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

An application for a water quality certification (certification) in connection with an amendment to the federal license for the Santa Felicia Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 2153) 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 for certification at least twenty-one (21) days before taking 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 Philip Meyer:

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State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program

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PROJECT: Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project

APPLICANT: United Water Conservation District

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PUBLIC NOTICE: May 3, 2021
PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: On May 13, 2020, United Water Conservation District (United) filed an application with FERC to amend the FERC license for the Santa Felicia Hydroelectric Project (FERC License No. 2153), to allow for the dam safety improvements (Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project). The Santa Felicia Dam Safety Improvement Project includes two components: 1) replacing the existing outlet works due to the potential for failure under seismic loading conditions and impacts associated with sedimentation build-up near the existing intake tower; and 2) increasing the conveyance capacity of the existing spillway by replacing the existing spillway slab with a new deeper slab to sufficiently pass the inflow design flood. The new outlet works system would allow United to meet operational discharge requirements in a safe and reliable manner.