

**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: December 3, 2014
PROJECT: Log Cabin and Our House Diversion Dams Sediment Passage Project (Project)
APPLICANT: Yuba County Water Agency
CONTACT: Robin Kent
COUNTIES: Yuba, Nevada, and Sierra
PUBLIC NOTICE: December 5, 2014
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) plans to allow sediment passage through the low level outlets at Our House Diversion Dam and Log Cabin Diversion Dam, located on the Middle Yuba River and Oregon Creek respectively. The objective of the sediment passage is: 1) to provide for dam safety and proper functioning of the diversion dams; and 2) to maintain the health of the aquatic environment downstream of the dams by allowing the passage of sediment that occurs behind the diversion dams.

YCWA states that the opening of low level outlet valves in the diversion dams is an effective measure to pass sediment to the river that otherwise would accumulate behind the dams. To achieve maximum sediment transport, the low level outlet valves would be open during the winter when hydraulic flow conditions provide sufficient water to move sediment. Sediment pass-through would be scheduled to occur before high spring flows, in order for these higher flows to mobilize and redistribute sediment in the stream reaches below the diversion dams.