
State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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Project Title: Relicensing of Balch Hydroelectric Project

Lead Agency: State Water Resources Control Board

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Project Location

County: Fresno County

City/Nearest Community: Balch Camp

Cross Streets:

Zip Code: 93602

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes, seconds): 36° 54' 32.9" N / 119° 5' 15.7" W

Total Acres: 648.53

Assessor's Parcel No.:

Section/Township/Range/Base:

Within 2 miles:

- State Hwy #:
- Waterway(s): North Fork Kings River
- Airport(s):
- Railway(s):
- School(s):

Document Type:

CEQA: Mit Neg Dec

NEPA: N/A

Other: N/A

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

Development Type: Power; Type: Hydroelectric; MW: 131.52

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Resource and Conservation (RC); aligns with Zone O, Open Conservation Land Use, in Fresno County General Plan

Project Description:

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.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist:

x	Air Resources Board	x	Office of Historic Preservation
	Boating & Waterways, Department of		Office of Public School Construction
	California Emergency Management Agency	x	Parks & Recreation, Department of
	California Highway Patrol		Pesticide Regulation, Department of
x	Caltrans District #6		Public Utilities Commission
	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	x	Regional WQCB #5
	Caltrans Planning		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	x	State Lands Commission
	Delta Protection Commission		SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
	Education, Department of		SWRCB: Water Quality
	Energy Commission		SWRCB: Water Rights
x	Fish & Game Region #4		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	x	Other: University of California Natural Reserve System
	Health Services, Department of		
	Housing & Community Development		
x	Native American Heritage Commission		

Local Public Review Period: 11/20/2025 – 12/19/2025

Lead Agency Complete if Applicable:

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