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November 14, 2011

The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Attention: OEP/DHAC

Regarding: Santa Felicia Project (Project No. 2153)

Submitted by e-filing

Dear Secretary Bose:

In accordance with Article 410 of "Order Issuing New License" dated September 12, 2008, United Water Conservation District is submitting its "Santa Felicia Whitewater Boating Access Plan" for your approval. As required, the District prepared this plan in consultation with the United States Forest Service, California Department of Parks and Recreation, American Whitewater and the Sierra Club.

Please contact me at 805-525-4431 or at the address shown below if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Mary Lindley
Administrative Services Manager

Santa Felicia Project
FERC License No. 2153-12

Santa Felicia Whitewater Boating Access Plan

November 2011

United Water Conservation District
106 N. 8th Street
Santa Paula, California 93060

INTRODUCTION

United Water Conservation District has prepared this Whitewater Boating Access Plan (Plan) to comply with the Santa Felicia Project FERC License No. 2153-012, Article 410. The project is located in eastern Ventura County approximately 5 miles north of Piru, California and is owned and operated by United Water Conservation District (United). Article 410 of the license issued by FERC in September 2008 requires that, within 3 years of license issuance, United file a plan for providing whitewater boating portage over Santa Felicia dam and a permanent plan for providing whitewater boating access downstream of Santa Felicia Dam. United shall file the plan after consultation with the United States Forest Service, California Department of Parks and Recreation, American Whitewater, and the Sierra Club. The plan shall also contain documentation of the consultation, copies of comments and specific descriptions of how the comments have been accommodated.

FERC PROJECT AREA

The Project area consists of all lands within the FERC Project boundary which generally follows the 1079.3-foot mean sea level (msl) contour line around Lake Piru (Exhibit A). However, the Project boundary varies from this contour line in some areas to included project facilities such as the Lower Oak and Oak Lane Campgrounds and the whitewater takeout at the north end of Lake Piru. In addition, it also varies from the 1078.3-foot contour line to exclude private lands. The existing FERC Project boundary encompasses approximately 1,552 acres of land of which 201 acres is situated within the Los Padres National Forest and is owned by the USDA-FS. Of the USDA-FS land, approximately 121 acres are inundated by Lake Piru at the maximum water surface elevation.

UNITED'S FALL WATER CONSERVATION RELEASE

The main purpose of the Santa Felicia Dam and Lake Piru Reservoir is to store water which is then released in the fall for multiple purposes, including: (a) recharge of the various groundwater basins between Piru and the Oxnard Plain, with such basins serving the needs of United's municipal and agricultural customers; and (b) meeting the surface water demands of agricultural customers on the Oxnard Plain and Pleasant Valley areas when new crops are planted in the fall. Each year, United determines how much water to release from the Santa Felicia Dam down Piru Creek based on the available groundwater storage capacity of the basins while maintaining a minimum pool of 20,000 AF in Lake Piru Reservoir. Based on a set of objectives (i.e. groundwater recharge to basins and the extraction needs of United's customers, environmental needs, spill risk, etc.) and the projected water demand of agriculture customers, United prepares an estimated release schedule specifying the release dates and the release flow rates over the duration of the water release.

United's fall water conservation release typically begins in mid September of each year and ends in early November. The release schedule, dates and flow rates, varies

annually depending on the amount of water stored in Lake Piru, groundwater basin conditions (supply and quality) and the needs of United's customers. Typical maximum flow is between 200 cfs to 400 cfs which is sustained for approximately five to seven weeks. The flow rate for the remainder of the year is typically 200 cfs or less. Again, this may change depending on the condition of the groundwater basins, environmental compliance and the needs of United's agricultural customers.

INTERIM WHITEWATER BOATING ACCESS PLAN

In 2009, one year after license issuance and in accordance with Santa Felicia Project FERC License No. 2153-012, Article 409, United initiated a program to provide interim whitewater boating access until a permanent plan could be developed. The interim program consists of escorted access, via a shuttle, to the put-in site on Piru Creek at United States Geological Survey gage No. 11109800, below the Santa Felicia Dam. Escorted service is provided on weekends during United's annual fall water conservation release when cubic feet per second (cfs) exceeded 200. The interim program is consistent and in compliance with Article 409.

