

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

A request for amendment to the existing water quality certification (certification) for the South SWP Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2426) 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 before taking certification action on the application. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to Andrea Sellers:

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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program
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RECEIVED:	December 6, 2019
PROJECT:	South SWP Hydroelectric Project
APPLICANT:	Department of Water Resources
CONTACT:	Gwen Knittweis, Chief
COUNTY:	Los Angeles and Ventura
PUBLIC NOTICE:	December 9, 2019
PROJECT STATUS:	Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has requested that the August 4, 2009 water quality certification for the South SWP Hydroelectric Project (Project), be amended to allow a temporary variance to accommodate water releases at Pyramid Lake. This variance is being requested due to United Water Conservation District's (United) request for additional State Water Project (SWP) water from DWR. Each year DWR delivers SWP water to United per the conditions specified in the long-term water supply contract between DWR and the Ventura County Watershed Protection District. Delivery of SWP water to United via middle Piru Creek is limited to 3,150 acre-feet from November 1 to the end of February each water year (Condition 1d). This year, United has acquired additional SWP water through water exchanges with the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency and the City of Ventura. United has requested that DWR deliver 8,987 acre-feet of SWP water prior to the end of February 2020. The additional SWP water is intended to improve groundwater conditions in the local area.