

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

An application for the following project was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights for a Water Quality Certification 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. Written questions regarding the application should be directed to:

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RECEIVED:	January 26, 2018
PROJECT:	Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2299)
APPLICANT:	Turlock Irrigation District & Modesto Irrigation District
CONTACT:	Steve Boyd/Anna Brathwaite
COUNTY:	Tuolumne County
RECEIVING WATER:	Tuolumne River
PUBLIC NOTICE:	March 27, 2018
PROJECT STATUS:	Pending Certification Action

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project is located on the Tuolumne River in western Tuolumne County. Turlock Irrigation District (TID) and Modesto Irrigation District (MID) are the co-licensees of the 168 MW facility. Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project provides water supply for irrigation, municipal, and industrial uses and retail electrical service. The Project also supplies the City and County of San Francisco with a water bank of up to 570,000 acre-feet. Additionally, the Project provides storage for flood management purposes in the Tuolumne and San Joaquin Rivers in coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, recreational opportunities, and hydropower generation. In accordance with the Federal Power Act, the Districts submitted an amended application to relicense the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in October 2017. Prior to the issuance of a new license, the Districts must obtain a Clean Water Act (CWA) section 401 water quality certification that the project will be in compliance with the specified provisions of the CWA (33 U.S.C. § 1341 et seq.), including State water quality standards as contained in the applicable water quality control plan. Issuance of a water quality certification is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act.