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RE: FERC Project 2299 - Instream Flow and Water Temperature Study Plans

Dear Fishery Agency representatives:

The accompanying proposed study plans are being presented to you in compliance with the FERC Order on rehearing, amending license, denying late intervention, denying petition, and directing appointment of a presiding judge for a proceeding on interim conditions on Rehearing (Order) issued July 16, 2009.

The Order states on page 45 in Paragraph (F) that the Districts shall allow a minimum of 30 days for the agencies (National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and California Department of Fish and Game) to comment and to make recommendations before filing the plan(s) with the Commission.

We invite your review, comments and suggestions. Please forward them to me <u>no later than 5 p.m. PDT on Monday, October 5, 2009</u>. They must be received by that time to allow consideration before the plans are finalized and submitted to the FERC by October 14, 2009.

This transmittal sheet, along with the proposed study plans, is also being sent electronically to the parties to the proceeding identified in the Order on page 8, Paragraph 13. Please contact me at 209-883-8375 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Modesto Irrigation District, City and County of San Francisco, U.S. Department of the Interior, San Francisco Bay Area Water Users Association, Stanislaus Flyfishermen, Friends of Tuolumne, Conservation Groups