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Subject: Middle Fork American River Project (FERC No. 2079) Response to FERC
Memo Requesting Additional Information

Dear Mr. Fecko,

Thank you for requesting information regarding the above referenced project. The United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC) of the Auburn Rancheria is comprised of Miwok and Southern Maidu (Nisenan) people whose tribal lands are within Placer County and ancestral territory spans into El Dorado, Nevada, Sacramento, Sutter, and Yuba counties. The UAIC is concerned about development within its aboriginal territory that has potential to impact the lifeways, cultural sites, and landscapes that may be of sacred or ceremonial significance. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this and other projects in your jurisdiction.

The UAIC understands that the rock art site, FS-05-03-682, is eligible under all four NRHP criteria. The rock site within your project is bisected by the ordinary high water mark and is well within the fluctuation zone, which makes it partially inundated during different times of the year. We think this is an adverse effect and will require full data recovery. The UAIC considers wave action an adverse effect which leads to deterioration, deflation, and erosion. This is a project effect that should require mitigation. We would like to begin this discussion. It is the UAIC's belief that any draw downs of the reservoir will also result in further impacts to the resource.

Thank you again for taking these matters into consideration, and for involving the UAIC early in the planning process. We look forward to reviewing the aforementioned documents as requested. Please contact Marcos Guerrero, cultural resources specialist, at (530) 883-2364 or email at mguerrero@auburnrancheria.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Gregory S. Baker,
Tribal Administrator

CC: Marcos Guerrero, UAIC
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