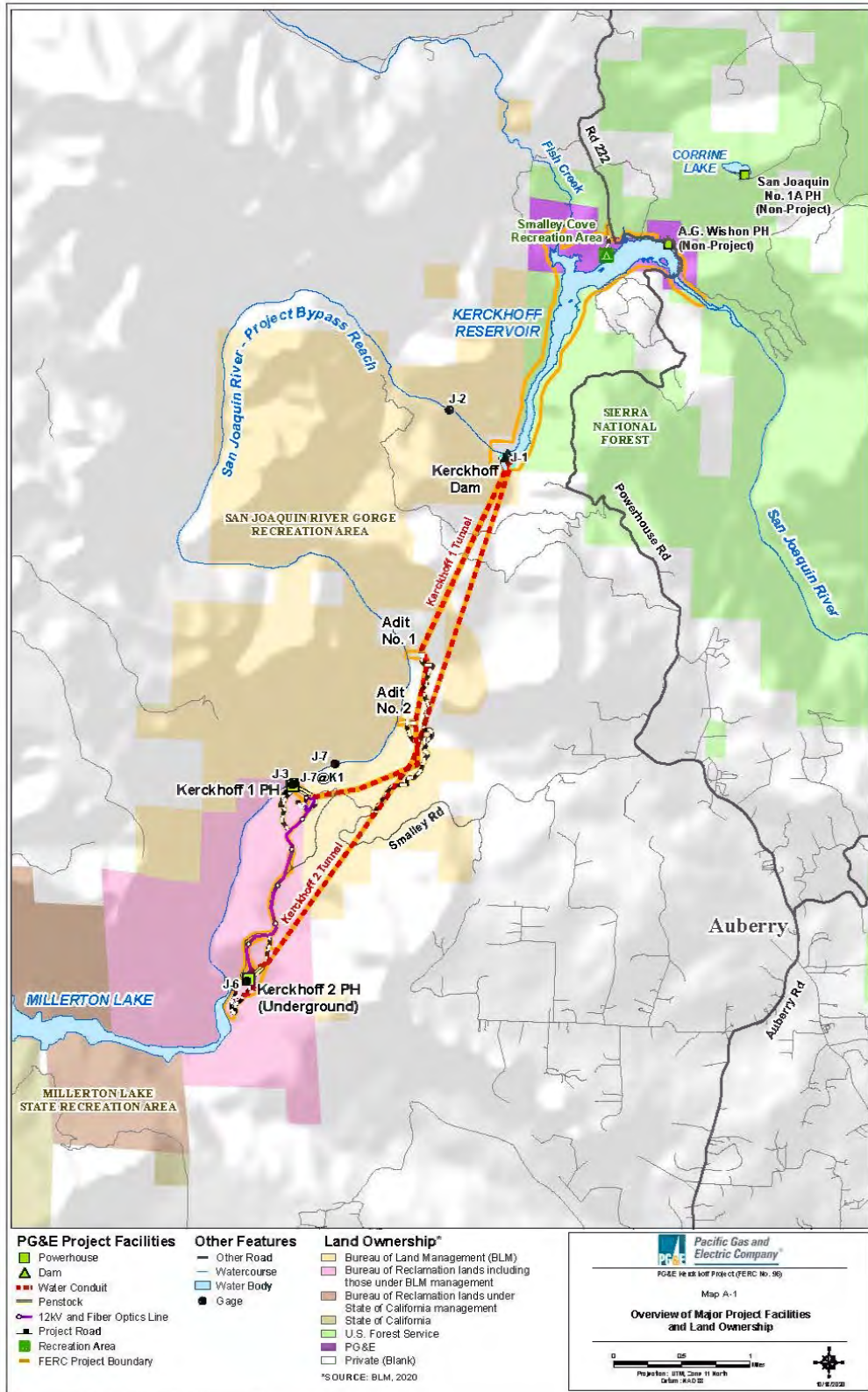


Figure 1: Overview of Major Project Facilities and Land Ownership