

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

A request for water quality certification (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 requires the Executive Director of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application for certification at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. The notice period may be shortened in an emergency.

Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to Annabelle Long:

By email:

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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program
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RECEIVED:	March 3, 2026
PROJECT:	Middle Fork Interbay Maintenance and Enhancement/Restoration Activities Project
APPLICANT:	Placer County Water Agency
APPLICANT CONTACT:	Ben Ransom, bransom@pcwa.net
COUNTY:	Placer
PUBLIC NOTICE:	April 1, 2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) is requesting certification for the Middle Fork Interbay Maintenance Enhancement/Restoration Activities Project (Project), which is part of Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project, also known as Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2079. The Project will involve the following maintenance activities: (1) draining Middle Fork Interbay Reservoir and constructing a bypass from above the reservoir to below Middle Fork Interbay Dam; (2) analyzing reservoir sediments for particle size; (3) excavating 68,000 cubic yards of sediment from the reservoir; (4) placing gravel sediments below the dam for Middle Fork American River gravel augmentation; (5) hauling other sediments to a disposal site; and (6) regrading disturbed areas and refilling the Middle Fork Interbay Reservoir.