

**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 Meridian Farms Fish Screen Project - Phase 2 (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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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program
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RECEIVED:	October 3, 2022
PROJECT:	Meridian Farms Fish Screen Project – Phase 2
APPLICANT:	Meridian Farms Water Company
CONTACT:	Andy Duffey
COUNTY:	Sutter County
PUBLIC NOTICE:	November 1, 2022

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: On October 3, 2022, Meridian Farms Water Company (MFWC) filed a certification application for the Project. The Project involves: (1) the removal and replacement of the existing infrastructure at both the Meridian and Drexler Service Areas, (2) construction of a 135 cubic foot per second (cfs) diversion structure and fish screen at the Meridian diversion point and a 35 cfs re-lift pump station at the Drexler diversion point to deliver flows to the Drexler Service Area, (3) an increase in capacity of the Main Canal to convey flows to the Drexler Service Area, and (4) an extension of the existing Drexler pipeline to convey flows from the Main Canal to the Drexler Service Area. The new diversion structure equipped with the fish screen would increase the diversion capacity to compensate for the abandonment and removal of the Drexler Pumping Plant and reduce fish entrainment in the pumps. Modifications to the Main Canal will allow for an increase in conveyance capacity to compensate for the consolidation of the Meridian and Drexler diversions with the re-lift pump station delivering flows to the Drexler Service Area via the Drexler pipeline.