

**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 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: February 2, 2015
PROJECT: New Slab Creek Powerhouse and Boating Flow Release Valve Project
APPLICANT: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)
CONTACT: Mr. Scott Flake
COUNTY: El Dorado and Sacramento
PUBLIC NOTICE: May 15, 2015
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

SMUD has requested a non-capacity license amendment (license amendment) from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the Upper American River Project (UARP) to construct the New Slab Creek Powerhouse and Boating Flow Valve Project (Project). The UARP is an existing 688 megawatt (MW), multi-development hydroelectric project located within the Rubicon River, Silver Creek, and South Fork American River drainages in El Dorado and Sacramento Counties. The license amendment includes a proposed 2.7 MW New Slab Creek Powerhouse and adjacent boating flow release valve 0.25-miles downstream of the existing UARP Slab Creek Dam on the South Fork of the American River. The primary purpose of the new powerhouse and boating flow valve is to allow SMUD to comply with new UARP license requirements to release minimum and boating flows below Slab Creek Reservoir. FERC approval of the license amendment is contingent upon issuance of a UARP water quality certification amendment from the State Water Resources Control Board for construction of the new Project features.