



El Dorado Irrigation District

In Reply Refer To: E0597-228

May 21, 1997

Mr. Stafford Lehr
California Dept. of Fish and Game
1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Subject: Weber Dam
Surrender of FERC Exemption

Dear Mr. Lehr:

As you know the District has petitioned FERC to surrender the Weber Dam hydropower exemption. FERC has requested that the District show evidence of consultation with other agencies regarding the District's proposal to use the by-pass tunnel as the permanent solution to the Dam's safety problems. I have contacted FERC to determine what type of evidence is required. FERC will accept a letter acknowledging that your agency is aware of the District's proposal. Comments to our proposal do not need to be included with this letter but can be submitted at a later date. Please provide a letter to EID stating that you are aware of the District's long term proposal, with comments, or that your agency will provide comments at a later date.

Your letter will be included in a packet of information that will be sent to FERC next week. I will call you in the next few days to follow up on our request. Thank you for our cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Steve Hutchings'.

Steve Hutchings
Senior Engineer

SH:dlm

c: Mr. Gary Taylor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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