

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

A request for water quality certification (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 for certification 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 Garrett Long:

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State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program  
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<b>RECEIVED:</b>	December 18, 2023
<b>PROJECT:</b>	North Fork Long Canyon Diversion Improvement Project
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Placer County Water Agency
<b>CONTACT:</b>	Ben Ransom
<b>COUNTY:</b>	Placer County
<b>PUBLIC NOTICE:</b>	January 12, 2024

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** On December 18, 2023, Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) applied for a certification for the North Fork Long Canyon Diversion Improvement Project (Project). The Project is part of the Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2079). The Project objective is to improve sediment and fish passage through the dam and comply with new minimum instream flow and pulse flow requirements. The Project involves: 1) preparing the work area around the dam, including constructing ingress/egress ramps and upland staging areas; 2) diverting North Fork Long Canyon Creek around the diversion pool and dam; 3) constructing 400 feet of box culvert to connect the existing diversion and the new diversion chamber; 4) dewatering the diversion pool; 5) constructing a headpond immediately downstream of the North Fork Long Canyon diversion dam; 6) installing an instream flow channel, weir gate, and plunge pool alongside the headpond; 7) installing a Coanda fish screen, plunge trough, and diversion chamber alongside the headpond opposite the instream flow channel; 8) installing an engineered logjam upstream of the diversion dam in place of an existing rock groyne; and 9) restoring the original contours of the streambed and diversion pool after construction completion.