

August 9, 2018

Via Electronic Submittal (eFile)

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION 888 – 1st Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20426-0001

Subject: Yuba River Development Project FERC Project No. 2246-065 – California Updated Report for Period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in Compliance with the Log Cabin and Our House Diversion Dams Sediment Management Plan

Dear Secretary Bose:

This letter provides to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) the updated Report for Period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in Compliance with the Log Cabin and Our House Diversion Dams Sediment Management Plan (2017 Report).

BACKGROUND

In a letter dated November 5, 2013, FERC directed the Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) to develop a plan for a permanent, long-term solution for sediment control at Log Cabin Diversion Dam, and to file the plan with FERC for approval. Further, to be proactive, YCWA also addressed sediment control in Our House Diversion Dam, another Project dam which has had sediment issues in the past. The Log Cabin and Our House Diversion Dams Sediment Management Plan (Plan) was developed in consultation with appropriate federal, state, and local agencies and filed with FERC on May 20, 2014. FERC approved the mechanical sediment removal and emergency sediment removal portions of the Plan on September 23, 2014, and the sediment passage portions of the Plan on March 4, 2016.

The Plan requires that YCWA file with FERC a report summarizing sediment management activities and associated monitoring each year in which sediment management occurs.

In 2017, YCWA removed sediment from both Log Cabin and Our House diversion dam impoundments, conducted sediment passage at Our House Diversion Dam, and performed associated monitoring.

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REPORT

YCWA filed the draft 2017 Report on April 9, 2018. The United States Army Corps of Engineers, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, State Water Resources Control Board, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife had a 45-day written comment period on the sediment passage portion of the report from the date of filing. Comments were received from the Forest Service and the State Water Resources Control Board. YCWA addressed these comments and is refiling the report with FERC, as attached. The updated report includes a comment table, which shows the comments received, which agency submitted the comments, and YCWA's responses.

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

Sincerely,

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Curt Aikens General Manager

- Attachment: Updated Report for Period from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in Compliance with the Log Cabin and Our House Diversion Dams Sediment Management Plan
- cc: MaryLisa Cornell, CDFW Elizabeth Lee, CVRWQCB Phil Choy, SWRCB Amy Lind, USFS Matthew Roberts, USACE Alison Willy, USFWS

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 <u>9th</u> day of August, 2018.

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