Once the fall water conservation release schedule is prepared, United provides American Whitewater with the anticipated schedule, indicating the dates that United will provide escorted access to the put-in site for whitewater boaters when the release rate exceeds 200 cfs. American Whitewater posts United's fall water conservation release information on its website. Information regarding the water conservation release schedule is also provided to the local daily newspaper and posted on United's website. The information is provided to interested whitewater boats using email list serve. If changes are made to the anticipated release schedule, interest groups and the general public are notified. This meets the requirements of Santa Felicia Project FERC License No. 2153-012, Article 408. Before boaters are allowed to access the put-in site, they are required to read and sign a hold harmless and indemnity form which also identifies the risks associated with whitewater boating and known or possible hazardous conditions in Piru Creek.

United provides a fenced staging area at the entrance to the Santa Felicia Dam access road. To assist whitewater boaters, United staffs the staging area and provides shuttle service every Saturday and Sunday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m and 3:00 p.m., when the water release from the Santa Felicia Dam exceeds 200 cfs. Boaters park in the staging area where they load their boats and gear onto a United truck and trailer and they are shuttled down to the put-in site, which is approximately a quarter of a mile away near the base of the dam. The put-in site is on Piru Creek at United States Geological Survey gage No. 11109800, downstream of the Santa Felicia Dam. The put-in site consists of a shaded area, temporary portable restroom, temporary trash cans and appropriate safety and advisory signage.

The closest accessible takeout site on Piru Creek is Warring Park in the community of Piru. Piru Creek flows to the Santa Clara River, therefore whitewater boaters can also boat down the Santa Clara River and takeout at an assessable location downstream

such as Torrey Road crossing. Every boater is made aware of their responsibility to arrange for transportation from where ever they takeout back to their vehicle.

In 2009, the first year of the interim whitewater boater access program, the District's fall water conservation release began on September 8 and ended on October 11. Between the beginning and ending dates, there were a total of 9 weekends (18 days) in which the release flows exceeded 200 cfs and whitewater boater access was provided. During that time, United escorted 16 boaters, four of which were repeats, leaving an unduplicated count of 12 individuals, to the put-in site.

In 2010, the District's fall water conservation release began on September 17 and ended on November 8. Between the beginning and ending dates, there were a total of 5 weekends (10 days) in which the release flows exceeded 200 cfs and whitewater boater access was provided. During that time, United escorted 4 boaters, with an unduplicated count of 4 individuals, to the put-in site.

In 2011, the District's fall water conservation release began on September 8 and ended on November 6. Between the beginning and ending dates, there were a total of 6 weekends (12 days) in which the release flows exceeded 200 cfs and whitewater boater access was provided. During that time, United escorted three boaters, with an unduplicated count of three individuals, to the put-in site. Of the three individuals who boated down Piru Creek, two of the boaters (a reporter and camera operator) were accompanying the one true whitewater boating enthusiast for a newspaper story. They reportedly had a difficult time and their experience is documented in the September 22, 2011 Ventura County Star article (Exhibit B).

Two of the whitewater boaters who put-in on Piru Creek during the 2010 fall water conservation release documented their experience in a letter to United dated September 27, 2010. Their letter describes a number of areas along the creek that make it very difficult to navigate and require significant portage time and, in their opinion, several hazards that could lead to personal injury. United provided a copy of this letter to FERC on December 28, 2010 (Exhibit C).

PERMANENT WHITEWATER BOATING ACCESS PLAN

Article 410 of the License states that within three years of license issuance, United shall develop and file a plan for providing whitewater boating portage around the Santa Felicia Dam and permanent whitewater boating access site downstream of the dam at a location near the upstream of the Piru Canyon bridge crossing. For the permanent whitewater boating access site upstream of the Piru Canyon bridge crossing, United should consider fencing, gates signage, a graded foot-trail and a parking area large enough to accommodate 20 vehicles.

The United does not own the Piru Canyon bridge crossing property. Some of it is County right-of-way and some is privately owned by Rancho Temescal. As a result, constructing the improvements as provided in the license will require easements,

permits and result in potentially significant costs to United that cannot be justified by the lack of interest in whitewater boating down Piru Creek experienced by United during three year interim period. Therefore the following permanent Plan has been developed that provides access for interested whitewater boaters, but delays costly expenditures until boater demand warrants it.

