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

A request for a water quality certification (certification) under section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the following project was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board. California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 requires the Executive Director of the State Water Resources Control Board to provide public notice of an application for certification at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. The notice period may be shortened in an emergency.

Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to Eric Bradbury:

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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program
Attention: Eric Bradbury

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PROJECT: Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project

APPLICANT: Santa Clara Valley Water District

CONTACT: Bhavani Yerrapotu

COUNTY: Santa Clara
PUBLIC NOTICE: July 24, 2024

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) is proposing the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project (Project) (part of Anderson Dam Hydroelectric Project, also known as Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 5737). The purpose of the Project is to retrofit Anderson Dam to meet FERC and the California Department of Water Resources' Division of Safety of Dams seismic safety requirements and enable the Project to safely manage flood flows into Coyote Creek. Anderson Reservoir is located near the Calaveras and Coyote Creek Range Front Faults. The Project consists of: replacement of the existing Anderson Dam; replacement of the existing spillway; replacement of the Anderson Reservoir outlet works; decommissioning of the hydroelectric facility; and implementation of mitigation measures to offset the impact of Project activities. Mitigation measures include: construction period imported water releases; Ogier Ponds ecological enhancements; maintenance of spawning gravel and rearing habitat improvements in Live Oak Restoration Reach; phase 2 of the Coyote Percolation Dam improvements; and payment of fees into the Valley Habitat Plan. Valley Water also intends to surrender their FERC license for the Hydroelectric Facility as part of this Project.