State Water Resources Control Board

Notice of Exemption

To: Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Project Title: Bucks Creek Hydroelectric Project

Project Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Project Location – Specific: North Fork Feather River watershed

Project Location – City: Approximately 17 miles from the community of Quincy

Project Location – County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is requesting an amendment to the water quality certification (certification) for the Bucks Creek Hydroelectric Project (Project). PG&E proposes two modifications to Condition 1: Minimum Instream Flows of the certification. First, PG&E requests to include language allowing for temporary modifications to the minimum instream flow requirements described in Table 2 (below Lower Bucks Lake) and Table 3 (below Grizzly Forebay) of the certification. The revision would provide PG&E with the flexibility to address future maintenance and operational needs at Grizzly Forebay Dam and Lower Bucks Lake Dam. Additionally, PG&E is requesting to revise the deadline to submit the final annual report on minimum instream flow compliance to the State Water Board from December 15 to January 31. The revision would align the annual reporting deadline with United States Forest Service 4(e) Condition No. 31 and the Project's Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

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))
X	Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1: Existing Facilities (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15301, subd. (m))
	Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project involves no expansion of use and involves existing facilities.

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