

Santa Felicia Project  
FERC License No. 2153

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Santa Felicia Whitewater Boating Access Monitoring Report  
Final Report for 2015

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## BACKGROUND

On November 15, 2011, United Water Conservation District (United) filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) a Whitewater Boating Access Plan (Plan) for the Santa Felicia Project (FERC Project Number 2153). On February 1, 2012, FERC issued an order modifying and approving the Plan. The approved Plan requires United to prepare and file an Annual Whitewater Boating Access Monitoring Report (Annual Report). The Plan requires United to first provide the report to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, California Department of Parks and Recreation, American Whitewater, and Sierra Club for review and comment, for a minimum 30-day period. Following the review and comment period, the approved Plan requires United to file with FERC the Annual Report, copies of any comments received from organizations consulted with, and United's responses to those comments, by January 15 of each year.

The required components of the Annual Report include:

- Total number of whitewater boaters (duplicated and unduplicated<sup>1</sup>)
  - Number of boaters escorted to the put-in site
  - Number of boaters requesting portage over the dam to the put-in site
- Dates of the fall conservation water releases
- Number of days access to the put-in site was available and flow rates for those days
- Comments or feedback received from boaters

This Annual Report summarizes activities conducted in accordance with the approved Plan, for the period January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015.

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<sup>1</sup> Duplicated and unduplicated counts allow for a differentiation between boaters that access the put-in site only once from boaters that access the put-in site for multiple runs per access opportunity.

## WHITEWATER BOATING ACTIVITY SUMMARY FOR 2015

Due to drought conditions, United did not conduct a fall conservation water release during 2015. In addition, migration water releases (minimum required water release of 200 cfs) were not triggered during this reporting period so that United did not receive any requests for whitewater boating access in 2015.

On December 3, 2015, United submitted a draft Santa Felicia Whitewater Boating Access Report for review and comments to: U.S. Department of Agriculture – Forest Service; California State Department of Parks and Recreation; American Whitewater; and Sierra Club. United did not receive any comments during the 30 day response period.