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**BEFORE THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE**

Date: November 30, 2012

**Attention: Deputy Chief
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**Placer County Water Agency's Withdrawal of Alternative Conditions for
16 Preliminary Section 4(e) Terms and Conditions Submitted by
the United States Forest Service for the
Middle Fork American River Project (FERC Project No. 2079-069)**

Placer County Water Agency (PCWA), the existing Licensee for the Middle Fork American River Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [FERC] Project No. 2079) (MFP or Project), filed an Application for New License on February 23, 2011. The United States Forest Service (Forest Service) subsequently filed Preliminary Terms and Conditions under Section 4(e) of the Federal Power Act on August 5, 2011. On September 2, 2011, PCWA submitted alternative conditions for 16 of the Forest Service's Preliminary Section 4(e) Terms and Conditions. PCWA's alternative conditions included nine "Clarified Alternative Conditions" and seven "Modified Alternative Conditions", as follows:

PCWA's Clarified Alternative Conditions

- PCWA Alternative Condition No. 15 – Pesticide-Use Restrictions on National Forest System Lands

- PCWA Alternative Condition No. 22 – Minimum Streamflows
- PCWA Alternative Condition No. 23 – Pulse Flows
- PCWA Alternative Condition No. 24 – Ramping Rates
- PCWA Alternative Condition No. 25 – Outages
- PCWA Alternative Condition No. 26 – Spawning Habitat Improvement Plan for the Middle Fork American River Below Ralston Afterbay Dam
- PCWA Alternative Condition No. 37 – Reservoir Minimum Pool Elevations and Reservoir Levels Recreation Objectives
- PCWA Alternative Condition No. 39 – Recreation Streamflows in the Middle Fork American River Below Oxbow Powerhouse
- PCWA Alternative Condition No. 45 – Erosion and Sediment Control and Management

PCWA's Modified Alternative Conditions

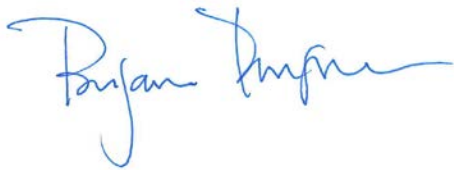
- PCWA Alternative Condition No. 19 – Use of National Forest System Roads for Project Access
- PCWA Alternative Condition No. 28 – Monitoring Program
 - Fish Population Monitoring Plan
 - Foothill Yellow-legged Frog Monitoring Plan
 - Western Pond Turtle Monitoring Plan
 - Benthic Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Plan
 - Mercury Bioaccumulation Monitoring Plan
 - Geomorphology/Riparian Monitoring Plan
 - Water Quality Monitoring Plan
- PCWA Alternative Condition No. 31 – Streamflow and Reservoir Elevation Gaging Plan
- PCWA Alternative Condition No. 41 – Historic Properties Management Plan
- PCWA Alternative Condition No. 43 – Revised Transportation System Management Plan
- PCWA Alternative Condition No. 44 – Revised Fire Management and Response Plan

- PCWA Alternative Condition No. 46 – Revised Vegetation and Integrated Pest Management Plan

Subsequent to filing these alternative conditions, PCWA conducted numerous discussions with the Forest Service, other State and Federal resource agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and members of the public. As a result of these discussions, consensus was reached on the issues raised with respect to the aforementioned alternative conditions. This consensus was reflected in the advance copy of the Forest Service's Modified Section 4(e) Terms and Conditions for the MFP that was provided to PCWA. Therefore, PCWA is withdrawing all 16 previously filed alternative conditions. PCWA's withdrawal is contingent on the Forest Service filing Modified Section 4(e) Terms and Conditions with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission that are not substantively different from the advance copy provided to PCWA; in addition, PCWA reserves the right to provide additional comments on the Modified Terms and Conditions if they are substantively different from that advance copy.

If you have any questions regarding this withdrawal of alternative conditions for the MFP, please contact me at (530) 823-4889 or by e-mail at bransom@pcwa.net.

Sincerely,



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Attachment A – Distribution List
Attachment B – Certificate of Service

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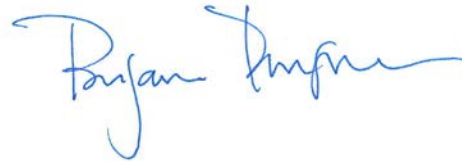
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Attachment B
Certificate of Service

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to the provisions of 7 C.F.R. § 1.670, I hereby certify that I have this day served a complete copy of the foregoing document to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and each “license party” in the relicensing proceedings for Project No. 2079 as set forth in the attached distribution list, by courier service.

Dated at Auburn, CA this 30th day of November 2012.



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