

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
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 was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858, subdivision (a) 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, but the typical notice period may be shortened in an emergency. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

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Division of Water Rights
State Water Resources Control Board
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RECEIVED:	March 26, 2014
PROJECT:	Emergency Drought Barriers Project
APPLICANT:	California Department of Water Resources
CONTACT:	Mr. Jacob McQuirk
COUNTY:	Sacramento
PUBLIC NOTICE:	March 28, 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.

DWR maintains a [Project website](#), which includes the most current Project description, next steps, references, and contacts. A [Project fact sheet](#) is available from DWR.