

**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 Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project (Project) (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 2153) 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 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 Philip Meyer:

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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program
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RECEIVED:	November 20, 2020
PROJECT:	Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project
APPLICANT:	United Water Conservation District
CONTACT:	Maryam Bral
COUNTY:	Ventura County
PUBLIC NOTICE:	December 29, 2020
PROJECT STATUS:	Incomplete application

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: On May 13, 2020, United Water Conservation District (United) filed an application with FERC to amend the FERC license for the Santa Felicia Hydroelectric Project (FERC License No. 2153), to allow for the dam safety improvements. Additionally, United has indicated that it plans to file a preconstruction notification for coverage under Nationwide Permit 17 with the Army Corps of Engineers. The Project includes two components: 1) replacing the existing outlet works due to the potential for failure under seismic loading conditions and impacts associated with sedimentation build-up near the existing intake tower; and 2) increasing the conveyance capacity of the existing spillway by replacing the existing spillway slab with a new deeper slab to sufficiently pass the inflow design flood. The new outlet works system would allow United to meet operational discharge requirements in a safe and reliable manner.