



State Water Resources Control Board



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Dear Interested Party:

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

I am writing on behalf of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to invite all interested parties to attend a public scoping meeting on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to be prepared for the Upper North Fork Feather River Hydroelectric Project (FERC #2105) Water Quality Certification. The meeting will be held in Plumas County on September 27, 2005, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Chester Memorial Hall, corner of Gay and Stone Streets, Chester.

The State Water Board is the lead agency for the hydroelectric project relicensing under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As lead agency, the State Water Board encourages comments that will assist the State Water Board in determining the range of actions, alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant effects that should be analyzed in depth in the EIR. Consistent with CEQA, the EIR will address resource issues that cover the whole of the hydroelectric project in addition to any cumulative effects of the project that may be identified. The State Water Board will consider public comments in determining the scope and content of the EIR. A stenographer will be present at the scoping meeting to record oral comments and transcribe the proceedings.

In addition to oral comments, the State Water Board will accept written comments through October 17, 2005. Please send your written comments to Sharon Stohrer, State Water Resources Control Board, P.O. Box 2000, Sacramento, California 95812-2000 or you may submit electronic comments to 2105comments@nsrnet.com.

I look forward to seeing you at the public meeting.

Sincerely,

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