## PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CLEAN WATER ACT 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION BEFORE THE 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), 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 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:

Water Quality Certification Unit Division of Water Rights

P.O. Box 2000

Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

**RECEIVED**: May 5, 2009

**PROJECT:** South Feather Hydroelectric Project, Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission Project No. 2088

**APPLICANT:** South Feather Water and Power Agency

**COUNTY:** Butte, Yuba, Plumas

**RECEIVING WATER:** Feather River

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** November 18, 2009

**PROJECT STATUS:** Pending Certification Action

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The South Feather Water and Power Agency (SFWPA) is seeking to relicense the South Feather Hydroelectric Project (Project) with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The Project is located on the South Fork of the Feather River, and is composed of four hydroelectric developments with a total generating capacity of 104 megawatts. SFWPA proposes no capacity or operating changes, but does propose measures for the protection and enhancement of environmental resources including increased minimum flows, measures to improve aquatic habitat and protect sensitive species, and measures to maintain and enhance existing recreational opportunities and to provide new whitewater boating opportunities.