

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
BEFORE THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

An application for water quality certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the following project was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858, subdivision (a) requires the Executive Director of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application, but the typical notice period may be shortened in an emergency. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

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Water Quality Certification Program
Division of Water Rights
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2000
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RECEIVED: February 4, 2015
PROJECT: Emergency Drought Barriers Project
APPLICANT: California Department of Water Resources
CONTACT: Mr. Jacob McQuirk
COUNTY: Sacramento
PUBLIC NOTICE: February 10, 2015
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has applied for water quality certification to install three emergency drought barriers at West False River, Steamboat Slough, and Sutter Slough, for up to three separate times in a ten year period, to help preserve water quality in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) during drought conditions. The temporary rock barriers will prevent tide-driven saltwater from pushing too deeply into the Delta and allow water managers to retain some water in upstream reservoirs for release later in the year.

DWR maintains a [Project website](#), which includes the most current Project description, next steps, references, and contacts.