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

Subject: **Middle Fork American River Project**, FERC No. 2079-069 Confirmation of the Department of the Interior's Final Protection, Mitigation, and Enhancement Measures

Dear Ms. Bose:

The Department of the Interior filed suggested Protection Mitigation and Enhancement measures on August 5, 2011, for this project in the form of preliminary comments, prescription, and 10(a) recommendations, as applicable. This filing was in response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) June 7, 2011, Notice soliciting the filing of such comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions for the Middle Fork American River Project.

FERC issued its Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for this project on July 23, 2012, with a comment response deadline of October 2, 2012. The Department provided timely follow-up comments to FERC seeking recognition of the Department's preliminary comments and recommendations filed the proceeding year, as well as suggested corrections to FERC's DEIS.

At this time, the Department confirms that its August 5, 2011, preliminary comments, prescription, and recommendations should be considered final.

Please direct any questions regarding the Department's submissions as follows:

- Questions pertaining to the Bureau of Land Management comments and recommendations, may be directed to Jim Eicher, Associate Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, (916) 941-3103.

- Questions pertaining to the Bureau of Reclamation comments and recommendations, may be directed to Drew Lessard at (916) 9897180.
- Questions the Fish and Wildlife Service comments and preliminary fishway prescription may be directed to Deborah Giglio at (916) 414-6600; or questions pertaining specifically to federally-listed species should be directed to Jeremiah Karuzas at the same number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Sanderson Port". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a checkmark at the end.

Patricia Sanderson Port
Regional Environmental Officer

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