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August 29, 2005

Mr. John D. Berry, Forest Supervisor  
 Eldorado National Forest  
 100 Forni Road  
 Placerville, CA 95667

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

Dear Mr. Berry:

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, five of which concern the recreation facilities in the Hell Hole area that are operated and maintained by Eldorado National Forest (EDNF) under Collection Agreement 03-CO-11050353-012 between Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) and EDNF. One of our employees has cut the grass growing around the fire ring at the Hell Hole Campground, and on August 19<sup>th</sup> Jon Jue and I discussed the deteriorated condition of the panoramic sign at the Hell Hole Vista. We need to provide a plan and schedule to FERC by October 15, 2005, and we are hoping EDNF can take care of these items as part of the operation and maintenance performed under the collection agreement. A meeting has already been scheduled for September 26, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Georgetown Ranger District Office for representatives of EDNF, Pacific Gas and Electric Company and PCWA to meet to discuss the proposed 2006 Financial Project Plan listed in Amendment #2 to the collection agreement. We would like to request that we also discuss the items listed in FERC's follow-up letter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 530-885-6917.

Sincerely,

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Stephen J. Jones  
 Power System Manager