Portage Around Santa Felicia Dam – On weekends during United's fall water conservation release, when the release exceeds 200 cfs, or any other weekend when greater than 200 cfs is being released, whitewater boaters can portage over the Santa Felicia Dam from Lake Piru Reservoir using a take-out site on the east end of the dam. From the takeout site, boaters carry their boats over the dam using an existing foot-trail down to a put-in site on the east side of Piru Creek below the Santa Felicia Dam at United States Geological Survey gage No. 11109800. From the put-in site on the east side of Piru Creek, boaters can enter the creek. Boaters can access the Lake Piru Reservoir (put-in site) at three locations: 1) from the bottom of Middle Piru Creek, 2) Juan Fernandez lunch ramp at the north end of the lake, and 3) the Lake Piru Marina.

To maintain and ensure the security of the Santa Felicia Dam, whitewater boaters seeking portage from Lake Piru over the dam to the put-in site on the east side of Piru Creek must notify United at least 24 hours in advance. With verification of a reservation, whitewater boaters seeking portage over the Santa Felicia Dam are provided free parking at the Lake Piru Recreation Area where they can access the Lake's three put-in sites. Boaters have access to public restrooms, trash cans and other amenities. Before entering the Lake, boaters are required to sign a release form, holding United harmless for personal and property damage and injury and identifying some of the hazards of whitewater boating. Boaters are responsible for making transportation arrangements from the take-out site back to the Lake Piru Recreation Area no later than dusk, at which time the Recreation Area is closed. The Recreation Area is open for whitewater portage at 6:00 a.m.

Escorted access to Put-In Site Below Santa Felicia Dam - As a result of the very low public interest United experienced in the first two years of the interim Whitewater Boating Access Plan (21 boaters during the 3-year interim period), United plans to continue to operate escorted access during the fall water conservation release on weekends when the water flow exceeds 200 cfs on a permanent bases. Due to the low number of boaters and sporadic use of the escorted access to Piru Creek during the fall water conservation release, United requires interested whitewater boaters to make reservations at least 24 hours in advance in order to arrange for escorted access to the Piru Creek put-in site on United's property.

Whitewater boaters are provided with fenced parking at the staging area located at the entrance to the Santa Felicia Dam access road (the same location as provided in the interim plan). They are met by a United employee and shuttled with their boat by vehicle to the put-in site on Piru Creek at United States Geological Survey gage No. 11109800, below the Santa Felicia Dam. The put-in site consists of a leveled shaded area with trash cans and signage. Boater access to the creek at this location is relatively flat and

easy (Exhibit D). Boaters are told that they are responsible for making transportation arrangements to get back to the staging area.

Notification of Whitewater Access Opportunities – As required by FERC License No. 2153-012, Article 408, Conservation Release Notification, United provides American Whitewater and its members with the fall water conservation release schedule, noting the weekend dates when the flow from the Santa Felicia Dam is estimated to exceed 200 cfs. Release flow schedule information is also posted on United's website and provided to the local daily newspaper. United maintains an e-mail list serve of interested whitewater boaters and provides release schedule information via the list serve regarding whitewater boating opportunities on Piru Creek.

Security and Signage – The put-in site to Piru Creek at United States Geological Survey gage No. 11109800, below the Santa Felicia Dam, and portage from the Lake Piru Reservoir requires access to the United's property where the dam and hydroelectric plant is located. For reasons of personal safety and homeland security, individuals seeking access for whitewater boating purposes must be escorted by authorized United employees.

Approximately 20 yards from the put-in site below the dam, the Piru Creek leaves United's property and flows through private property until reaching Warring Park, a public park in the community of Piru. Boaters are advised by United, on posted signs in the parking area and put-in site and on the required release and waiver form, that they should avoid trespassing on private property.

The parking lot established for whitewater boaters, at the entrance to the dam access road, is fenced to control access to the dam and hydroelectric plant.

