



January 13, 2012

Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
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RE: Don Pedro Project (FERC Project No. 2299); Report of Turlock and Modesto irrigation districts on *Oncorhynchus mykiss* Monitoring pursuant to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's May 10, 2010 Order (131 FERC ¶ 62,097) Regarding Article 58

In its May 10, 2010 Order (131 FERC ¶ 62,097) modifying and approving in part Tuolumne River *Oncorhynchus mykiss* ten-year monitoring report pursuant to Article 58 ("Order"), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("Commission" or "FERC") directed the Turlock and Modesto irrigation districts ("Districts") to file annual reports on the results of specified *Oncorhynchus mykiss* (*O. mykiss*) monitoring activities.

Specifically, Ordering Paragraph (C) of the Order states, in pertinent part, as follows:

- (C) The licensee shall file annual reports of the results of all additional *O. mykiss* monitoring at the project. The annual reports shall be filed with the Commission by January 15, 2011 and January 15, 2012. The reports shall be prepared in consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and California Department of Fish and Game. The Districts shall allow the agencies 30 days to provide comments on the reports prior to filing the reports with the Commission. The reports shall include the agencies' comments and the Districts' response to any received comments. These additional annual reports shall not replace the required Final 2005–2012 Fisheries Study Plan Summary Report, which is to be filed with the Commission, by July 1, 2013, pursuant to the Commission's April 3, 2008 Order on Ten-Year Summary Report Under Article 58.

The report provided as Attachment 1 reviews and summarizes the 2011 *O. mykiss* monitoring activities as a supplement to information originally submitted on January 10, 2010. The Districts distributed their draft *O. mykiss* report to the fisheries resource agencies above on November 30, 2011, for the 30-day agency comment period (see Attachment 2 for a copy of the transmittal letter). No comments were provided by CDFG, NMFS, USFWS or non-governmental agencies.

This is the final submittal required under the Order. Included with the upcoming April 1, 2012 Article 58 annual report, the Districts will file reports on the 2011 population size estimates of *O. mykiss* in the Lower Tuolumne River, as well as the results of the 2011 Tuolumne River *O. mykiss* Acoustic Tracking Study. In addition, the Districts will submit the 2005–2012 Fisheries Study Plan Summary Report by July 1, 2013 pursuant to the Commission’s April 3, 2008 Order on Ten-Year Summary Report Under Article 58.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

Attachment 1, Stillwater Sciences. 2012. Tuolumne River 2011 *Oncorhynchus mykiss* Monitoring Summary Report. Prepared for the Turlock Irrigation District and Modesto Irrigation District by Stillwater Sciences, Berkeley, California. January.

Attachment 2, Draft 2011 *O. mykiss* Monitoring Summary Report Transmittal Letter (dated November 30, 2011).