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

SUBJECT: Middle Fork American River Project Relicensing – FERC Project No. P-2079-069
Proof of Publications for Noticing PCWA's Application for New License

Dear Secretary Bose –

On February 23, 2011 Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) filed with FERC (Commission) its Application for New License. Per the Commission's Integrated Licensing Process, 18 CFR, Part 5, § 5.17, attached are the proofs of publication from the Auburn Journal (Placer County) and Mountain Democrat (El Dorado County) for noticing the Application for New License. The publications were filed in the legal notice sections of these two papers of general circulation, twice, on February 28, 2011 and March 4, 2011, respectively.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Fecko at (530) 823-4889.

Sincerely,
Placer County Water Agency

Andrew Fecko
Resource Planning Administrator

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Attachments:
Proof of Publication – Auburn Journal
Proof of Publication – Mountain Democrat

PUBLIC NOTICE

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NO. 2079PUBLIC NOTICE
PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY
FILED BEFORE THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY
COMMISSIONAPPLICATION FOR NEW LICENSE FOR THE
MIDDLE FORK AMERICAN RIVER PROJECT
(FERC PROJECT NO. 2079)

On February 24, 2011, Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) (address: P.O. Box 6570, 144 Ferguson Road, Auburn, CA 95604) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) an Application for New License for Major Project - Existing Dam (License Application) for the Middle Fork American River Project (MFP or Project). The MFP is located within the Middle Fork American River Watershed, on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada mountain range, in Placer and El Dorado counties, California.

The MFP serves as a multi-purpose water supply and hydro-generation project designed to conserve and control waters of the Middle Fork American River, the Rubicon River, Duncan Creek, and North and South Fork Long Canyon creeks. The MFP facilities include: two major storage reservoirs; five smaller regulating reservoirs and diversion pools; water conveyance systems; five powerhouses; gaging stations; communication lines and power lines; support facilities; roads and trails; and recreation facilities. The MFP was constructed and operates under a 50-year license, which was issued on March 13, 1963, by the Federal Power Commission, predecessor of the current FERC. The current license expires on February 28, 2013. PCWA is requesting renewal of its license to continue operation and maintenance of the MFP with a license term of 50 years (expiring on February 28, 2063). The new license term is based on the substantial costs associated with relicensing of the MFP; capital improvements; new environmental measures, programs, and facilities; and extensive monitoring and ongoing resource agency consultation to ensure continued resource protection over the term of the new license.

As described in the License Application, PCWA's Proposed Action includes: addition, removal, and modification of Project components; revisions to the existing FERC Project boundary; changes in Project operations; modification of testing and routine Project maintenance activities; new environmental programs, measures, and facilities designed to protect and enhance environmental and cultural resources; and construction or modification of Project facilities. The Proposed Action considers input from state and federal resource agencies, Native American Tribes, non-governmental organizations, and members of the public (collectively referred to as MFP relicensing participants) acquired during extensive consultation activities completed for the relicensing of the MFP.

The License Application was prepared utilizing FERC's Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) and pursuant to Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §§ 4.32, 4.51, and 5.18. The License Application is composed of five volumes including public, critical energy infrastructure, confidential, and privileged information.

Public documents from the License Application can be viewed on PCWA's website and the Commission's eLibrary at the following locations:

- <http://relicensing.pcwa.net/>
- <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>

The License Application, with the exception of materials with critical energy infrastructure, confidential, and privileged designations, is available for inspection and reproduction by the public at PCWA's Resource Library, 144 Ferguson Road, Auburn, CA 95604; and available for inspection at Placer County Library, 350 Nevada Street, Auburn, CA 95603, and at El Dorado County Library, 345 Fair Lane Drive, Placerville, CA 95667.

Members of the public wishing for additional studies to be performed must make a request in writing to the FERC consistent with 18 CFR § 4.32(b)(7), within 60 days of the filing of the License Application (by April 25, 2011), referencing FERC Project No. 2079. Comments should be submitted to:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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Washington, DC 20426

Comments may also be filed electronically. Instructions for electronic filings are available on the FERC's website (<http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>).

Copies of such requests must also be sent to PCWA at the Auburn address given above. The FERC will publish subsequent notices soliciting public participation if the License Application is found acceptable for filing.

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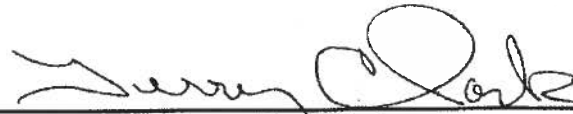
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County of Placer

I am a citizen of the United States and employed by a publication in the County aforesaid. I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the mentioned matter. I am the principal clerk of **The Auburn Journal**, a newspaper of general circulation, in the **City of Auburn**, which is printed and published in the **County of Placer**. This newspaper has been judged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the **County of Placer**, on the date of May 26, 1952 (Case Number 17407). The notice, of which the attached is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil) has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

FEBRUARY 28,

MARCH 4

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.



Terry Clark

Dated in Auburn, California

MARCH 4, 2011

PROOF OF PUBLICATION
THE AUBURN JOURNAL
1030 High Street
Auburn, CA 95604-5910

Mountain Democrat

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
County of El Dorado

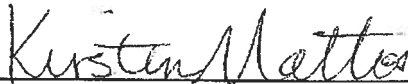
I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I'm over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am principal clerk of the printer at the Mountain Democrat, 1360 Broadway, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, in the City of Placerville, County of El Dorado, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court to the County of El Dorado, State of California, under the date of March 7, 1952, Case Number 7258; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type no smaller than non-pareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

02/28, 03/04

All in the year 2011

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Placerville, California, this 4th day
of MARCH, 2011



Signature

Proof of Publication of PUBLIC NOTICE

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