United displays warning and instructional signage (Exhibit E) in the whitewater boater parking lot and at the put-in site below the dam. Signage information includes warnings about the potential hazards of boating down Piru Creek, advisory that boating down Piru Creek is a hazardous activity and boaters do so at their own risk, advisory not to trespass on private property, advisory that United is not liable for any bodily injury, injury to property, or death arising out of boating activity and the responsibility of boaters to arrange for transportation from the takeout point to their vehicles. Boaters are also required to sign a release and waiver form which identifies the hazards of whitewater boating down Piru Creek and advise them not to trespass on private property.

ALTERNATE PERMANENT WHITEWATER BOATING ACCESS SITE

If the demand for access increases and the number of whitewater boaters accessing the put-in site below the Santa Felicia Dam reaches 120 (unduplicated count) annually for two consecutive years, the District will work with the County of Ventura and Rancho Temescal (private property) to construct improvements to provide off-site whitewater boating access at a location near the Piru Canyon bridge crossing, downstream of the Santa Felicia Dam. This location is identified as the site of a permanent whitewater put-

in site in the Santa Felicia Project FERC License No. 2153-012, Article 410. Improvements would be constructed at the access site including a parking lot to accommodate 20 vehicles, a graded foot-trail from the parking lot to the put-in site at Piru Creek, trash cans and signage. These improvements will be completed within two years of the determination that there is sufficient interest in whitewater access to Piru Creek. The off-site location upstream of Piru Canyon bridge is not on United property, but is within the public right-of-way on Piru Canyon Road. Constructing improvements in the public right-of-way requires the approval of the County of Ventura and may involve coordination with a least one private property owner.

CONSULTATION AND REPORTING

As required by the License, United sent a copy of the draft Santa Felicia Whitewater Boating Access Plan to the United States Forest Service, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, American Whitewater, and the Sierra Club (see Exhibit F). The agencies were given 45 days to review the Plan and provide written comments. No comments were received. Additionally, United posted the draft Plan on its website and invited comments and no comments were received.

Beginning in 2012, United will prepare an annual report which tracks and documents the number of boaters it escorts to the put-in site on Piru Creek downstream from the dam and the number boaters requesting portage over the dam. The total number of duplicated and unduplicated whitewater boaters putting in Piru Creek will included in the reported titled Santa Felicia Whitewater Boater Access Annual Report. The report will also include the dates and time frame of the fall water conservation release, the number of days escorted access was available, flow rates and any comments or feedback received by boaters. The Santa Felicia Whitewater Boater Access Annual Report will be provided to FERC, United States Forest Service, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, American Whitewater. United will also post the annual report on its website.



White water kayaking in Ventura County? Not so much

By Zeke Barlow

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Like all aspirational adventures that disintegrate to debacle, it sounded like a good idea in the beginning.

White-water kayaker Kenny Ritzi heard about the annual release of water from Lake Piru that changes Piru Creek from a trickle to a river with more than 50 times its normal amount of water. To kayakers, dam releases are invitations to playgrounds of rapids they can run and frothing holes they can surf.

But as Ritzi soon found out after launching his boat Sunday below the Santa Felicia Dam, there is a reason Ventura County is not known for its white water.

As the 46-year-old electrician from Somis pulled on his kayak skirt, buckled his helmet and zipped up his life vest, he realized he had forgotten an essential piece of equipment.

"I was going to bring some brush cutters," he said.

He'd find out that a machete would have been more apropos. The challenge in kayaking Piru Creek isn't that the rapids are so big — it's that the bushes are.

It started out as any good river run does when he slid his kayak into the chilly water that shot out of the bottom of the lake, hovering in the high 50s.

Ritzi has paddled plenty of big rivers, including the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, but wanted to try something closer to home. When he learned the United Water Conservation District was doing its annual release of water from the dam to recharge the aquifer, he decided to give it a shot. He thought it was a Class II river at best — offering a mellow day on the water that he might run twice.

"It's better than sitting around watching football," he said.

As part of the license to run the Santa Felicia Dam, United must give recreational boaters access to the river. Anyone who makes a reservation can put in just below the dam on weekends. There were 14 boaters who did it in 2009, four in 2010 and, if other kayakers are smart, they will let Ritzi be the only one to do it this year.

Not one-quarter mile after he started, so did the problems.

The willows and cattails that normally sit at the edge of the river with roots burrowing deep into the soil to find water 10 months a year are now in the middle of the spreading stream.

Piru is no longer a creek as much as a maze of flooded bushes.

