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Subject: Notice of Intent and Pre-Application Document, PCWA Middle Fork American River Project, Supporting Document J – Confidential Information, FERC Project No. 2079

Thank you for requesting information regarding the above referenced project. The United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) is comprised of Miwok and Maidu people whose traditional homelands include portions of Placer and Nevada counties, as well as some surrounding areas. The Tribe is concerned about development within ancestral territory that has potential to impact sites and landscapes that may be of cultural or religious significance. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed project.

We have reviewed the 2006 Cultural Resources Inventory Study Report in Supporting Document J and understand the remainder of the report will be completed by 2009. Once the final report is completed for the entire Area of Potential Effects (APE), the Tribe requests a copy in order to make specific recommendations regarding cultural resources. The following are general comments for inclusion in the Pre-Application Document (PAD):

The UAIC would like to continue to receive any archaeological reports related to the proposed project as they become available. Should excavations for site testing or data recovery become necessary, the Tribe would like to be informed in order to provide on-site tribal monitors. In the event of an inadvertent discovery of prehistoric cultural resources or human burials, the UAIC would like to be contacted immediately in order to provide input on the appropriate course of action. We recommend that the proposed project be designed to incorporate known prehistoric cultural sites, including isolated bedrock mortars, into open space or other protected areas. We also recommend that protective measures be implemented for bedrock mortars that are currently located within public campgrounds. Finally, we request copies of future environmental documents for the proposed project so that we have an opportunity to comment on potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures related to cultural resources.

For future reference please note that the contact information for United Auburn Indian Community on Page 6 of the PAD should be replaced with the following:

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Thank you again for involving the UAIC early in the planning process. We look forward to continuing with the consultation process. If you have any questions, please contact Shelley McGinnis, Analytical Environmental Services, at (916) 447-3479.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Baker". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Greg Baker
Tribal Administrator

CC: Shelley McGinnis, AES