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Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Exemption for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
Redding, CA 96002

Date: 11 June 2019

Project Title: Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) Inskip Diversion Toe Repair Project

Project Location - Specific: Section: 5, Township: 29 North, Range: 1 East
Latitude: 40.39537° and Longitude: -121.88313°

The PG&E Inskip Diversion Toe Repair Project is located on the South Fork of Battle Creek south of the town of Manton, approximately 1.5 miles on South Powerhouse Road.

Project Location - County: Tehama County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

High flows and heavy debris in South Fork Battle Creek during a December 2014 storm event caused severe erosion to the bank upstream of and around the left abutment of the Inskip Diversion Dam. Subsequent inspections identified erosion at the toe of the dam, loss of stone mortar along the face of the dam, and large voids/undercutting of the rocks downstream. In 2016, much of the damage was repaired, but erosion to the toe of the dam beneath the radial gate was found to be more extensive and requires a more robust repair.

The project is comprised of excavation of the toe of the Inskip Diversion Dam in the damaged section and installation of a structural buttress keyed in and anchored to the bedrock. A bladder dam/dewatering system/diversion will be installed upstream of the work to dewater the dam and work area for construction with creek flows being pumped or diverted into the Inskip Canal. This will isolate the construction area allowing repair of the eroded areas under dry conditions.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

State Agency approval for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification: California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Redding Branch Office.
WDID #5A52CR00186

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company
3401 Crow Canyon Road, Bldg. #414
San Ramon, CA 94583

Exempt Status:

California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15301 – Existing Facilities

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

Reasons why Project is Exempt:

This project is Categorically Exempt under CEQA Section 15301:

The project involves both investor and publicly-owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services, and involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use.

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