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

A request for a water quality certification (certification) for the Anderson Dam Federal Energy Regulation Commission (FERC) Order Compliance Project (FOCP) (FERC Project No. 5737) 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 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 Eric Bradbury:

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Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program
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RECEIVED:	August 14, 2020
PROJECT:	Anderson Dam FOCP
APPLICANT:	Santa Clara Valley Water District
CONTACT:	Sarah Piramoon
COUNTY:	Santa Clara County
PUBLIC NOTICE:	October 8, 2020
PROJECT STATUS:	Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) has requested certification for the Anderson Dam FOCP. Anderson Reservoir is located on Coyote Creek near the city of Morgan Hill in Santa Clara county. Anderson Reservoir serves as storage for municipal use in Santa Clara County. The FOCP consists of several elements to mitigate risk of dam failure in the event of an earthquake and to reduce potential impacts from reservoir drawdown. These elements include construction of a new larger capacity outlet tunnel, flood wall enhancements, and reopening of a historic creek channel just below the dam. The channel reopening will increase creek capacity to handle the increased water volume that will be released from the new outlet. Additional FOCP aspects include replacement of the existing flashboard dam with an inflatable bladder dam, importing water for municipal needs, and installation of chillers to maintain suitable temperatures for sensitive aquatic species.