

State Water Resources Control Board

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Relicensing of Balch Hydroelectric Project

Lead Agency: State Water Resources Control Board

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Project Location (City, County): Balch Camp, Fresno County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences):

The Proposed Project involves the FERC relicensing the 131.52-megawatt Balch Hydroelectric Project. PG&E has applied for a new FERC license for the Balch Hydroelectric Project (Proposed Project), under which it proposes to: (1) continue to operate the Balch Hydroelectric Project; (2) replace and rehabilitate existing recreation facilities; (3) designate approximately 14 miles of existing roads and approximately 2.5 miles of existing trails as Project roads and trails; (4) decommission the defunct Black Rock Creek and Weir Creek feeder facilities; (5) modify the FERC Project boundary to more accurately define lands and waters necessary for Project operation and maintenance activities under a new FERC Project license; and (6) implement new protection, mitigation, and enhancement plans and measures.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect:

All impacts identified in the Draft MND were less than significant or no impact; therefore, no mitigation measures are proposed.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public:

There are no known areas of controversy.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project:

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Trustee agencies: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, University of California Natural Reserve System, State Lands Commission, California Department of Parks and Recreation.