

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

Requests for water quality certification (certification) under section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the following projects were 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 applications should be directed to Eric Bradbury:

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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program
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RECEIVED:	December 13, 2024
PROJECTS:	Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project and La Grange Hydroelectric Project
APPLICANTS:	Turlock Irrigation District and Modesto Irrigation District
CONTACT:	Michael Cooke and John B. Davids
COUNTIES:	Stanislaus and Tuolumne
PUBLIC NOTICE:	January 9, 2025

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 2299, and the La Grange Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 14581 (collectively, Projects) are located on the Tuolumne River in Tuolumne and Stanislaus Counties, California, northeast of the City of Turlock. The Projects are jointly owned and operated by Turlock Irrigation District and Modesto Irrigation District (collectively, Districts).

As part of the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project relicensing, the Districts intend to incorporate an existing infiltration gallery; construct and operate a second infiltration gallery; replace or install new recreation facilities; modify the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project boundary; and implement measures to protect and enhance environmental conditions such as minimum instream flows, ramping rates, and spring and fall pulse flows.

As part of the new license for the La Grange Hydroelectric Project, the Districts intend to continue to operate the La Grange Hydroelectric Project as it has been historically operated, with the addition of measures to protect and enhance environmental conditions.