

**ADVANCE PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
ANTICIPATED TO COME 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 is expected to be filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) within a week of this advance notice. California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 requires the Executive Director of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application before taking certification action on the application. With this notice, the Executive Director is providing advance public notice of an anticipated application for the project described below. Formal notice of the project will be provided when the State Water Board receives an application for the project, but the typical notice period may be shortened in an emergency. Written questions and/or comments regarding the project should be directed to:

Oscar Biondi
Water Quality Certification Program
Division of Water Rights
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

RECEIVED:	Expected no later than one week of this notice
PROJECT:	2014 Emergency Drought Barriers (Project)
APPLICANT:	California Department of Water Resources
CONTACT:	Mr. Jacob McQuirk
COUNTY:	Sacramento
ADVANCE PUBLIC NOTICE:	March 21, 2014
PROJECT STATUS:	Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) plans to install three emergency drought barriers at West False River, Steamboat Slough, and Sutter Slough, to help preserve water quality in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta). 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. Late summer and fall releases will meet fish needs in upstream rivers and will still be available in part for emergency drinking water supplies from the Delta. A Project fact sheet is available for public review at the following address:

http://www.water.ca.gov/waterconditions/docs/DWR_Emergency_Drought_Barrier_Factsheet_031714.pdf

DWR maintains a Project website, which includes the most current Project description, next steps, references, and contacts, and can be found at the following address:

www.water.ca.gov/waterconditions/emergencybarriers.cfm

Media and public inquiries should be directed to Ted Thomas, Chief of the Media & Public Information Branch at Ted.Thomas@water.ca.gov or (916) 653-9712.