The creek is a wide, shallow mess with no easy line to go down, and the water pushed Ritzi into the branches.

He tried to duck, but the tangle of branches and bushes was so dense, he couldn't paddle.

The water pushed him into a bush, and he lost his balance and fell from his boat, losing his helmet and watching his lunch float downstream.

He started to question whether watching football might have been better, after all.

It only got worse as he crouched down in the water, pulling his boat behind him because paddling it was impossible.

Finally, he pulled his boat out and portaged it through the dusty fields where he dodged cow patties, ducked under barbed wire and kept an eye out for rattlesnakes.

He saw a stretch of creek that looked passable, put in and paddled a few hundred yards before seeing more trouble ahead. He carried his boat around it — something he did three or four more times before the bushes released their chokehold on the river and he could paddle in earnest.

For a while, going down Piru Creek is fun. There are small Class I and II rapids and a bridge to go under with a 3-foot sheer drop off the downstream side.

When the cattails are at the edge of the river, instead of blocking it, kayakers may feel like they are paddling down a verdant, lush river. For a mile or so, Ritzi was having fun.

But as he got to the final leg of the four-mile run, the creek turned on him.

He heard the roar of a rapid ahead and paddled to the side of the stream to scout it. It was a fun, bumpy drop through a series of boulders that approached a Class III rapid, but the narrow river ran right back into a bramble of bushes. With his helmet long gone and the prospect of another low-hanging jungle ahead, Ritzi called it a day.

He pulled his boat up to a farmer's field of sage, basil and thyme.

His cellphone and camera were soaked, but somehow his cigarettes made it unscathed. He lit one up and started the dusty walk back to his truck he left in Warring Park.

"I'm glad I did that," he said, smiling despite it all. "Now I don't have to do it again."

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December 28, 2010

The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
 Attention OEP/DHAC
 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
 888 First Street, N.E.
 Washington, D.C. 20426

Subject: Project No. 2153-012 – United Water Conservation District's Santa Felicia Hydro-Electric Project

Dear Secretary Bose:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission about concerns regarding access to, and promotion of, whitewater boating down lower Piru Creek from United Water Conservation District's (UWCD) property. In 2009, UWCD began providing access to Piru Creek across its property to whitewater boaters when water releases from the Santa Felicia Dam reach 200 cfs or greater. This was done in order to comply with Article 409 (Interim White Water Boating Access) of the FERC License for Santa Felicia Dam. This is the interim measure required until a permanent access point can be provided.

Typically, water releases from the Santa Felicia Dam only exceed 200 cfs during UWCD's annual fall conservation release, over a period of approximately 10 to 15 weeks. In the fall of 2009, fourteen whitewater boaters accessed Piru Creek from UWCD's property. In 2010, only four boaters accessed the creek from the UWCD's property.

Despite UWCD's efforts to publicize the opportunity to access Piru Creek through press releases in newspapers and internet postings on UWCD's website as well as the American Whitewater Association website, in compliance with Article 408 of the FERC License, there has been very little interest in whitewater boating down Piru Creek. The number of individuals availing themselves of the opportunity to access Piru Creek from UWCD's property is extremely low as a result of what UWCD believes to be hazardous and less than desirable conditions. Much of Piru Creek contains very dense vegetation, blind curves, submerged and exposed boulders and tree stumps, steep drops and other hazards. Due to the abundance of brush and other obstacles, boaters are forced to spend a significant amount of time walking along the shore of the creek, through dense



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marshes and yucca plants with sharp needles. A majority of Piru Creek's shoreline is on private property. Two of the four whitewater boaters who accessed the creek from the put-in point on UWCD's property in 2010 prepared a written summary of their experience and the conditions they encountered. I have enclosed a copy of their summary for your review.

According to Article 410 of the FERC License, UWCD must provide a permanent access point for whitewater boaters. However, UWCD has serious concerns about the cost of a permanent access point given the very small amount of interest on the part of whitewater boaters experienced to date, as well as the significant, unavoidable hazards whitewater boaters encounter while boating down Piru Creek. While UWCD recognizes and supports rights of whitewater boaters to access navigable waterways, it has serious reservations about promoting boating down Piru Creek given its significant dangers.

