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April 29, 1985

Mr. Curt Schmutte
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Dear Mr. Schmutte:

The Department of Fish and Game has reviewed the material provided in your letter of March 26, 1985 regarding the proposed East Park Dam Hydroelectric Project (FERC 8017), Colusa County. The following comments are preliminary and not the Department's formal consultation on this project.

1. Since spill conditions will be "smoothed out" and should occur less frequently under proposed project operations, there is a chance striped bass from Stony Gorge Reservoir may become stranded in the section of stream between the spillway and the powerhouse outflow (approximately .25 mile). A small weir should be constructed across Little Stony Creek near the powerhouse outfall to prevent fish from migrating to the spillway exit.
2. A survey for threatened or endangered plant and animal species should be conducted in all areas to be affected by the project including roads and penstock alignments, powerhouse site, and powerline routing. Plant studies must be conducted in the spring months.
3. As some construction will occur within a stream channel, Colusa County must enter into a Streambed Alteration Agreement with our Department pursuant to Section 1601 of the Fish and Game Code. At that time we may have specific recommendations on erosion control or other measures, as necessary.

Within 30 days of receipt of completed study results the Department will provide our formal comments and consultation on the project.

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If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Mensch, Environmental Services Supervisor, telephone (916) 355-7030.

Sincerely,

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