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**Subject:** SWRCB's draft 401/Water Quality Certification for SMUD's Proposed Relicensing of the UARP

Dear Ms. Watts,

I have reviewed with interest your office's report on conditions to be placed on SMUD's relicense of the UARP. Most of my interest is in their proposed new project on (and in) Iowa Hill here in Camino.

While I applaud the care and diligence shown in requiring SMUD to inform you of any design changes or additions to the project, I can't help but feel that issuing the certification before final plans are drawn up is like shutting the barn door long after SMUD's horse has galloped back down the hill to Sacramento.

It is clear that significant design changes, road construction, and material transportation with possible impact on water quality are inevitable if their Iowa Hill Pumped Storage "Development" is built. The time to issue certification is after, not before, a review of the completed design and full disclosure of all impacts.

At the October 5th, 2011 meeting called by SMUD, they told us that the committee work on the traffic, biological studies, etc. would have to be redone, as they were now longer current. Also, a new geological study would be done and paid for by a generous grant from Stephen Chu (taxpayers' money).

Those studies are the basis for your draft review of SMUD's application. You stated in a phone conversation that you can only deal with the data contained with the data contained in the application. It is obvious the application is incomplete. It seems, however, that the process is deeply flawed, and that your office is content with playing catch up, with an after-the-fact review of the actual environmental impacts of this huge project.

At the October 5th meeting, SMUD also informed us of their plans to build a new Slab Creek Powerhouse. When I asked Mr. Shetter "Don't you think you've done enough damage up here already?" , he just laughed. It's another Done Deal.

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