

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

An application for a 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 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:

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RECEIVED: November 4, 2016
PROJECT: Upper American River Project South Fork Powerhouse and Boating Flow Release Facility Project Water Quality Certification Request for Modification
APPLICANT: Sacramento Municipal Utility District
CONTACT: Amanda Beck
COUNTY: El Dorado
PUBLIC NOTICE: December 9, 2016
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is proposing to modify Condition 12 of the New Slab Creek Powerhouse and Boating Flow Release Valve Project¹ (Project) water quality certification² (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [FERC] Project No. 2101). Condition 12 stipulates the use of a cofferdam to allow the South Fork American River to flow around the Project area so construction can occur in the dry and avoid erosion of newly constructed embankments. The cofferdam is necessary to help protect water quality. SMUD proposes to construct the cofferdam out of large, washed sand- and gravel-filled sand bags instead of water-filled bladders identified in the water quality certification issued July 12, 2016, and the final license application. SMUD also seeks to leave the cofferdam in place within the South Fork American River for the duration of the major excavation and construction period (approximately 15 continuous months), rather than removing the cofferdam prior to winter storms, and then rebuilding it as the current water quality certification requires. No impacts to beneficial uses are anticipated from the proposed modifications to Condition 12.

¹ On August 5, 2016, SMUD sent a request to FERC to change the name of the Project to "South Fork Powerhouse and Boating Flow Release Facility Project". In FERC's approval of the Project, the new name is used to refer to the Project.

² The New Slab Creek Powerhouse and Boating Flow Release Valve Project is a part of the Upper American River Project.