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**Subject: Placer County Water Agency: Middle Fork American River Project (FERC Project No. 2079) Application for New License (Volume 1 and 3) and Volume 5**

Dear Dr. Winchell:

As requested by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) staff, enclosed is a copy of selected parts of the complete Application for New License (License Application) for the Middle Fork American River Project, FERC No. 2079 (MFP or Project), which Placer County Water Agency (PCWA), the licensee, owner, and operator of the MFP, is simultaneously filing with the FERC.

The MFP is operated under a 50-year license, which was issued to PCWA on March 13, 1963, by the Federal Power Commission, predecessor of the current FERC. The current license expires on February 28, 2013. Through submittal of this License Application, PCWA is requesting renewal of its license to continue operation and maintenance of the MFP with a license term of 50 years (expiring on February 28, 2063). The new license term is based on the substantial costs associated with relicensing of the MFP; capital improvements; new environmental measures, programs, and facilities; and extensive monitoring and on-going resource agency consultation to ensure continued resource protection over the term of the new license.

The License Application comprises five volumes, including public, critical energy infrastructure (CEII), confidential, and privileged information. Enclosed is an outline of the material contained in each volume. Volumes 1 and 3 of the License Application containing public information are enclosed including two paper copies and two electronic copies. Volumes 2 and 4, which contain CEII and confidential information on special-status biological resources, are not enclosed.

Volume 5 contains the Exhibit E and associated Supporting Documents D and E (privileged information) that provide information regarding the location(s) of sensitive cultural resources, and the Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP). Volume 5 is enclosed in a separate sealed envelope marked "CONTAINS PRIVILEGED INFORMATION – DO NOT RELEASE". Pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.11(c)(1), the head of a federal agency may withhold from public

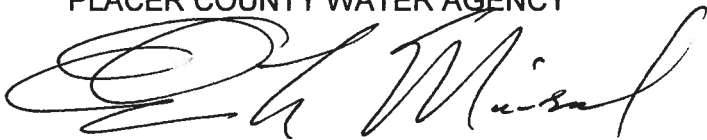
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disclosure any information about the location, character, or ownership of a historic property, or impede the use of a traditional site by practitioners. PCWA is requesting privileged treatment of this document from FERC, and is enclosing two paper copies and two electronic copies of Volume 5 for your review. A copy of Volume 5 is being filed with the FERC's Secretary and provided to the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Forest Service (Tahoe National Forest and the Eldorado National Forest) cultural resource specialists; the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO); and Native American Tribes. Confidential treatment has been requested of each of these recipients.

PCWA looks forward to continuing working with FERC, resource agencies, and other interested parties on the Middle Fork American River Project relicensing. If you have any questions regarding the License Application, please contact Andrew Fecko, PCWA Resource Planning Administrator, at (530) 823-4889 or by e-mail at [afecko@pcwa.net](mailto:afecko@pcwa.net).

Sincerely,

PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY



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Enclosures:

Cover Letter to the FERC's Secretary

Cover Letter to Tribal Representatives

License Application Outline

Volume 1: Initial Statement, Exhibit A, B, C, D, G, and H (Public Information)

Volume 3: Exhibit E and Supporting Documents A, B, and C [Books 1 through 12]  
(Public Information)

Volume 5: Exhibit E Supporting Documents D and E (Privileged Information)