

**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 Merced River Hydroelectric Project and Merced Falls Hydroelectric 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. The typical notice period may be shortened in an emergency.

Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to Bryan Muro:

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| RECEIVED: | April 15, 2024 |
| PROJECT: | Merced River Hydroelectric Project and Merced Falls Hydroelectric Project |
| APPLICANT: | Merced Irrigation District |
| CONTACT: | Bryan Kelly |
| COUNTY: | Merced |
| PUBLIC NOTICE: | December 10, 2024 |

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Merced River Hydroelectric Project (Merced River Project) and Merced Falls Hydroelectric Project (Merced Falls Project, collectively Merced Projects), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project Nos. 2179 and 2467, respectively, are located in the Merced River watershed, in Merced and Mariposa counties, California. The majority of the Merced Projects' facilities are located on federal land administered by the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as part of the Sierra Resource Management Area. The major components of the Merced Projects include one reservoir, one impoundment, three powerhouses, and various access roads and other appurtenant facilities. The Merced River Project has an authorized installed capacity of 101.25 megawatts and the Merced Falls Project has an authorized installed capacity of 3.4 megawatts.