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

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. The typical notice period may be shortened in an emergency. Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to:

Oscar Biondi
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Rights
Water Quality Certification Program
P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

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PROJECT: Our House Diversion Dam Emergency Sediment Removal

APPLICANT: Yuba County Water Agency

CONTACT: Willie Whittlesey

COUNTY: Yuba

PUBLIC NOTICE: April 4, 2017 PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) is proposing emergency work to clear sediment clogging the fish release valve and the low level outlet valve at the Our House Diversion Dam. During the January and February 2017 storm events, the Our House Diversion Dam fish release and low level outlet valves became impacted by sediments moving downstream with the high flows which peaked at over 22,000 cubic feet per second. YCWA would use divers to suction dredge the sediment clogging the outlet valves, and discharge to the river channel downstream of the dam and weir, mimicking the way it would pass through the low level outlet during a sediment passage event.