PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION BEFORE THE DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS

An application 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), Division of Water Rights. California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858 requires the Executive Director of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application before taking certification action on the application. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

Water Quality Certification Unit Division of Water Rights Attn.: Peter Barnes P.O. Box 2000 Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

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PROJECT: Alternative Water Supply

APPLICANT: Montague Water Conservation District

CONTACT: Gary Black
COUNTY: Siskiyou
PUBLIC NOTICE: May 19, 2014
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Montague Water Conservation District's (MWCD) Alternative Water Supply Project (Project) proposes to release water to the Shasta River from Dwinnell Reservoir and/or a groundwater source located at or near the base of Dwinnell Dam to provide water to the City of Montague. Released water would then remain in the Shasta River for approximately 24.5 river miles to the new point of diversion. MWCD is expected to release up to 1.5 cubic feet per second (cfs) to the new point of diversion. At the new point of diversion, the released water would be diverted from the Shasta River via a new installed intake structure including a National Marine Fisheries Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife approved fish screen. The screened water would then be delivered to a pump station via a buried gravity-fed pipeline to the pumping station where a 75 horsepower pump would then pump the water to the City of Montague's reservoir via a 15,000 foot long pipeline composed of 10 inch diameter high-density polyethylene butt-fusion pressurized pipe. The objective of the Project is to efficiently deliver water to the City from Dwinnell Reservoir by using the Shasta River as the conduit instead of MWCD's Main Canal. Due to the extreme drought in 2014, MWCD calculates it cannot supply water to the City of Montague throughout the summer under current infrastructure and storage volume. The new point of diversion is expected to be used only when MWCD is not utilizing the Main Canal for irrigation purposes and when water is unavailable to the City of Montague from Little Shasta River.