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From (Public Agency):
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 2000
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Project Title: Minimum Streamflow Variance in the South Fork Rubicon River below Robbs Peak Forebay and in Silver Creek below Camino Reservoir (Project)

Project Applicant: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

Project Location - Specific: The Projects are located in the South Fork Rubicon River below Robbs Peak Forebay and in Silver Creek below Camino Reservoir, approximately 27 and 15 miles, respectively, northeast from Placerville, California in El Dorado County.

Project Location - City: N/A **Project Location – County:** El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

SMUD is requesting State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) approval to reduce the minimum instream flows required under the Upper American River Hydroelectric Project water quality certification (Condition 1). The reduction in minimum instream flows is necessary to allow for the installation of new streamflow gaging weirs to provide accurate compliance gaging of the minimum streamflows from the Robbs Peak Forebay and Camino Reservoir per Condition 6 of the water quality certification. The Project is estimated to take three to four weeks at Robbs Peak Forebay and approximately four to six weeks at Camino Reservoir.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: State Water Resources Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption.** State type and section number: Class 3 §15303 and Class 6 §15306
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

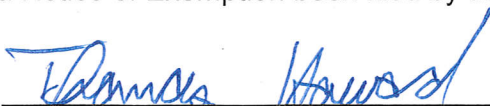
The Class 3 exemption applies as the weirs are consistent with construction of a new minor structure. The Project will pose no significant adverse impacts to listed species or their habitat. There are no known hazardous materials at the site that may be disturbed or removed. The Project will not cause cumulatively significant impacts. Additionally, the Class 6 exemption applies as there is no indication that the Project may cause a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Title: Executive Director

Date received for filing at OPR: SEP 02 2016

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