

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

An application for water quality certification (certification) under section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the El Dorado Forebay Dam Modification 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 at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

State Water Resources Control Board
Water Quality Certification Program
Division of Water Rights
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P.O. Box 2000
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RECEIVED: December 24, 2013
PROJECT: El Dorado Forebay Dam Modification Project
APPLICANT: El Dorado Irrigation District
CONTACT: Brian Deason
COUNTY: El Dorado
PUBLIC NOTICE: February 25, 2014
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The El Dorado Irrigation District requests certification for the El Dorado Forebay Dam Modification Project (Project) from the State Water Board. The objective of the Project is to modify the El Dorado Forebay Dam and its associated facilities to meet current dam safety requirements, as required by the California Division of Safety of Dams and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and to improve the reliability of the drinking water system. The El Dorado Forebay is an off stream reservoir in El Dorado County and part of the El Dorado Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 184). FERC has determined that an amendment to the Project No. 184 FERC license is required because the Project involves the repair and modification of an existing dam that results in a significant change in the maximum surface area or elevation of an existing impoundment (18 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 4.38 [a][4][v]).

The Project involves the construction of an earthen stability buttress on the dry side of the dam, an increase in the elevation of the dam by 10 vertical feet, and an upgrade of associated facilities. All construction activities will occur on EID or privately-owned lands. Construction is anticipated to occur over a two-year period beginning in the summer of 2015 with completion at the end of 2016.

