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Russ Kanz, Staff Environmental Scientist  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Water Rights  
P.O. Box 2000  
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000

Re: Draft Water Quality Certification Oroville Facilities, FERC #2100

Dear Mr. Kanz,

Please accept the City of Oroville's recommendation to approve the application from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for Water Quality Certification. The City of Oroville is supportive of the requirements which include water, river, and lake protection ensuring that clean and safe water occurs. The City also supports the Feather River Fish Hatchery salmon mitigations as detailed in the Water Quality Certification.

The approval of the certification and the issuance of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license will allow the funding of the Supplemental Benefits Fund (SBF) that is detailed in Appendix B of the Settlement Agreement for the licensing of the Oroville Facilities which was signed by over fifty (50) stakeholders on March 21, 2006.

The funding of the SBF provided by the settlement agreement will allow the Oroville Region to move forward in selecting economic and recreational projects that are intended to mitigate the impact of the Lake Oroville Facilities. The SBF was the culmination of a six-year collaborative process between DWR and stakeholder groups representing hundreds of interests to benefit environmental, recreational, cultural, land use, and operations resources.

We encourage a timely approval to DWR's certification application which is consistent to the Settlement Agreement and that changes detailed in the State Water Resources Control Board summary report are amended to match the DWR certification application.

Sincerely,

*Sharon Otteberry*  
for Steve Jernigan  
Mayor, City of Oroville