

**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

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| RECEIVED: | October 14, 2009 |
| PROJECT: | Upper American River Hydroelectric Project FERC Project No. 2101 |
| APPLICANT: | Sacramento Municipal Utility District |
| COUNTY: | El Dorado and Sacramento County |
| RECEIVING WATER: | Rubicon River, Silver Creek, South Fork American River |
| PUBLIC NOTICE: | November 18, 2009 |
| PROJECT STATUS: | Pending Certification Action |

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is seeking to relicense its Upper American River Hydroelectric Project (Project), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 2101. The Project is located in El Dorado and Sacramento Counties within the Rubicon River, Silver Creek and South Fork American River drainages and is situated directly upstream of the Chili Bar Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2155), operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company. The Project consists of 11 reservoirs and 8 powerhouses that generate up to 688 megawatts of power. In addition to the continued operation of the existing Project, the application includes the construction and operation of the proposed Iowa Hill Pumped-storage Development. The proposed action described in SMUD's application is based on a Settlement Agreement signed by state and federal agencies, conservation groups and interested individuals in February 2007.

SMUD is lead agency and the State Water Board is a responsible agency for the purpose of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). SMUD issued a Final CEQA Supplemental Analysis to the FERC Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on August 22, 2008 and the SMUD Board of Directors has certified that the Final EIS and Final CEQA Supplement comply with the requirements of CEQA.