

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

A request for 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 James Noss:

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State Water Resources Control Board
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RECEIVED:	June 10, 2025
PROJECT:	New Bullards Bar Atmospheric River Control Spillway Project, a proposed addition to the Yuba River Development Project (FERC Project No. 2246)
APPLICANT:	Yuba County Water Agency
CONTACT:	Jacob Vander Meulen
COUNTIES:	Yuba, Nevada, and Sierra
PUBLIC NOTICE:	July 10, 2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

On June 10, 2025, Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) submitted a request for water quality certification for the New Bullards Bar Atmospheric River Control Spillway Project (Project).

New Bullards Bar Dam (Dam) is located on the North Yuba River and impounds water to form the New Bullards Bar Reservoir. The Project would be located at the upper left abutment of the Dam and consists of: (1) a 500ft long approach channel; (2) a control structure; (3) a spillway chute designed for discharges up to 64,000 cubic feet per second; (4) a discharge channel, and; (5) a gate control building. YCWA is proposing to construct, operate, and maintain the Project to improve flood risk reduction in the Yuba-Feather River system by enhancing reservoir releases during high-flow events, and provide redundant spillway capacity.

YCWA has applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a non-capacity amendment to add the Project to the existing YRDP license. YCWA has also applied to the United States Army Corps of Engineers for permits for the Project.