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PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY

Dear Mr. Jones:

Per the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's July 21, 2005 inspection of the French Meadows Recreation Facilities, the following is a schedule of the items that will be maintained, repaired or replaced that pose a health and safety risk identified in the inspection.

1. French Meadows Day-Use Picnic Area

The boards that cross the ephemeral stream will be removed by October 30, 2005. This structure is not an approved Forest Service design. The boards have created a dam holding back the larger boulders and gravel. The large boulders will be removed for safe crossing. If a foot-traffic crossing structure is needed we will utilize our Best Management Practices Guidelines for a stream crossing with an approved Forest Service design.

2. RV Dump Station Building

The Forest Service has no desire to restore or maintain the building and will prepare a plan to have it removed by August 2006. There are two options for removal: (1) the Forest Service could remove the building using funding provided by PCWA through the revised 2006 Collection Agreement Operating Plan. Rather than spend \$7000 for design of a new group campground, this funding could be readjusted for building removal; or (2) PCWA could remove the building at the request of the Forest Service.

3. Prairie Wolf Group Campsite Gate

The Forest Service installed this gate. This was an approved Forest Service design and PCWA should not be held responsible for repair or replacement. The Forest Service will remove this gate by October 30, 2005. Rock barriers will be set in place to prevent vehicle access into the group area or the Forest Service will replace the gate with a new one by August 2006.

4. Lewis Campground Site #37

The concrete grill and fire ring were removed August 8, 2005 and replaced with a fire ring and adjustable grill combination. A 5-foot diameter fire clearance to mineral soil was completed.

5. Lewis Campground Bear-Proof Food Storage Containers

Containers were installed August 30, 2005 for campsites 1-27. This was accomplished using



funding from PCWA to the Forest Service through the 2005 Collection Agreement Operating Plan. Campsites 28-40 will be completed by August 15, 2006.

6. McGuire Picnic Area

The following maintenance items were completed on August 31, 2005:

- a. All (ten) picnic sites have been cleared of flammable vegetation to mineral soil around the tables and grills for a 10-foot radius.
- b. The picnic tables have been repainted, leveled, and adjusted to the proper height per Forest Service specifications.
- c. A new information/bulletin board (kiosk) has been installed and the old one removed.
- d. The Forest Service will burn the brush piles in the fall within the burn prescription. The piles are on the Forest Service Burn Plan to be completed when the moisture conditions are within prescription. Forest Service will notify PCWA when the piles are burned. The goal is to accomplish this by November 15, 2005, depending on weather conditions.

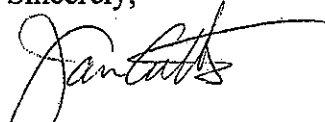
7. McGuire Group Campground Conversion

The Forest Service does not have the use figures to justify converting this facility from a picnic area to a group campground by 2007. The Forest Service will remove this funding request proposed in the 2007 Collection Agreement Operating Plan. Before the Forest Service requests funding for future expansion for a group site, use figures will be provided to PCWA to justify the need.

We hope that the maintenance items identified in the FERC inspection have been completed within the time frame to satisfy both the Water Agency and the Commission.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me.

Sincerely,



Jan Cutts
District Ranger