

To: Placer County Water Agency
From: Upper American River Foundation, Board of Directors
Date: June 19, 2006

Subject: Interest Statement for the Middle Fork American River Project
FERC Relicensing from the Upper American River Foundation

Our group will be a member-based organization founded to conserve and protect the unique qualities of the Upper American River watersheds in Placer and El Dorado Counties. The objectives of our group include identifying resource and related issues that need to be resolved and developing funding that will be needed to help resolve them so future generations will continue to be able to enjoy the experiences that we have enjoyed during our lifetimes in this area.

Our approach includes working with existing resource-management agencies, private land owners, and other stakeholders to increase everyone's level of appreciation and understanding of the abundant resources in this area and how they need to be managed as one big inter-related system. Our group wants to be very active in regional decision-making and policy. Relationships built within the framework of this foundation will strive for full understanding of short-term and long-term individual interests and regulatory management in the watershed to address watershed issues with mutual respect for all stakeholders.

Your FERC Relicensing efforts on the Middle Fork American River and adjacent streams interests us very much and we hope to help develop partnerships to make the process play out favorably to all interested parties.

We look forward to working with you and the other member agencies, organizations and individuals to better understand the fishery population dynamics, their life-cycles, and the health of their food sources so we can protect and improve these major resources in our watersheds.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
Upper American River Foundation