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6.0 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTATION

This section describes filings and consultation efforts relevant to development of this Supplemental Filing for the Middle Fork American River Project (MFP or Project) relicensing (Table 6-1). This section is organized by the following categories:

- Placer County Water Agency's (PCWA) Response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Additional Information Requests (AIRs);
- Preliminary Conditions and Recommendations;
- Stakeholder Consensus on Select Management Plans; and
- Supplemental Filing Distribution.

All filings and meeting materials discussed in this section are available on PCWA's relicensing website (<http://relicensing.pcwa.net>). In addition, any information filed with the FERC may be accessed on the FERC's website (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>), under Docket P-2079. Specific information on consultation activities associated with development of PCWA's Application for New License (also referred to as Final License Application [FLA]) can be found in Section 14.0 – Consultation Documentation of the FLA (PCWA 2011a).

6.1 PCWA'S RESPONSE TO FERC'S AIRS

PCWA submitted responses to two AIRs from FERC staff and consultants on PCWA's Application for New License, as described in the following. The content and format of information provided in the analysis of Alternative 1 in this Supplemental Filing is consistent with the AIRs.

On April 7, 2011, PCWA met with FERC staff regarding the MFP relicensing process and schedule. During the meeting, FERC staff explained that after reviewing the contents of PCWA's Application for New License, a "few additional pieces of information" were needed in order for FERC staff to conduct their environmental review. This requested information is detailed in a Memo of Meeting that was filed on April 8, 2011 (FERC 2011a). The requested information included items related to cultural resources, terrestrial resources, aquatic resources, recreation, land use, and economics. On May 13, 2011, PCWA filed the requested information with FERC (PCWA 2011b). This filing included a response memo and a Revised Draft Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP) (PCWA 2011c).

Subsequent to the submittal of this additional information, PCWA was contacted by representatives from The Louis Berger Group (FERC contractor) via telephone. During this conversation, it was requested that PCWA revise generation tables provided in Appendix F of their additional information submittal of May 13, 2011. Specific revisions required by the FERC contractor was documented in a Memo of Teleconference filed on May 25, 2011 (FERC 2011b). The request included revising the generation tables to present the losses and gains in megawatt-hours instead of percentages from implementation of PCWA's Proposed Action, and also to include the baseline values

used for each powerhouse prior to the calculation of losses or gains. On June 15, 2011, PCWA filed the requested information with FERC (PCWA 2011d).

6.2 PRELIMINARY CONDITIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In accordance with 18 CFR 5.22, FERC issued its *Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions to Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Preliminary Terms and Conditions, and Preliminary Fishway Prescriptions* on June 7, 2011 (FERC 2011c). In response, the following parties submitted comments, recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and preliminary fishway prescriptions for the MFP:

Filing Date	Agency/Party	Description	PCWA Response/ Filing Date
Jul 25, 2011	United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) of the Auburn Rancheria (UAIC 2011)	Comments	Response to Comments - Sept 6, 2011
Aug 1, 2011	National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) (NMFS 2011)	Comments, Preliminary § 18 Prescriptions, § 10(j) Recommended Conditions, and § 10(a) Recommendations	-
Aug 5, 2011	California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) (CDFG 2011)	§ 10(j) and § 10(a) Recommendations	Alternative Conditions - Sept 6, 2011
Aug 5, 2011	United States Department of Agriculture-Forest Service (USDA-FS) (USDA-FS 2011)	Preliminary Section 4(e) Terms and Conditions	Alternative Conditions - Sept 6, 2011
Aug 5, 2011	United States Department of the Interior (DOI), including United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) (DOI 2011)	Preliminary Comments and § 10(a) Recommendations and Preliminary Fishway Prescriptions	-

In response, PCWA filed alternative conditions on September 6, 2011 (PCWA 2011e; PCWA 2011f). This Supplemental Filing provides an analysis of:

- Instream flow and reservoir minimum pool requirements provided in the United States Department of Agriculture-Forest Service (USDA-FS) preliminary Section 4(e) conditions (USDA-FS 2011), California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) Section 10(j) recommendations (CDFG 2011), and United States Department of the Interior (DOI) Section 10(a) recommendations (DOI 2011); and
- Additional recreation enhancements (facilities and features) in the Recreation Plan provided in USDA-FS preliminary Section 4(e) conditions and CDFG Section 10(j) recommendations.

