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## State Water Resources Control Board

### REVISED COMMENT DEADLINE EXTENDED

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR DRAFT WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

#### SOUTH FEATHER WATER AND POWER AGENCY'S SOUTH FEATHER POWER PROJECT FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT NO. 2088

To: Interested Parties Mailing List

South Feather Water and Power Agency (SFWPA) filed an application for a new major license (relicensing) with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for the South Feather Power Project (Project) on March 26, 2007. A water quality certification (certification), issued by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) under section 401 of the Clean Water Act, is required before FERC can issue a new license for the Project. SFWPA filed its most recent application for certification of the Project with the State Water Board on February 6, 2017.

SFWPA owns and operates the Project, which is located on the South Fork Feather River, Lost Creek, Sly Creek and Slate Creek, in Butte, Yuba, and Plumas counties, California. The Project occupies approximately 1,977 acres of federal lands administered by the Plumas National Forest, and 10.57 acres of federal lands administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management. The Project can store about 172,000 acre-feet (ac-ft) of water (gross storage), and generates an average of about 514.1 gigawatt-hours of power annually. Additionally, the Project facilities are used for water storage and delivery to provide irrigation water to a service area of more than 49,000 acres, and to provide domestic water to approximately 6,500 households. SFWPA proposes no new capacity and no new construction.

The Project consists of four hydroelectric developments: (1) Sly Creek; (2) Woodleaf; (3) Forbestown; and (4) Kelly Ridge. Collectively, the Project consists of five dams, five reservoirs, four powerhouses, three diversion dams, six conduit tunnels, and associated equipment and transmission facilities.

The State Water Board is accepting comments on the draft certification. The certification comment period is from **November 17, 2017** until **January 19, 2018**. **Comments on the draft certification must be received by 12:00 pm (noon) on January 19, 2018**. Comments can be submitted electronically or by mail to:

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Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program  
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Email: [Meiling.Colombano@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Meiling.Colombano@waterboards.ca.gov)

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The draft certification is available on the Project webpage, which is located online at:

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_quality\\_cert/southfeather\\_ferc2088.shtml](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/southfeather_ferc2088.shtml)

**KEEP INFORMED OF PROJECT MILESTONES**

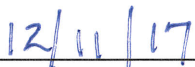
To receive emails related to the Project and other projects pursuing certifications managed by the Division of Water Rights, interested persons should enroll in the "Water Rights Water Quality Certification" e-mail notification service. Instructions on how to sign up for the State Water Board's Email Subscription List are outlined below:

1. Visit: [http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions/swrcb\\_subscribe.shtml#rights](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml#rights)
2. Provide your name and email in the required fields.
3. In the categories below the email and name fields, select "Water Rights," then "Water Rights Water Quality Certification."
4. Click the "Subscribe" button.
5. An email will be sent to you. You must respond to the email message to confirm your membership on the selected list(s).

By enrolling in this email list, you will receive notices for current projects in the Division of Water Rights' Water Quality Certification Program, including the South Feather Power Project. If you do not have internet access or do not wish to participate in the email subscription list, you may contact Ms. Meiling Colombano at the phone number listed below to request to receive notices by mail. You can enroll or un-enroll from the email subscription service at any time.

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact Ms. Meiling Colombano by email at [Meiling.Colombano@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Meiling.Colombano@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (916) 341-5369.

  
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