

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

A request for a water quality certification (certification) for the North Delta Drought Salinity Barriers Project, 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 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 Glenn Hoffmann:

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RECEIVED:	November 22, 2022
PROJECT:	North Delta Drought Salinity Barriers
APPLICANT:	Department of Water Resources
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COUNTY:	Solano and Sacramento
PUBLIC NOTICE:	December 16, 2022

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: In response to continued drought conditions, the Department of Water Resources is proposing the North Delta Drought Salinity Barriers Project (Project) to maintain water quality within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The proposed Project consists of installing two temporary rock barriers, on Miner and Steamboat sloughs, that are designed to control salinity intrusion from the Central and South Delta by keeping more freshwater flow in the Sacramento River. Each barrier consists of a trapezoidal embankment rock structure with a wide base that tapers up to a 12-foot-wide top set perpendicular to the channel alignment. Both barriers have a manually operated fish passage culvert that can be opened periodically to allow fish passage. A submerged structure placed on a bed of crushed rock consisting of two steel frames house the fish passage culverts. The proposed Project also includes a boat ramp at the Steamboat Slough barrier site.