

**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: May 25, 2017
PROJECT: Upper American River Project Temporary Water Quality Certification Amendment to Facilitate a Reservoir Elevation Variance at Loon Lake and Ice House Reservoirs
APPLICANT: Sacramento Municipal Utility District
CONTACT: Darold Perry
COUNTY: El Dorado
PUBLIC NOTICE: June 8, 2017
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) has requested a one-time variance to the reservoir elevation level requirements of Condition 5 of the Upper American River Project (UARP) water quality certification [Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 2101]. SMUD proposes to begin reservoir drawdowns in August 2017. Upon maintenance completion, the reservoirs will gradually refill as the winter storms begin. No impacts to beneficial uses are anticipated.

The proposed variance at Loon Lake Reservoir will facilitate necessary maintenance at the boat ramp. Per consultation between SMUD and the United States Forest Service, the Loon Lake boat ramp has been identified as a heavy maintenance priority for 2017.

Following inspections in 2016, both the FERC and the California Department of Water Resources' Division of Safety of Dams have issued orders directing SMUD to repair or replace the toe drain to control seepage at Ice House Reservoir.

License required end-of-month reservoir levels and proposed variance ¹				
		7/31/2017	08/31/2017	09/30/2017
Loon Lake Reservoir	Required	6,400	6,393	6,390
	Targeted	6,397	6,377	6,367
Ice House Reservoir	Required	5,441	5,434	5,430
	Targeted	5,441	5,424	5,418

¹: All elevation levels listed here are in elevation feet and are designated for a Wet Water Year Type as defined in Condition 1 of the UARP water quality certification