



Ms. Kimberly Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20426

12 January 2012

**SUBJECT: Letter Regarding Three Management Plans
Middle Fork American River Project, FERC No. 2079**

Dear Ms. Bose:

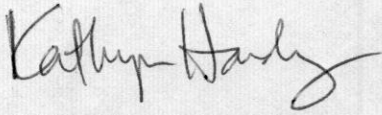
The United States Department of Agriculture-Forest Service (USDA-FS) filed preliminary terms and conditions for the Middle Fork American River Project, FERC No. 2079 (MFAR), with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) pursuant to Section 4(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA) on August 5, 2011. Similarly, the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) filed recommended conditions for the MFAR, with the Commission pursuant to Section 10(j) of the FPA on August 5, 2011. Subsequent to filing preliminary terms, conditions, and recommendations, the USDA-FS, CDFG, and other MFAR relicensing participants continued to collaborate with Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) on management plans proposed for the MFAR. The USDA-FS and CDFG are writing this letter to document our support of the following three management plans for use in the Commission's environmental analysis:

- Vegetation and Integrated Pest Management Plan
- Transportation System Management Plan
- Draft Final Historic Properties Management Plan

The USDA-FS and CDFG are jointly filing this letter with the Commission to provide documentation of resource agency consensus on these management plans. These three plans will be filed as modified preliminary terms and conditions by USDA-FS and modified recommended conditions by CDFG within 60 days of this letter. We are continuing to collaborate with PCWA and MFP relicensing participants to reach consensus on other monitoring plans recommended for the MFP in our preliminary terms, conditions, and recommendations.

If you have any questions about this filing, please contact Beth Paulson at (925) 407-7050.

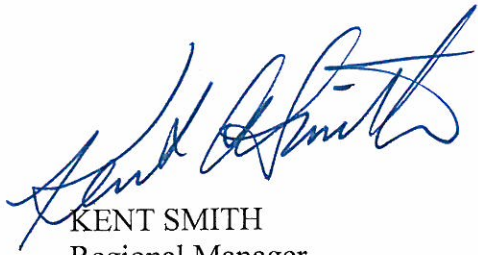




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