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) for the Wilson Creek Conduit Regulating Gate Installation Project (Project) was filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). Certifications are issued under section 401 of the Clean Water Act. California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 requires the Executive Director of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to Kristen Gangl:

> By email: Kristen.Gangl@waterboards.ca.gov

> > or

By mail: State Water Resources Control Board Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program Attn: Kristen Gangl P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

RECEIVED: November 18, 2021 PROJECT: Wilson Creek Diversion Conduit Regulating Gate Installation Project APPLICANT: Nevada Irrigation District CONTACT: Keane Sommers COUNTY: Nevada PUBLIC NOTICE: January 6, 2022 PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Nevada Irrigation District requested certification for the Project. The Project is located in Nevada County on U.S. Forest Service (USFS) lands within the NID Yuba-Bear Hydroelectric Project boundary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) (FERC Project No. 2266). The Project proposes to install a regulating gate in the Wilson Creek Diversion Conduit to control the diversion of water from Wilson Creek. Flows from Wilson Creek into the conduit are currently controlled using a hand-stacked rock dam. Installing the regulating gate would allow NID to more quickly and efficiently respond to potential future State Water Board curtailment orders or other drought- and water conservation-related requirements.