

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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OFFICE OF HYDROPOWER LICENSING

Project No. 7454-005--California
Weber Dam Project
El Dorado Irrigation District

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Fred McKain
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Dear Mr. McKain:

We received your February 11, 1997 petition to surrender your exemption for the Weber Dam Project. In that letter, you state that the reasons for the request are the El Dorado Irrigation District's changing priorities and continuing difficulties in operating the hydroelectric plant in an efficient and economic manner.

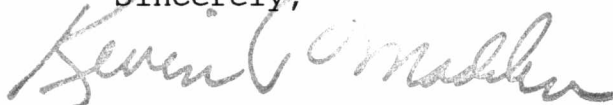
Section 4.102(b)(1) of the Commission's regulations states "[i]f construction has begun, prior to filing a petition with the Commission, the exemption holder must consult with the fish and wildlife agencies in accordance with 4.38, substituting for the information required under 4.38(b)(1) information appropriate to the disposition and restoration of the project works and lands. The petition must set forth the exemption holders plans with respect to disposition and restoration of the project works and lands."

In order that we may begin our review of your surrender petition, pursuant to section 4.102 of the regulations, please submit the following information to the Commission within 45 days:

- a plan and schedule for long-term remediation of the environmental and safety problems caused by the dams seismic instability;
- a plan and schedule for any additional site restoration and disposition of the project works, including the reservoir and powerhouse; and
- evidence of consultation with the appropriate resource agencies, including environmental concerns regarding the endangered red-legged frog and potentially contaminated sediment.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Hillary Berlin at (202) 219-0038.

Sincerely,



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