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

An application for water quality 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 at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

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RECEIVED: April 29, 2016

PROJECT: Narrows 2 Mitigation Plan (Project)

APPLICANT: Yuba County Water Agency

CONTACT: Geoff Rabone
COUNTY: Yuba and Nevada
PUBLIC NOTICE: May 26, 2016
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project will provide improved habitat for juvenile anadromous fish in the Yuba River, as mitigation for a 2015 flow violation that adversely affected salmonid spawning and juveniles.

YCWA plans to place 30 pieces of Large Woody Material (LWM) in the Yuba River, below Englebright Dam at 3 locations. Each selected location is suitable to retain LWM and provide benefits to a variety of salmonid life stages. YCWA plans to excavate a 9-ft long, 6-ft deep, 4-ft wide trench and approximately 240 cubic yards of material for each of the 30 LWM pieces. LWM will be placed facing downstream at approximately a 45-degree angle to the stream bank with approximately half of the LWM piece buried in the bank. YCWA may use alternative methods to anchor the LWM conserving safety and aesthetics.

An instream sediment trapping device will be installed at the upstream and downstream extent of wetted ground disturbing activities. Any fish present within the excavation area will be relocated prior to construction. No material will be removed from the site nor will any material from outside the river be placed in the floodplain or river. The proposed work is anticipated to take 1 to 3 weeks to complete.