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State Water Resources Control Board

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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Secretary Bose:

INFORMATION SUBMISSION TO FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
RELATED TO FISH PASSAGE ON THE YUBA RIVER; YUBA RIVER DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT; FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT NO. 2246; YUBA
COUNTY

On April 9, 2014, State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) staff had a teleconference call with Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) staff to discuss pre-application activities for the Yuba River Development Project (Project). On May 2, 2014, FERC filed the Meeting Memorandum which summarized the meeting. As noted in the Meeting Memorandum, FERC staff requested that State Water Board staff submit information to the FERC record describing the fish passage alternatives discussed during the meeting and providing the basis for these alternatives.

As background, on January 30, 2014, and February 28, 2014, State Water Board staff submitted letters to FERC providing comments on the Updated Study Report and Draft License Application, respectively. In both letters State Water Board staff provided comments regarding the need for evaluation of fish passage alternatives as part of the Project relicensing and development of environmental document for the Project under the National Environmental Policy Act and California Environmental Quality Act. This information is also needed to inform conditions of the FERC license and the State Water Board water quality certification. The Yuba Salmon Forum (Forum) has developed information regarding fish passage alternatives on the Yuba River. As noted in the Updated Study Report letter, two specific documents developed by the Forum provide significant new information: (1) Fish Passage Infrastructure Report – March 2013; and (2) Draft Summary Habitat Analysis – September 2013. State Water Board staff is submitting these two documents to the FERC record for the Project, as requested in Meeting Memorandum filed by FERC staff on May 2, 2014. These documents provide valuable information that can be used by the Yuba County Water Agency, FERC, State Water Board, and other relicensing participants to assess a range of potential alternatives to restore anadromous fish populations in the Yuba River.

If you have questions related to this letter, please contact me at 916-341-5321 or via email at Parker.Thaler@waterboards.ca.gov. Written correspondence should be addressed as follows: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, Water Quality Certification Program, Attn: Parker Thaler, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000.

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Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Fish Passage Infrastructure Report, March 2013
Summary Habitat Analysis, September 2013

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