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10.0 ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS OF OTHER ALTERNATIVES

For the purposes of the Middle Fork American River Project (MFP or Project) Draft Application for New License, the following alternatives were considered:

- No-Action Alternative; and
- Placer County Water Agency's (PCWA) Proposed Action.

The No-Action Alternative is defined as the alternative under which the MFP, as currently configured, will continue to be operated and maintained under the terms and conditions of the existing license, without modification. That is, MFP operation and maintenance will not be subject to any new or different protection, mitigation, or enhancement measures. Continued operation and maintenance of the MFP in this fashion will not alter the existing environment as it is described under the resource-specific subsections in Section 7.0 – Affected Environment. Accordingly, implementation of the No-Action Alternative will have no environmental effects, and as such, is considered the baseline for the purposes of this environmental analysis.

PCWA's Proposed Action considers input from state and federal resource agencies, Native American Tribes, non-governmental organizations, members of the public (collectively referred to as MFP stakeholders) acquired during extensive consultation activities completed for the relicensing of the MFP (refer to Chapter 14.0 – Consultation Documentation). As described in Section 4.0 – Proposed Action, the Proposed Action includes: modifications to existing Project facilities; construction of new Project facilities; Project boundary modifications; changes to Project operations and maintenance; and implementation of new environmental programs, measures, and facilities. The Proposed Action includes PCWA's recommended protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures. Environmental analysis of the Proposed Action is provided in Section 8.0 – Environmental Effects of the Proposed Action.

To date, no formal alternatives have been proposed by the MFP stakeholders for consideration in the Draft Application for New License. Consideration of any future alternatives proposed by the MFP stakeholders will be analyzed in the Final Application for New License.