Sincerely,

E. Michael Solomon
General Manager

Enclosure: Summary by Mr. Beaudry and Mr. Wagner (9-27-10)

cc: UWCD Board of Directors
Mike Swiger, Van Ness Feldman – UWCD Counsel on FERC
Anthony Trembley, UWCD Counsel

9-27-2010

Lower Piru River Trip 9-25-10

Flow ~300 cfs

Participant Bruce Beaudry & Robert Wagner

Summary

Dangerous, Fast current with lots of strainers and low branches in center of river and across entire river; big chances of being pinned and trapped. The strainers are so dense as to cause dams across the river, making it necessary to wade, waist deep in water with strainers, in order to get to the river's bank. Then walk around through dense brush and yucca needles.

Hazards

(.2 miles) One Weir & pump extending all the way across the river, causing a 6 ft drop and hole very likely a keeper resulting in drowning.

(4.1 miles) One sudden, unscoutable class 3 rapid with a strainer submerged island and tree in center at bottom of rapid.

Mile by Mile

- 0 Put-in Nice Shade tree with picnic bench 5 gal bottled water and outhouse. Easy put-in nice open gradual river.
- .1 River widens and spreads through dense bushes and trees with main current toward tree and submerged bushes causing, strainer and dams which blocks the river making it necessary to wade, knee deep in water with strainers to get to the Left (L) side. Then walk on short foot path between river and barbwire fence. Path ends and return to water.
- .2 (L) Put-in, into main river, crossing to Right (R) avoiding main current taking out (R) carrying till marsh. The river bends back to the north spreading out into the marshes. The cause of the bend is a Weir & pump extending all the way across the main river causing 6ft drop and hole very likely a keeper resulting in drowning.
- .3 Continue through marsh till main river opens, and is free of trees and bushes. A few fun class 1 rapids.
- 1 Bushes and tree branches causes continually ducking to avoid low hanging branches.

- 2 River slowed/ stalled into tall dense marshes. Wadded through (.2 miles) till main river returned on (R).
- 2.2 River opens and is free of trees and bushes. A few fun class 2 rapids.
- 3 Road bridge/tunnel encountered with 5 ft vertical drop at exit, faster current at the (L)channel and center channel , with slower current to the (R) channel. (no Problem) A few more fun class 2 rapids.
- 4 River slowed/ stalled into tall dense marshes and reeds. Wadded through waists deep water/reeds till reaching (L) bank. Walked around marsh, through dense brush and yucca needles for ½ hour before returning to open river.
- 4.1 Another hazard; immediately following the marshes and reeds, an unscoutable class 3 rapid with a strainer submerged island and tree in center at bottom of rapid.
- 4.2 For the remainder of the trip, the river opens, and is free of trees and bushes and marsh . A few fun class 1 rapids.
- 4.5 (R)Take-out is just before black trusses highway bridge. Take-out at baseball park at center street. Short steep hill to park. <end>



1 (two signs)

PARKING AND SHUTTLE FOR KAYAKERS HERE
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 9 A.M. – 3 A.M. ONLY
PARKING LOT WILL BE CLOSED AND LOCKED AT 4 P.M.

#2 (one sign)

HELP US MAKE RECREATIONAL ACCESS TO PIRU CREEK A SUCCESS
STAY IN THE DESIGNATED AREA, DO NOT TRESPASS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY,
KEEP THE AREA CLEAN,
USE CAUTION AT ALL TIMES - BE SAFE

#3 (two signs)

WARNING!

UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ALLOWS ACCESS TO THIS SITE FOR BOATING ACTIVITIES IN COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION.

YOU MAY NOT PROCEED BEYOND THIS POINT WITHOUT SIGNING A RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY.

USE OF PIRU CREEK FOR BOATING OR OTHER ACTIVITIES IS AT YOUR OWN RISK. BOATING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES ON PIRU CREEK ARE INHERENTLY DANGEROUS AND HAZARDOUS RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, AND CAN LEAD TO BODILY INJURY, INJURY TO PROPERTY, AND DEATH. INCLEMENT WEATHER AND WATER CONDITIONS MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE DANGERS. PIRU CREEK MAY CONTAIN NATURAL AND ARTIFICIAL HAZARDS, SUCH AS SUBMERGED AND EXPOSED TREES, FENCES AND WIRES. THE CONDITIONS DOWNSTREAM ARE UNKNOWN.

