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:

By email:

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Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program
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RECEIVED:	December 18, 2023
PROJECT:	South Fork Long Canyon Diversion Improvement Project
APPLICANT:	Placer County Water Agency
CONTACT:	Ben Ransom
COUNTY:	Placer County
PUBLIC NOTICE:	January 12, 2024

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: On December 18, 2023, Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) applied for a certification for the South 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 a work area around the diversion dam, including extending ingress/egress ramps and maintaining upland staging areas; 2) diverting South Fork Long Canyon Creek around the diversion pool and dam; 3) dewatering the diversion pool; 4) constructing a headpond immediately downstream of the South Fork Long Canyon diversion dam; 5) installing an instream flow channel, weir gate, and plunge pool alongside the headpond; 6) installing a Coanda fish screen, plunge trough, and diversion chamber alongside the headpond opposite the instream flow channel connected to the existing diversion structure; and 7) restoring the original contours of the streambed and diversion pool after construction completion.