6.3 STAKEHOLDER CONSENSUS ON SELECT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Since filing of alternative conditions, PCWA has continued to work with a broad stakeholder group (including state and federal resource agencies, non-governmental organizations, Native American Tribes, and members of the public) to reach consensus on select management and monitoring plans provided in the resource agencies preliminary conditions and recommendations.

Following submittal of resource agencies preliminary conditions and recommendations, PCWA conducted formal meetings with MFP stakeholders to discuss the Vegetation and Integrated Pest Management Plan (VIPMP) (October 4, 2011); the Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP) (October 26, 2011); and the REC 4 – Contingency Whitewater Boating Study (Focus Group Meetings on August 15, 2011 and October 19, 2011). In addition, there were numerous informal communications between PCWA technical specialists and resource agencies to discuss technical components of the VIPMP, HPMP, and the Transportation System Management Plan (TSMP), including e-mails and telephone conversations.

In November 2011, PCWA and MFP stakeholders reached consensus on revisions to the VIPMP (Attachment 1A), TSMP (Attachment 1B), and HPMP (Volume 3). It is anticipated that the resource agencies will be filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) these revised stakeholder-agreed upon management plans as modified preliminary terms and conditions for the MFP.

This Supplemental Filing provides an analysis of these revised stakeholder agreed upon management plans. Specifically, the Supplemental Filing includes an analysis of:

- Vegetation and pest management activities described in the VIPMP agreed upon by the MFP stakeholders in November 2011;
- Road and trail maintenance activities described in the TSMP agreed upon by the MFP stakeholders in November 2011; and
- Project effects on cultural resources with consideration of site-specific management measures and general procedural requirement described in the HPMP agreed upon by the MFP stakeholders in November 2011.

6.4 SUPPLEMENTAL FILING DISTRIBUTION

PCWA filed this supplemental information electronically with FERC utilizing its eFiling system. FERC recommends the use of this service since it allows FERC to process and post filings faster and more efficiently, saves paper and mailing/delivery costs, and is gentler on the environment.

The Supplemental Filing is comprised of three volumes, including public (Volume 1), confidential (Volume 2), and privileged (Volume 3) information. Following receipt of FERC's 'Acceptance for Filing' e-mail, PCWA will promptly forward the e-mail to all parties on the distribution list (eService). The e-mail includes a link to the public

portions of the Supplemental Filing which are located in FERC's eLibrary (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>). PCWA also mailed courtesy copies of the Supplemental Filing to FERC's Office of Energy Projects and Office of General Counsel-Energy Projects. Certain parties on the distribution list that have not provided an e-mail address to PCWA will receive electronic copies of the public information sections of the Supplemental Filing via courier service. At this time, the FERC eFiling system does not allow confidential and privileged information to be served electronically. Therefore, PCWA will provide those entities with jurisdiction over sensitive biological and cultural resources copies of the information contained in Volumes 2 and 3 via courier service.

An electronic version of the Supplemental Filing, excluding Confidential and Privileged information, is also available on the MFP Relicensing website at <http://relicensing.pcwa.net/> and paper copies are available at the PCWA Business Center, 144 Ferguson Road, Auburn, California. Any interested party may request an electronic copy of Volume 1 (public information) of the Supplemental Filing by contacting Beverly Bell, PCWA Administrative Aide at (530) 823-4973 or by e-mail at bbell@pcwa.net.

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- Placer County Water Agency (PCWA). 2011a. Application for New License. Section 14.0 – Consultation Documentation. Volume 3, Exhibit E, Book 2. Filed with FERC February 23, 2011.
- _____. 2011b. Response to the Commission's Memo Requesting Additional Information. Filed with FERC May 13, 2011.
- _____. 2011c. Revised Draft Historic Properties Management Plan. Filed with FERC May 13, 2011.
- _____. 2011d. Response to the Commission's Request for Additional Generation Information. Filed with FERC June 15, 2011.
- _____. 2011e. Placer County Water Agency's Submittal of Alternative Conditions for 16 Preliminary Section 4(e) Conditions Submitted by the United States Forest Service for the Middle Fork American River Project (FERC Project No. 2079-069). Filed with FERC September 6, 2011.
- _____. 2011f. Placer County Water Agency's Response to Section 10(j) and 10(a) Recommended Conditions Submitted by the California Department of Fish and Game for the Middle Fork American River Project (FERC Project No. 2079-069). Filed with FERC September 6, 2011.

