



State Water Resources Control Board

October 7, 2011

To: Interested Parties

ACCEPTING COMMENTS ON DRAFT WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR THE UPPER AMERICAN RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT, FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT NO. 2101

Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) seeks to renew its Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license for the Upper American River Hydroelectric Project (UARP). The UARP is located in the Silver Creek, Rubicon River and South Fork American River watersheds in El Dorado and Sacramento Counties. As part of the relicensing process for the UARP, SMUD filed its most recent application for water quality certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) on September 16, 2011.

Prior to issuance of water quality certification, the State Water Board must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). SMUD is the lead agency under CEQA. SMUD issued a Final CEQA Supplemental Analysis to the FERC Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on August 22, 2008, and the SMUD Board of Directors certified the Final EIS and Final CEQA Supplemental Analysis on September 18, 2008.

The State Water Board prepared a draft water quality certification and CEQA findings for the UARP. Although not required, State Water Board staff will accept comments on these documents. **Comments must be received by 5:00 PM on November 14, 2011.** Comments can be submitted electronically or by mail to:

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The draft water quality certification is available on the Division of Water Rights (Division) web site at:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/ceqa_projects.shtml#upperamerican

If you cannot access the document online, you may request that the Division mail you a copy by contacting Jennifer Watts at (916) 341-5397 or by email at jwatts@waterboards.ca.gov. Please make your request promptly to allow enough time to receive and review the document within the comment period.

In an effort to reduce reliance on paper mailings, future notices will be provided by email. In order to receive future notices on the UARP and for other Division related water quality certification projects, go to the State Water Board's home page located at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.shtml and subscribe to: "Water Rights Water Quality Certification" email list.

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