

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

A request for a 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 days before taking certification action on the application. The notice period may be shortened in an emergency.

Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to Glenn Hoffmann:

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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program
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RECEIVED:	December 15, 2025
PROJECT:	Hell Hole Boat Ramp Extension Project
APPLICANT:	Placer County Water Agency (PCWA)
CONTACT:	Ben Ransom (bransom@pcwa.net)
COUNTY:	Placer
PUBLIC NOTICE:	January 12, 2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Placer County Water Agency is requesting water quality certification for the Hell Hole Boat Ramp Extension Project (Project), a part of the Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission No. 2079). The Project will include the demolition, removal, and replacement of the existing boat ramp. The new boat ramp will be in a similar alignment as the existing boat ramp. The new boat ramp will extend approximately 262 feet longer than the existing boat ramp and will terminate at an elevation of 4,505 feet above sea level, 25 vertical feet lower than the terminus of the existing boat ramp (4,530 feet above sea level). Project construction will begin September of the first year in which the water surface elevation of Hell Hole Reservoir is at or below 4,500 feet to allow work to be done in the dry.