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**Modesto
Irrigation
District**

July 28, 2010

Subject: **Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project
Notice of Initial Information Meeting and Request for Information
Pertinent to the Relicensing of the Don Pedro Project**

Dear Interested Party:

The Don Pedro Hydroelectric Project located on the Tuolumne River is owned jointly by the Turlock Irrigation District and the Modesto Irrigation District. The Project received its initial authorization for construction and operation from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in 1964. This initial license expires in April, 2016, and the Districts intend to obtain a new license from FERC to continue to operate and manage the Project.

Initial Information Meeting

The process to obtain a new license (generally referred to as "relicensing") is involved and lengthy. The formal process will begin in early February, 2011, and the Districts must file their complete application for a new license with FERC in April, 2014. The Districts anticipate receiving a new license on or before April, 2016. For the purpose of describing this entire process, the Districts will hold initial information meetings about the relicensing process and the overall relicensing schedule.

For the convenience of the public, multiple information meetings are scheduled. These meetings will each cover the same subjects, so attendance at any one of the meetings will be sufficient to gain an understanding of relicensing. Meeting dates and locations are provided below:

DATE: **Tuesday, September 14, 2010**
TIME: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
WHERE: Turlock Irrigation District, Board Room
333 East Canal Drive, Turlock

DATE: **Wednesday, September 15, 2010**
TIME: 10 a.m. to Noon
WHERE: Modesto Irrigation District Office
1231 11th Street, Modesto

DATE: **Wednesday, September 15, 2010**
TIME: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
WHERE: Modesto Irrigation District Office
1231 11th Street, Modesto

To enable the public to stay informed of activities and developments related to relicensing, the Districts have created a website that contains relevant and useful information about the Don Pedro Project and the relicensing process. We encourage everyone to visit the website at www.donpedro-relicensing.com.

Request for Information

As part of the Districts' internal activities to prepare for the relicensing of the Don Pedro Project, the Districts are initiating a comprehensive search for any information that may already exist that might at all be relevant to the upcoming relicensing. The information obtained from stakeholders through this search and request will be collected, compiled, assessed for relevancy, and summarized as part of the development of the Districts' Pre-Application Document (PAD) as required by the applicable FERC regulations. The Districts respectfully request that you identify any information you are aware of that fulfills any of the following criteria:

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- (1) Information related to environmental (fish, wildlife, botanical, water quality), socioeconomic, and cultural resources found within or adjacent to the Don Pedro Project area.
- (2) Information in the form of published/unpublished reports, historical documents, and previous studies that you deem relevant to the relicensing of the Don Pedro Project.
- (3) Information collected and/or studies conducted that were not affiliated with or funded by either TID or MID.
- (4) Information on resources of the Tuolumne River that you believe might be of interest or value to relicensing. We are asking all individuals, organizations, and agencies to identify any and all information, data, and/or reports that may in any way be related to the operation and management of the Project, its facilities, and the affected environment.

If you are aware of such available information, we ask that within 45 days from the date of this letter, you identify any such information and let us know how we may best acquire a copy of the information.

If you have any questions about the upcoming meetings or relicensing in general, please contact either:

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If you believe you may have existing information which might be relevant or useful for relicensing, we ask that you contact either of the Districts' Project Managers via email or phone as provided below. We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming information meetings; and once again, we encourage you to visit the Don Pedro relicensing website at www.donpedro-relicensing.com.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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