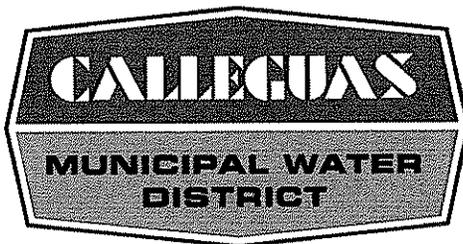


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February 23rd, 2010

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**Re: Water Quality Certification for the Relicensing of the Oroville Facilities,
FERC Project No. 2100**

Dear Mr. Kanz:

On July 22nd, 2008, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board a certified and final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) in support of its request for a Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) for relicensing of the Oroville Facilities, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2100. Subsequent to that date, DWR resubmitted its application for a WQC in order to provide State Water Resources Control Board staff sufficient time to analyze the FEIR. On January 21st, 2010, staff of the State Water Resources Control Board posted a staff-generated draft WQC it intends to use to fulfill its responsibilities under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) for the relicensing of the Oroville Facilities. On February 23rd, 2010, DWR and State Water Contractors (SWC) submitted comments noting concerns with the draft WQC and inconsistencies between the draft WQC and the FEIR.

On behalf of the board of directors of the Calleguas Municipal Water District, a member agency of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, a State Water Contractor, I respectfully requests that the State Water Resources Control Board accept and incorporate, without material modifications, as conditions to the WQC for the Oroville Facilities, all of the protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures set forth in the Settlement Agreement that are within Board's jurisdiction pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, and pursuant to the Porter Cologne Water Quality Control Act. Similarly, I also request that the State Water Resources Control Board not include as conditions in the WQC for the project any additional conditions that are inconsistent with the Settlement Agreement. Please refer to the February 23rd, 2010 letters submitted by

DWR and SWC for a precise discussion of the modifications to the draft WQC that my organization agrees are required to be consistent with the Settlement Agreement and FEIR.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and hope this letter will be useful in the State Water Resources Control Board's timely issuance of a final WQC for the Oroville Facilities.

Respectfully Submitted,



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