August 3, 2018

## Via Electronic Submittal (E-File)

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION 888 First Street, NE Washington, D.C. 20426

Subject:

Yuba River Development Project

FERC Project No. 2246-065

Withdrawal and Resubmittal of Application for Water Quality

Certification

Dear Secretary Bose:

In conformance with 18 Code of Federal Regulations § 5.23(b), attached to this letter is a copy of the Yuba County Water Agency's (YCWA) withdrawal and resubmittal of a request to the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification for YCWA's application for a new Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license for the Yuba River Development Project, FERC Project Number 2246 (Project). The attached letter was date-stamped by the State Water Board to indicate when the State Water Board received the request.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Curt Aikens

General Manager

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Attachment: Withdrawal and Resubmittal of a Request for Clean Water Act Section 401

Water Quality Certification for the Yuba River Development Project

cc: Alan Mitchnick, FERC Project Coordinator

Parties on FERC's Official Service List for the Yuba River Development

Project, FERC Project No. 2246-065

Relicensing Participants on YCWA's Yuba River Development Project's

Relicensing E-Mail Contact List (via e-mail)



## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in this proceeding (Yuba River Development Project, FERC Project No. 2246-065).

Dated in Sacramento, CA, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2018.

James Lynch, Senior Vice President HDR, Inc.

2379 Gateway Oaks, Suite 200 Sacramento, CA 95833 (916) 679-8740 August 3, 2018

## Hand Delivery - Hand-Stamped Copy Requested

Eileen Sobeck, Executive Director CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD 1001 "I" Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear Executive Director Sobeck:

On August 25, 2017, the Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) filed with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) an application for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act in support of YCWA's application for a new Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license for the Yuba River Development Project, FERC Project Number 2246 (Project). The application was also made pursuant to Title 23, Sections 3855 and 3856 of the California Code of Regulations (C.C.R.).

YCWA attached to its August 25, 2017, Section 401 application its Amended Application for License for a Major Project – Existing Dam for the Project (Amended FLA), which was filed with FERC on June 2, 2017. The FERC application contains all information required under 23 C.C.R. Section 3856 C.C.R in regards to contents of a complete application for water quality certification.

At this time and by copy of this letter, YCWA formally withdraws its August 25, 2017, application for water quality certification for the Project relicensing.

Also, at this time and by copy of this letter, YCWA formally submits a new application for water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the Project relicensing. The Project has not changed, so the June 2, 2017, Amended FLA, which the State Water Board has on file, contains all information required for a complete application for water quality certification. YCWA understands that a new filing fee is not required for this refiling.

YCWA intends to be the Lead Agency for the purpose of compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and will coordinate with the State Water Board and other Responsible Agencies under CEQA.

If you have any questions regarding this request for water quality certification, please contact me.

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Sincerely,

Curt Aikens

General Manager

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cc: Philip Choy, State Water Board