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## PCWA-L-342

August 29, 2005

Mr. Steven T. Eubanks, Forest Supervisor  
TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST  
631 Coyote Street  
Nevada City, CA 95959-2250

Re: FERC Environmental Inspection of the Middle Fork American River Project  
FERC Project No. 2079

Dear Mr. Eubanks:

Mr. Philip Scordelis, Staff Fishery Biologist, FERC Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance, conducted an Environmental Inspection of the Middle Fork American River Project on July 20-21, 2005. Enclosed is a follow-up letter dated August 16, 2005, from Mr. George H. Taylor, Chief, Biological Resources Branch, Division of Hydropower Administration and Compliance. This letter lists a number of items that require our attention, ten of which concern the recreation facilities in the French Meadows area that are operated and maintained by Tahoe National Forest (TNF) under Collection Agreement 03-CO-11051754-014 between Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) and TNF. One of our employees has cut the grass growing around the fire ring at Site 37 in the Lewis Campground. We need to provide a plan and schedule to FERC by October 15, 2005, and we are hoping TNF can take care of these items as part of the operation and maintenance performed under the collection agreement.

The McGuire Picnic site presents a special challenge since FERC has ordered that a considerable amount of work be completed by October 15, 2005. We have already contacted the American River Ranger District of Foresthill in regard to the rapid response required. The letter also addresses the proposal to convert the McGuire Picnic site to a 50 person group campground, which our letter dated August 16, 2005 also addressed.

We would be happy to meet with you to discuss the items requiring attention. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 530-885-6917.

Sincerely,

PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Stephen J. Jones  
Power System Manager