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:

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

RECEIVED: August 24, 2017

PROJECT: Yuba River Development Project APPLICANT: Yuba County Water Agency

CONTACT: Curt Aikens

COUNTY: Yuba and Nevada **PUBLIC NOTICE:** September 21, 2017

PROJECT STATUS: Pending

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) has filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) for a new license to operate the Yuba River Development Project (Commission Project No. 2246). The Commission license for the Yuba River Development Project (Project) was issued on May 16, 1963, effective on May 1, 1963. The Commission's May 6, 1966 Order Amending License changed the license's effective date to May 1, 1966 and expiration date to April 30, 2016.

The Project is located on the Yuba River, North Yuba River, Middle Yuba River, and Oregon Creek. The Project has an installed capacity of 361.9 megawatts. The Project includes the following: New Bullards Bar Reservoir, Our House Diversion Dam Impoundment, Log Cabin Diversion Dam Impoundment, New Bullards Bar Dam, Our House Diversion Dam, Log Cabin Diversion Dam, Camptonville Diversion Tunnel, Lohman Ridge Diversion Tunnel, New Colgate Powerhouse, New Bullards Bar Minimum Flow Powerhouse, and Narrows 2 Powerhouse. Though YCWA does not own Englebright Dam, Englebright Reservoir, or Daguerre Point Dam, these facilities are critical infrastructure in operation of the multi-use Project.

YCWA is the lead agency and the State Water Board is a responsible agency for the purpose of compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).