



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
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In response, refer to:  
SWR/F/SWR3:LT

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

RE: Additional Clarification to FERC Jurisdictional Review - La Grange Dam and  
Hydroelectric Facility

Dear Secretary Bose:

By letter dated October 17, 2011, we provided information in response to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) correspondence of July 26, 2011, regarding the Commission's review of its jurisdiction over the La Grange Hydroelectric project (FERC No. UL 11-1-000). We provide the following supplemental information to clarify, whether the La Grange Project occupies Federal Lands.

Regarding the Federal Lands' issue, included in our October letter were geographic information system (GIS) output, satellite imagery, and mapping evidence confirming that the La Grange Project's reservoir inundates Federal, Bureau of Land Management, property. To further refine this analysis, we took the documented crest elevation of La Grange Dam and projected this value, using GIS, upstream. The results of this analysis explicitly define the upstream extent of the reservoir and thus the lands inundated by the La Grange Project. The results of this analysis are contained in Enclosure 1.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Commission's Jurisdictional review. We look forward to working with the Commission and its applicants on this and other proceedings effecting NMFS Trust Resources. If you have questions about NMFS' response, please contact Mr. Larry Thompson, NMFS, at 916-930-3613.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven A. Edmondson".

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Enclosure

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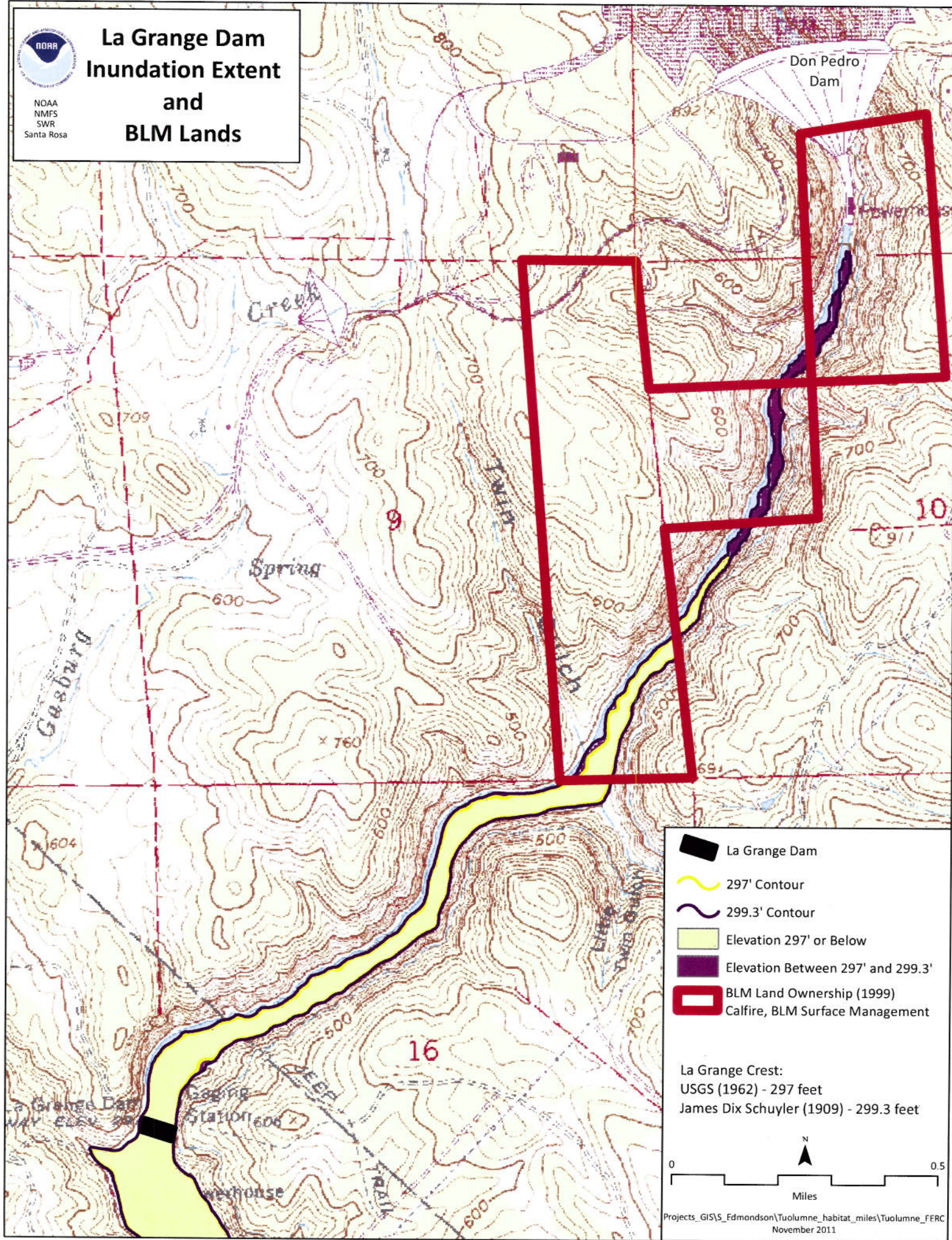
## **Appendix 1.**

### **Map of BLM Lands Inundated by La Grange Reservoir**



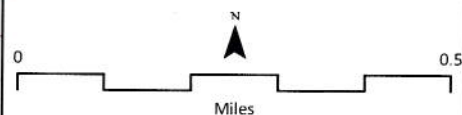


# La Grange Dam Inundation Extent and BLM Lands



- La Grange Dam
- 297' Contour
- 299.3' Contour
- Elevation 297' or Below
- Elevation Between 297' and 299.3'
- BLM Land Ownership (1999)  
Calfire, BLM Surface Management

La Grange Crest:  
USGS (1962) - 297 feet  
James Dix Schuyler (1909) - 299.3 feet





Enclosure B

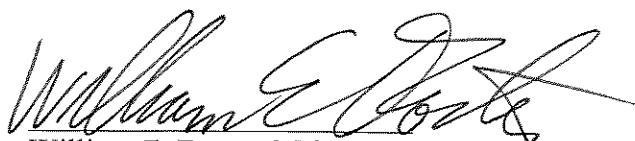
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<b>Turlock and Modesto Irrigation Districts</b>	)	
<b>LaGrange Dam and Hydroelectric Project</b>	)	<b>Project No. UL 11-1-000</b>
<b>and</b>		
<b>New Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project</b>	)	<b>Project No. 2299-075</b>
<b><u>Tuolumne River</u></b>	)	

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served, by first class mail or electronic mail, a letter to Secretary Bose of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from the U.S. Department of Commerce's, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's, National Marine Fisheries Service containing our concerns and provides specific information, pertinent to a Federal Power Act jurisdictional determination regarding the LaGrange Dam and Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. UL 11-1-000), and this Certificate of Service upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Commission in the above-captioned proceeding as well as the Service list for the New Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project, FERC No. 2299-075.

Dated this 15th day of December 2011



William E. Foster, M.S.  
National Marine Fisheries Service

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