YOU ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR ACTIVITIES ON AND AROUND PIRU CREEK. UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY BODILY INJURY, INJURY TO PROPERTY, OR DEATH ARISING FROM YOUR ACTIVITIES.

UNITED WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ENCOURAGES YOU TO FOLLOW SAFETY PROTOCOL AND PROPERLY USE APPROPRIATE SAFETY EQUIPMENT AT ALL TIMES.

PIRU CREEK PASSES THROUGH PRIVATE PROPERTY. TRESPASSING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY IS FORBIDDEN.

WARRING PARK IN THE COMMUNITY OF PIRU, IS A PUBLIC TAKE-OUT SITE FOR BOATERS.

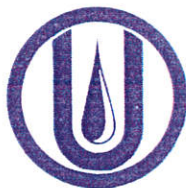
#4 (two signs)

NO ACCESS BEYOND THIS POINT

#5 (one sign)

THE DISTRICT IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE, DESTRUCTION
OR THEFT TO PRIVATE VEHICLES IN THIS LOT

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Susan Exline, Ojai Forest Ranger
United States Forest Service
Los Padres National Forest Service
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Dear Ms. Exline:

United Water Conservation District's (District) Santa Felicia Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) License No. 2153-12, requires that we provide the United States Forest Service with a copy of our draft Santa Felicia Whitewater Boating Access Plan for review and comments. One of the conditions of the District's FERC License (Articles 409 and 410) is to provide whitewater boating access to Piru Creek when water releases from the Santa Felicia Dam exceed 200 cubic feet per second (cfs). Within the first year of issuance, the District was required to, and did, implement temporary whitewater boater access. Within three years of license issuance, the District must file with FERC a permanent whitewater boater access plan.

The permanent plan must identify any signage, fencing and controlled public access to project facilities for safety and security purposes. The attached document represents the District's draft plan.

The District's FERC License (Article 410) also requires the District to consult with the United States Forest Service, California Department of Parks and Recreation, American Whitewater and Sierra Club. The consultation agencies shall be provided with a minimum of 30 days to comment on the draft plan.

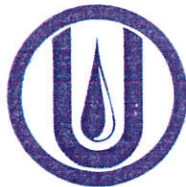
Please provide written comments from the United States Forest Service by October 25, 2011. Mail comments to United Water Conservation District, Attention Mary Lindley, 108 N. 8th Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060. The United States Forest Service's comments and the District's responses will be included in the final plan submitted to FERC.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 805-525-4431.

Sincerely,

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September 9, 2011

Kris Schimdt, Conservation Chair
River Touring Section
Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter
3435 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90010-1904

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

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The permanent plan must identify any signage, fencing and controlled public access to project facilities for safety and security purposes. The attached document represents the District's draft plan.

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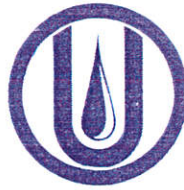
Please provide written comments from the Sierra Club by October 25, 2011. Mail comments to United Water Conservation District, Attention Mary Lindley, 108 N. 8th Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060. Sierra Club's comments and the District's responses will be included in the final plan submitted to FERC.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 805-525-4431.

Sincerely,

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Ruth Coleman, Director
California Department of Parks and Recreation
P.O. Box 94296
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Coleman:

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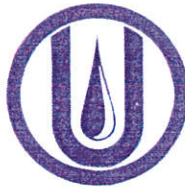
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Mark Singleton, Executive Director
American Whitewater
P.O. Box 1540
Cullowhee, NC 28723

Dear Mr. Singleton:

United Water Conservation District's (District) Santa Felicia Project, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) License No. 2153-12, requires that we provide American Whitewater with a copy of our draft Santa Felicia Whitewater Boating Access Plan for review and comments. One of the conditions of the District's FERC License (Articles 409 and 410) is to provide whitewater boating access to Piru Creek when water releases from the Santa Felicia Dam exceed 200 cubic feet per second (cfs). Within the first year of issuance, the District was required to, and did, implement temporary whitewater boater access. Within three years of license issuance, the District must file with FERC a permanent whitewater boater access plan.

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