

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

A request for a temporary amendment to 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). 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.

Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to James Noss:

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RECEIVED:	June 30, 2025
PROJECT:	Amendment of Re-Operation of Pyramid Dam for the California Aqueduct Hydroelectric Project
APPLICANT:	California Department of Water Resources
CONTACT:	Jeremiah McNeil
COUNTY:	Los Angeles County
PUBLIC NOTICE:	August 21, 2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) requested an amendment to the August 4, 2009 water quality certification (certification) for the Re-Operation of Pyramid Dam for the California Aqueduct Hydroelectric Project (Project) (Order WQ 2009-0007). The amendment seeks to temporarily increase the limit on State Water Project (SWP) 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 period from November 1 through end of February in water years 2025-2026 through 2029-2030.

Currently, SWP deliveries to United Water Conservation District (United) via middle Piru Creek are limited to 3,150 acre-feet during that period each water year, as specified in Condition 1 of the Project certification. Therefore, a temporary flow variance is required. Each year, DWR delivers SWP water to United under the terms of the long-term water supply contract between DWR and the Ventura County Watershed Protection District. The additional Article 21 SWP water is intended to improve groundwater conditions in the local area.