

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

An application for a water quality 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 at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

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RECEIVED: July 22, 2016
PROJECT: Upper American River Project Temporary Minimum Streamflow Variance in the South Fork Rubicon River below Robbs Peak Forebay and in Silver Creek below Camino Reservoir
APPLICANT: Sacramento Municipal Utility District
CONTACT: Darold Perry
COUNTY: El Dorado
PUBLIC NOTICE: July 26, 2016
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed temporary minimum streamflow variance in the South Fork Rubicon River below Robbs Peak Reservoir Dam and Silver Creek below Camino Reservoir Dam will facilitate construction of new weirs, which are required per Condition 6 of the Upper American River Project (UARP) water quality certification (FERC Project No. 2101). Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is proposing a temporary variance in minimum instream flows required per Condition 1.E (below Robbs Peak Reservoir Dam) and Condition 1.H (below Camino Reservoir Dam).

The new weirs are required to provide accurate compliance gaging of the minimum streamflows from these impoundments. SMUD proposes to use a siphon and gravity bypass system at each location to minimize the risk of pump failure and the potential for fuel spills and emissions associated with the use of diesel generators. No impacts to beneficial uses are anticipated.

License required minimum streamflows and proposed variance ¹				
		August	September	October
Robbs Peak Forebay	Required	11	6	3
	Proposed ²	3	3	No variance
Camino Reservoir	Required	18	18	15
	Proposed ³	No variance	5	5

¹: All streamflows listed here are in cubic feet per second (cfs)
²: Bypass system is engineered to accommodate 5 cfs, so 3 cfs is the minimum.
³: Bypass system is engineered to accommodate 7 cfs, so 5 cfs is the minimum.