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Project No. 2079-069 – California  
Middle Fork American River  
Hydroelectric Project  
Placer County Water Agency

Andrew Fecko, Resource Planning Administrator  
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**Subject: Questions and Clarifications Regarding Supplemental Filing**

Dear Mr. Fecko:

On November 30, 2011, Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) filed, with the Commission, a Supplemental Filing intended to augment information contained within PCWA's application for new license for the Middle Fork American River Project No. 2079-069 (filed February 23, 2011). The Supplemental Filing includes a description and analysis of an alternative (Alternative 1) to PCWA's proposed action and incorporates: (1) revised instream flow and reservoir minimum pool requirements; (2) additional recreation enhancements included in the Forest Service's preliminary terms and conditions; and (3) revised management plans on which PCWA and stakeholders reached consensus.

So that Commission staff can fully understand the intent of the Supplemental Filing and can best utilize the information contained in the filing for its environmental document, please provide answers and/or clarifications to the following questions and comments:

- (1) Is it PCWA's intent that Alternative 1 replace their proposed action contained in their application for new license?

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- (2) Please provide a roadmap that outlines, in a matrix or table format, the differences between Alternative 1 and PCWA's proposed action and the differences between Alternative 1 and the preliminary terms and conditions that have been filed for the project.
- (3) Your Supplemental Filing indicates that Alternative 1 is a result of consensus reached between PCWA and several stakeholders on a variety of resource issues. However, your filing did not include any letters of support from any stakeholder. Please provide documentation, from these stakeholders, that shows their support of Alternative 1.

By copy of this letter, we request that PCWA provide the information requested above on or before **January 13, 2012**. Upon receipt of this information, we will issue notice of a revised licensing schedule for the Middle Fork American River Project.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Carolyn Templeton at (202) 502-8785, or via email at [carolyn.templeton@ferc.gov](mailto:carolyn.templeton@ferc.gov).

Sincerely,

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