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In reply refer to:
Project No. 2079-CA
NATDAM No. CA00858

Stephen J. Jones, Power System Manager
Placer County Water Agency (PCWA)
24625 Harrison St
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Foresthill, CA 95631

Re: Middle Fork Tunnel Spoil Pile Stability Investigation

Dear Mr. Jones:

We received your letter, dated September 27, 2005, submitting the Eldorado National Forest Application to perform a geotechnical investigation and stability analysis of the tunnel spoil pile near the downstream portal of the Middle Fork Tunnel at the Middle Fork American River Project, FERC Project No. 2079. The permit application is satisfactory and you are authorized to proceed with the investigations as described in your letter and the attached documents. You are reminded to use best management practices to prevent drilling mud or any cementitious material from entering a live stream or being transported to a stream by rainfall runoff.

We appreciate your cooperation in coordinating this project with us and in providing the permit application for our review. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please call Mr. John Onderdonk at (415) 369-3339.

Sincerely,

TAKESHI YAMASHITA

Takeshi Yamashita, P. E.
Regional Engineer