

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

A request for a water quality certification (certification) for the Duncan Creek Diversion Improvement Project required by the June 8, 2020 license for the Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 2079), was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). Certifications are issued under section 401 of the Clean Water Act. 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 typical notice period may be shortened in an emergency.

Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to Derek Wadsworth:

By email:

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Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program  
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<b>RECEIVED:</b>	August 12, 2021
<b>PROJECT:</b>	Duncan Creek Diversion Improvement
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Placer County Water Agency
<b>CONTACT:</b>	Ben Ransom
<b>COUNTIES:</b>	Placer County
<b>PUBLIC NOTICE:</b>	September 21, 2021
<b>PROJECT STATUS:</b>	Pending

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) plans to modify the Duncan Creek Diversion Dam and the Middle Fork Tunnel Intake structure. The goal of the Project is to increase downstream sediment transport, reduce the need for manual debris removal, and reduce fish entrainment. Modifications will include installation of two crest gates on the south abutment of the dam, excavation and fill of sand and rock, installation of a fish screen at the dam near the Middle Fork Tunnel Intake, a fish bypass pipe, two 1,500-watt micro-hydroelectric units, a sediment maintenance vault, and an instream flow pipe to meet minimum instream flow requirements at the diversion facility.

PCWA's proposed construction schedule is from March 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023.