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ATTENTION OF

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U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, SACRAMENTO
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April 16, 1993

Regulatory Section (199200287)

El Dorado Irrigation District
Attn: Mr. David Witter
2890 Mosquito Road
Placerville, California 95667-4761

Dear Mr. Witter:

I am responding to the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed White Rock Project, located within the City of Placerville and El Dorado County, California.

The Corps of Engineers jurisdiction within the study areas is under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. Waters of the United States include, but are not limited to, the following: perennial and intermittent streams, lakes, ponds, as well as wetlands in marshes, wet meadows, and side hill seeps. Project features that would occur from development within the study areas that result in the discharge of fill material into waters of the United States will require Department of the Army authorization prior to initiating work.

The range of alternatives considered in the EIR should include alternatives to fill in wetlands or other waters of the United States within the study area. Every effort should be made to avoid project features which require the discharge of fill into waters of the United States. In the event that it can be clearly demonstrated that there are no practicable alternatives to filling in waters of the United States, mitigation plans should be developed to compensate for the losses resulting from project development.

We have previously verified the wetland delineation for the Bray Reservoir site, discussed in your Notice of Preparation. A copy of this verification is enclosed. Other portions of your project may also result in fill into waters of the United States. A wetland delineation for the proposed project alignment from the SMUD White Rock Penstock to the Bray Reservoir location and from the Bray Reservoir location to the existing distribution

facilities in the Shingle Springs and Cameron Park area would have to be submitted and verified prior to our determining the extent of our jurisdiction and the appropriate permitting mechanism.

I have assigned identification number 199200287 to this action. Please refer to this number in any correspondence. The Corps of Engineers contact for this area is Mr. Jim Monroe, Project Manager, in our Regulatory Section. He may be reached at the letterhead address, fourteenth floor, or by telephone at (916) 557-5266. We appreciate having the opportunity to be included in your review process.

Sincerely,

Tom Coe
Chief, Central Valley Office

Enclosure

Copies Furnished with Enclosure:

California Department of Fish and Game, Region II, Environmental Services, 1701 Nimbus Road, Rancho Cordova, California 95670
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