

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
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 Glenn Hoffmann:

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State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program
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RECEIVED:	July 15, 2024
PROJECT:	Removal and Decommissioning of the Kanaka Powerhouse for the Kanaka Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 7242) License Surrender
APPLICANT:	STS Hydropower, LLC
CONTACT:	Melissa Rondou
COUNTY:	Butte
PUBLIC NOTICE:	August 14, 2024

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: On July 15, 2024, STS Hydroelectric, LLC submitted a request for water quality certification for the Removal and Decommissioning of the Kanaka Powerhouse for the Kanaka Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 7242) License Surrender (Project). The Kanaka Hydroelectric Project was damaged as a result of the Ponderosa Fire and ceased operations in August 2017. The Project includes: (1) removal of the Kanaka Powerhouse and substation structures; (2) cutting and installing a concrete plug in the intake pipe, and capping and abandoning-in-place the penstock; (3) installing a sand and gravel plug in the wet well; (4) filling and grading the tailrace with native material and then abandoning-in-place; (5) regrading the powerhouse site after demolition; (6) repairing any failed culvert systems within the FERC boundary to reduce sediment transport associated with Project roads; and (7) abandoning-in-place the diversion dam. Once decommissioned, the diversion dam will become the responsibility of the private landowner, and natural stream flows (average flow is approximately 10 cubic feet per second) will top the diversion dam.