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In reply refer to: FERC100603A

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RE: Section 106 Consultation for FERC Project No. 2079, Middle Fork of the American River Project, Determinations of Eligibility for 17 Sites, Placer County, CA

Dear Mr. Fecko:

Thank you for your 13 May 2010 letter initiating consultation with me on behalf of the FERC for the above referenced project in order to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and implementing regulation 36 CFR Part 800. You are requesting that I concur with the determination of eligibility for 14 identified sites in the APE for the undertaking.

As I understand it, the undertaking consists of relicensing the Middle Fork of the American River Project. PCWA identified 17 potential historic properties within the APE for this undertaking. Two sites were previously determined eligible and are as follows:

- FS-05-03-53-64, Bedrock Mortar
- FS-05-03-55-65, Bedrock Mortar and Lithic Scatter

PCWA evaluated 14 sites for this undertaking and determined two are eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP): FS-05-03-55-201 and FS-05-03-55-682. Site FS-05-03-55-201 is a bedrock milling station with two mortars and a lithic scatter. Excavations identified a large subsurface component that has potential to yield information under Criterion D. Site FS-03-55-682 consists of multiple panels of petroglyphs usually submerged in Hell Hole Reservoir. Additional survey in the area during periods of low water could yield additional information to the site. It is eligible under Criterion A, C and D.

The remaining 12 sites are ineligible for the NRHP. They are as follows:

- FS-05-03-55-374, unnamed dining ditch
- FS-05-03-53-375, bedrock mortar and sparse lithic scatter
- Site PL-20, unnamed mining ditch
- FS-05-17-54-116, bedrock mortar and sparse lithic scatter
- FS-05-17-54-214, Gate's Cabin ruins
- FS-05-17-54-400, bedrock mortar and sparse lithic scatter
- FS-05-17-54-445, Lambert Ditch
- FS-05-17-54-476, Ralston Ditch
- FS-05-17-54-481, stream diversion berm
- Site PL-2, recent segment of a ditch

- FS-05-17-54-370, Lithic Scatter
- FS-05-17-54-480, segment of mining ditch
- The MFP Facilities, hydroelectric facilities associated with the project

I concur with the determinations. It is my understanding that PCWA provided the report to the Forest Service and the Forest was in agreement with the determinations of eligibility for the undertaking.

Thank you for considering historic properties as part of your project planning and I look forward to continuing consultation on this project. Please direct any questions or concerns that you may have to Amanda Blosser, Project Review Unit architectural historian, at 916-654-7372 or at ablosser@parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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State Historic Preservation Officer

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