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Billie C. Blanchard CPUC c/o Environmental Science Associates 700 University Ave., Suite 130 Sacramento, CA 95825

Subject: Proposed transfer and donation of certain lands under CPUC Applications A00-05-029 and A00-05-030

Dear Mr. Blanchard:

The California Waterfowl Association (CWA) a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, strongly supports the proposed transfer to CWA of certain lands currently owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (PG&E) located in Shasta County known as the McArthur Swamp and Glenburn Dredge Site. It is our understanding that the California Wetlands Foundation (CWF), a wetland conservation organization closely associated with the California Waterfowl Association will receive from PG&E ownership of a Conservation Easement covering the same McArthur Swamp and Glenburn Dredge Sites. Transfer of the land to CWA will include certain land entitlements, permits, riparian water rights, and a management and monitoring plan. Language in the Conservation Easement transferred to CWF will control and limit land use and management of the subject property.

Transfer of the above described Conservation Easement to CWF will insure the enhancement and permanent protection of wildlife habitat values and unrestricted public access traditionally associated with the McArthur Swamp. In addition, summer livestock forage will remain available to help sustain local livestock operations and the local economy. CWA and the McArthur Swamp Resource Management Association will seek grants and contracts to improve the amount and quality of wildlife habitat and livestock forage on McArthur Swamp.

CWA agrees to enforce the terms and conditions of the Conservation Easement and McArthur Swamp Management Plan.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely.

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