

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

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 (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 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 Savannah Downey:

By email:

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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program
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RECEIVED:	October 8, 2025
PROJECT:	Regional General Permit for Sacramento Municipal Utility District's Upper American River Project and Chili Bar Project
APPLICANT:	Sacramento Municipal Utility District
APPLICANT CONTACT:	Chris Faubion (Chris.Faubion@smud.org)
COUNTY:	El Dorado
PUBLIC NOTICE:	November 10, 2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) applied for a water quality certification to renew and modify its United States Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District Regional General Permit (RGP) 9, *Minor Discharges Associated with the Sacramento Municipal Utility District's Upper American River Project* (SPK-2013-01098). SMUD's RGP 9 covers various construction, maintenance, and repair activities that are not covered in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licenses for SMUD's Upper American River Project (FERC Project No. 2101) and Chili Bar Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2155). SMUD intends to renew RGP 9 for 2026 through 2031 and add activities planned for the Chili Bar Hydroelectric Project.