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

Date: 20 April 2021

Project Title: PG&E's Haskins Valley Campground Replace Boat Ramp Project

Project Location - Specific: 16731 Bucks Lake Road
Section 3, Township 23N, Range 7E
Latitude: 39.8704° and Longitude: -121.1811°

Project Location - County: Plumas County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) plans to replace the existing public campground boat ramp at Bucks Lake. The extent of the damage to the ramp will require full replacement since repair is no longer a viable or economical option. PG&E will demolish the existing campground boat ramp, then construct a replacement boat ramp to current state specifications; the new ramp will consist of pre-made interlocking Armorflex concrete mats. The project will also replace and construct new pavement on the existing access road, turnaround, and parking area, and improve the associated drainage. Rock slope protection will be replaced and added along the boat ramp and road to protect structures from erosion and double as a barrier to vehicle access. An upland vegetated island in the middle of the existing parking lot will be removed, but all other vegetation will be protected.

Name of Public Agencies Approving Project:

Federal Agencies: The project requires authorization under U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Clean Water Act Section 404, Regional General Permit 2, Reservoir Maintenance Activities.

State Agency approval for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification:
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, Redding Office.
WDID No. 5A32CR00212.

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Matt Walker
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Exempt Status:

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region has determined that the Project is categorically exempt from review under CEQA pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Article 19, 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 because the project involves repair of existing facilities with no expansion of use.

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