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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426

**Subject: Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2299
Copy of Request for Section 401 Water Quality Certification**

Dear Secretary Bose:

Turlock Irrigation District and Modesto Irrigation District (collectively, the Districts), jointly own the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project located on the Tuolumne River in California. Per 18 C.F.R. Section 5.23(b), please find enclosed a copy of the Districts' request to the California State Water Resources Control Board (Board) for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certificate for the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2299). The attached letter was time-stamped by the Board to indicate when the Board received the request.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the undersigned at the addresses and telephone numbers listed below.

Sincerely,



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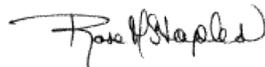
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Enclosure: Request for Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certificate

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service lists compiled by the Secretary in these proceedings, in accordance with Rule 2010 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 C.F.R. § 385.2010.

Dated at Portland, Maine, this 29th day of January, 2018.



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January 26, 2018

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HAND DELIVERED



**Subject: Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project, FERC Project No. 2299
 Application for Water Quality Certificate**

Dear Ms. Sobeck:

Pursuant to Section (§) 5.23(b) of the Code of Federal Regulations , by this letter, Turlock Irrigation District and Modesto Irrigation District (collectively, the Districts) file with the State Water Resources Control Board (Board) an application for Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act in support of the Districts' application before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for a new license for the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project (Project; FERC Project No. 2299). This application for a Water Quality Certification is also being made pursuant to Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 28, Article 4, Sections 3855 and 3856 of the California Code of Regulations.

Physical addresses, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers for Turlock Irrigation District and Modesto Irrigation District are as follows:

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The names and mailing addresses of individuals authorized to act as the Districts' agents for this application for a Water Quality Certificate are as follows:

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The Project is located in Tuolumne County on the mainstem of the Tuolumne River and consists of the Don Pedro Reservoir, the Don Pedro powerhouse, and associated facilities necessary to operate the Project as described in the amendment to the Final License Application (AFLA).

On April 28, 2014, the Districts filed with FERC an Application for License for a Major Project - Existing Dam for the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project. On October 11, 2017, the Districts filed with FERC the AFLA for the Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project. This AFLA replaces the Districts' April 2014 filing in its entirety. An electronic copy of the AFLA, and additional information filings made on November 27 and December 13, 2017, are provided with this application for water quality certification. A record of consultation with state and federal agencies and other interested parties is included with the AFLA filing.

The Districts believe the AFLA contains all the information required under Section 3856 of Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations in regards to contents of a complete application for a Water Quality Certificate. Should the Districts file with FERC amendments to the AFLA, the Districts will promptly provide to the Board a copy of each amendment, as required under Section 3834 of the California Code of Regulations.

The Districts intend to be the Lead Agencies for the purpose of complying with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, and will coordinate with the Board and other responsible agencies.

If you have any questions regarding this request for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certificate, please contact the undersigned at the addresses and telephone numbers listed below.

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Enclosure: DVD containing complete set of AFLA documents and additional information filed with FERC through January 26, 2018

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