

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

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 (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 Adam Cohen:

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<b>RECEIVED:</b>	December 30, 2024
<b>PROJECT:</b>	Yuba River Development Project (FERC Project No. 2246), and Narrows Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 1403)
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Yuba County Water Agency
<b>CONTACT:</b>	Willie Whittlesey
<b>COUNTY:</b>	Yuba, Nevada, Sierra
<b>PUBLIC NOTICE:</b>	<b>January 29, 2025</b>

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

On December 30, 2024, Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) submitted requests for water quality certification for the Yuba River Development Project (FERC Project No. 2246) and Narrows Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 1403).

The Yuba River Development Project is located on the Yuba River, Middle Yuba River, North Yuba River, and Oregon Creek, and has an installed capacity of 361.9 megawatts. Main facilities include: New Bullards Bar Reservoir, Our House Diversion Dam Impoundment, Log Cabin Diversion Dam Impoundment, New Bullards Bar Dam, Our House Diversion Dam, Log Cabin Diversion Dam, Camptonville Diversion Tunnel, Lohman Ridge Diversion Tunnel, New Colgate Powerhouse, New Bullards Bar Minimum Flow Powerhouse, and Narrows 2 Powerhouse. Though YCWA does not own Englebright Dam, Englebright Reservoir, or Daguerre Point Dam, these facilities are critical infrastructure in operation of the Yuba River Development Project. As part of the Project, YCWA proposes: (1) a new tailwater depression system at New Colgate Powerhouse; (2) construction, operation and maintenance of a new auxiliary flood control outlet at New Bullards Bar Reservoir; (3) modification of the Our House and Log

Cabin diversion dams fish release outlets; (4) modification to the Lohman Ridge Diversion Tunnel intake; (5) modifications to recreation facilities at New Bullards Bar Reservoir; (6) modifications to Project roads; and (7) modifications to Project operations and flow releases.

The Narrows Hydroelectric Project is located on the Yuba River and has an installed capacity of 12 megawatts. The Narrows Hydroelectric Project includes the Narrows 1 Powerhouse, Narrows Penstock, Narrows Tunnel, and the Powerhouse Access Tram. The Narrows Hydroelectric Project does not include any dams, intakes, switchyards or transmission lines, or roads. Water for the Narrows Hydroelectric Project is received from USACE's Englebright Reservoir through Englebright Dam's intake and tunnel. YCWA has not proposed any changes to existing Narrows Hydroelectric Project facilities.