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To: Interested Parties

**DRAFT WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION FOR THE OROVILLE FACILITIES,
FERC # 2100**

The Department of Water Resources filed an application with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) for water quality certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the Oroville Facilities on August 5, 2008. The Department of Water Resources has applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for a new license for the Oroville Facilities (Project), FERC Project No. 2100. The Project is located on the Feather River in Butte County and includes Lake Oroville and Thermalito Afterbay. The Department of Water Resources is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and approved a Final Environmental Impact Report for the Project on June 22, 2008.

State Water Board staff have prepared a draft water quality certification for the Project. While not required, State Water Board staff will accept comments on the draft water quality certification. **Comments must be received by close of business on February 16, 2010.** Comments can be submitted electronically or by mail to:

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The draft water quality certification is located on the Division of Water Rights web site at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/ceqa_projects.shtml. If you cannot access the document online, you may request that the Division send you a copy by contacting Russ Kanz by phone at (916) 341-5341 or via e-mail at rkanz@waterboards.ca.gov. Please make your request promptly to allow enough time to receive and review the document within the comment period.

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