

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

An application for 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: February 17, 2016
PROJECT: Narrows 2 Bypass Gravel Bar Work Project (Project)
APPLICANT: Yuba County Water Agency
CONTACT: Geoff Rabone
COUNTIES: Yuba and Nevada
PUBLIC NOTICE: March 16, 2016
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: During operations of Yuba County Water Agency's (YCWA) Narrows 2 Powerhouse, an intermittent gravel bar approximately 40 feet (ft) long by 25 ft wide surfaces in the Yuba River downstream of Englebright Dam. The emergence of the gravel bar isolates a pool approximately 100 ft long, 160 ft wide, and 9 ft deep from the lower Yuba River. The isolation pool has the potential to strand federal and state listed anadromous fish.

YCWA plans to notch a channel through the gravel bar to attain year-round connectivity between the isolated pool and the Yuba River. Excavation of the channel will relocate 1,000-1,500 cubic feet of material to the top of the gravel bar. The heightened gravel bar will be graded for channel stability.

Any fish present in the excavation area will be relocated prior to construction. No gravel will be removed from the Yuba River, and no gravel will be added to the Yuba River as a result of this Project. The proposed work will occur when the Project area experiences annual low flow conditions and will take 1 to 2 days to complete.