United Auburn Indian Community of the Auburn Rancheria (UAIC). 2011. FERC Project No. 2079, Placer County Water Agency, Middle Fork Project: Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions to Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Preliminary Terms and Conditions, and Preliminary Fishway Prescriptions. Filed with FERC July 25, 2011.

United States Department of Agriculture-Forest Service (USDA-FS). 2011. Preliminary Section 4(e) Terms and Conditions, Middle Fork American River Project, FERC No. 2079. Filed with FERC August 5, 2011.

United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). 2011. United States Department of Commerce's, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's, National Marine Fisheries Service's, Southwest Region's, Federal Power Act Comments, Preliminary § 18 Prescriptions, § 10(j) Recommended Conditions, § 10(a) Recommendations, and Notice of Intervention for the Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2079, California. Filed with FERC August 1, 2011.

United States Department of the Interior (DOI). 2011. Middle Fork American River Project, FERC No. 2079-069, Department of the Interior's Response to Commission's June 7, 2011, Notice that Project is Ready for Environmental Analysis. Filed with FERC August 5, 2011.

United States Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). 2010. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Submission Guidelines. July 1, 2010.

_____. 2011a. Memo of Meeting between Timothy Welch, Carolyn Templeton, Frank Winchell, and Doug Hjorth of the Commission's staff and representatives of Placer County Water Agency. Filed April 8, 2011.

_____. 2011b. Memo of Teleconference between Mr. Kenneth Hodge of The Louis Berger Group (Commission contractor) and Mr. Andrew Fecko of Placer County Water Agency (PCWA), and between Mr. Kenneth Hodge and Mr. Craig Addley of Cardno ENTRIX (contractor to PCWA). Filed May 25, 2011.

_____. 2011c. Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions to Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Preliminary Terms and Conditions, and Preliminary Fishway Prescriptions. Filed June 7, 2011.

TABLES

Table 6-1. Filing and Consultation Relevant to Development of this Supplemental Filing for the Middle Fork American River Project.

Filing Date	Author	Description from FERC eLibrary
4/8/11	FERC	Memo of meeting dated 4/7/11 re the Middle Fork American River Project's relicensing process and schedule under P-2079.
5/13/11	PCWA	Placer County Water Agency's response to the Commission's memo providing additional information to conduct their environmental review re the Application for New License for the Middle Fork American River Project under P-2079.
5/13/11	PCWA	Placer County Water Agency submits their Revised Draft Historic Properties Management Plan to their Application for New License for the Middle Fork American River Project under P-2079.
5/25/11	FERC	Supplemental Information/Memo of Teleconference between The Louis Berger Group and Placer County Water Agency filed by Carolyn R. Templeton, Commission staff, under P-2079.
6/15/11	PCWA	PCWA's Response to FERC's May 26, 2011 Request for Additional Generation Information in P-2079.
8/1/11	NMFS	NOAA's, National Marine Fisheries Service, SW Region, FPA Comments, Preliminary §18 Prescriptions, §10(j)Conditions, §10(a) Recommendations and Notice of Intervention for Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2079, MF American River.
8/5/11	USDA-FS	The US Forest Service Preliminary Section 4(e) Conditions and Rationale Report for Middle Fork American River Project under P-2079.
8/5/11	CDFG	ILP Preliminary Licensing Proposal of CA Department of Fish and Game under P-2079, et. al.
8/5/11	DOI	Department of the Interior Response to REA Notice, P-2079
9/6/11	PCWA	Placer County Water Agency submits the Alternative Conditions to the US Department of Agriculture Forest Service with respect to the Middle Fork American River Project under P-2079.
9/6/11	PCWA	Response of Placer County Water Agency to the California Department of Fish and Game re Middle Fork American River Project under P-2079.
9/6/11	PCWA	Response of Placer County Water Agency to United Auburn Indian Community re Middle Fork American River Project under P-2079.

Notes: All documentation available at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>