

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

A request for an amendment to the water quality certification (certification) for the Re-Operation of Pyramid Dam for the California Aqueduct Hydroelectric Project (Project) (Order WQ 2009-0007), 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 for certification at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application, which may be shortened in emergency circumstances. On March 28, 2022, Governor Gavin Newsom extended the State of Emergency due to severe drought conditions. Under Paragraph 12 of the declaration, the State Water Board is directed to prioritize water quality certifications for groundwater recharge projects. In light of the proclaimed State of Emergency, the notice period may be shortened.

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<b>RECEIVED:</b>	February 10, 2023
<b>PROJECT:</b>	Amendment of Re-Operation of Pyramid Dam for the California Aqueduct Hydroelectric Project
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Department of Water Resources
<b>CONTACT:</b>	Jeremiah McNeil
<b>COUNTY</b>	Los Angeles County
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**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) requested an amendment to the August 4, 2009 certification for the Project to temporarily increase the limit of State Water Project water deliveries from Pyramid Lake to Lake Piru via middle Piru Creek from 3,150 acre-feet to a maximum of 25,000 acre-feet per year during the November 1 through end of February time period in both the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 water years. Delivery of State Water Project water to United Water Conservation District (United) via middle Piru Creek is limited to 3,150 acre-feet from November 1 to the end of February each water year per Condition 1 of the Project certification and therefore a temporary variance is needed. Each year DWR delivers State Water Project water to United per the conditions specified in the long-term water supply contract between DWR and the Ventura County Watershed Protection District. The additional State Water Project Article 21 water is intended to improve groundwater

conditions in the local area.