

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

A request for a 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:

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RECEIVED: December 29, 2025
PROJECT: Yuba-Bear Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2266)
APPLICANT: Nevada Irrigation District
APPLICANT CONTACT: Jennifer Hanson, hansonj@nidwater.com
COUNTIES: Sierra, Nevada, and Placer
PUBLIC NOTICE: **January 22, 2026**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: On December 29, 2025, Nevada Irrigation District submitted a request for water quality certification for relicensing the Yuba-Bear Hydroelectric Project (Project; FERC Project No. 2266). The Project is located on the South Yuba River, Middle Yuba River, and Bear River. The Project includes four developments: Bowman, Dutch Flat, Chicago Park, and Rollins, which include 13 main dams, 11 reservoirs, four water conduits, four powerhouses, 17 campgrounds and associated recreation facilities. Nevada Irrigation District has applied for a new FERC license, under which it proposes to: add a powerhouse adjacent to the existing Rollins Powerhouse; add five new streamflow gages; replace, upgrade, or construct new recreation facilities; decommission two non-Project roads; modify the Project boundary to add additional roads and recreation areas; and implement new minimum flow, ramping, and spill cessation measures.