

Yuba County Water Agency
Yuba River Development Project
(FERC Project No. 2246)

PRE-APPLICATION DOCUMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) is preparing to relicense the Yuba River Development Project (FERC Project No. 2246). The Project is located in Yuba, Sierra and Nevada counties, California, on the main stem Yuba River, the North Yuba River and the Middle Yuba River, including Oregon Creek, a tributary to the Middle Yuba River. A portion of the FERC Project Boundary is located on United States-owned land managed as the Plumas and Tahoe national forests by the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service. The Project includes three developments - New Colgate, New Bullards Bar Fish Release, and Narrows 2. In total, the Project includes one storage reservoir (New Bullards Bar Reservoir with a maximum storage of 966,103 acre-feet on North Yuba River), two diversion facilities (Our House Diversion Dam on the Middle Yuba River with a maximum capacity of 860 cfs, and Log Cabin Diversion Dam on Oregon Creek with a maximum diversion capacity of 1,100 cfs), three powerhouses (New Colgate, Fish Release and Narrows 2, with capacities of 340, 0.150 and 55 megawatts, respectively), and four tunnels (Lohman Ridge, Camptonville, New Colgate, and Narrows 2). The Project does not include any transmission lines. The existing FERC license for the Project expires on April 30, 2016..

YCWA plans to use FERC's Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) to relicense its Project. Under the ILP regulations, YCWA is preparing a Pre-Application Document (PAD) that provides FERC and other potentially interested parties with existing, relevant and reasonably available information pertaining to the Project to help identify issues and related information needs, develop study requests and study proposals, and prepare documents analyzing potential project impacts.

YCWA respectfully requests that you complete this PAD Questionnaire to the best of your ability to help identify: 1) sources of existing, relevant and reasonably available information; 2) known or potential adverse impacts or issues associated with the construction, operation and maintenance of the Project; and 3) the potential need for information gathering and/or studies.

1. Information about person completing the PAD Questionnaire:

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2. Do you or your organization know of existing, relevant and reasonably available information that describes the existing environment or potential impacts of the Yuba River Development Project?

X Yes (If yes, please complete 2a thru 2f.)

No (If no, please go to 3.)

The NID public website (which has Drum-Spaulding Project information also) is:
<http://www.eurekasw.com/NID/default.aspx>

The Drum-Spaulding public website is:
<http://www.eurekasw.com/DS/default.aspx>

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a. If yes to Question 2, please check the box(es) to indicate the specific resource areas(s) that the information relates to:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Geology and soils | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Recreation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Water quantity and quality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Land use |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fish and aquatic resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Aesthetic resources |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Wildlife resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cultural resources |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Botanical resources | <input type="checkbox"/> | Socio-economic resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Wetlands, riparian and littoral habitat | <input type="checkbox"/> | Tribal resources |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Species Protected under the Endangered Species Act | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other resource information |

b. Please briefly describe the information or list available documents: *(Additional information may be provided on sheet 5 of this questionnaire.)*

BEAK Consultants, Inc. Study of lower Yuba River, 1989 (CDFG-funded effort), Narrows Project Exhibit E, Upper Yuba River Studies Documents (Cal-Fed). c. Where can YCWA obtain this information?
 Jim Lynch at HDR|DTA for BEAK Consultants study and Cal-Fed study.

PG&E for Narrows Exhibit E.

d. Please indicate whether there is a specific representative you wish to designate for a potential follow-up contact by a YCWA representative for the resource area(s) checked above: *(Additional information may be provided on sheet 5 of this questionnaire.)*

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Resource Area(s)

e. Based on the specific resources listed in 2a, are you aware of any specific issues pertaining to the identified resource area(s)? *(Additional information may be provided on sheet 5 of this questionnaire.)*

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <i>(Please list specific issues below.)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
| | Resource Area | Project | Specific Issue |

Aquatic: NMFS' efforts to introduce spring-run Chinook salmon into the upper Yuba River drainage above Englebright Dam.

NMFS has recently initiated the process of contacting several of the stakeholders in the drainage involved in relicensing their hydro projects (e.g., YCWA, NID, PG&E) to determine the level of support for participating in an introduction program.

f. Based on the resource issues identified in 2e, are you aware of any potential studies or information needs associated with the identified issues? *(Additional information may be provided on sheet 5 of this questionnaire.)*

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <i>(Please list specific issues below.)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
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Resource Area	Project	Potential Studies or Information Needs
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NMFS currently has MWH under contract conducting a fish passage feasibility study over Englebright Dam.

The Cal-Fed funded Upper Yuba Rivers Studies Program collaborative developed detailed study plans for various studies to evaluate impacts,

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e.g., flood risk, sediment transport, water quality, water supply, hydropower, upstream and downstream habitat evaluation, passage, and socio-economics (including impacts to recreation and property values) resulting from introduction of spring run salmon and steelhead into the Middle and South Yuba River drainages. Sediment transport and water quality were the only study scopes for which final reports were issued. The Upper Yuba River Watershed Chinook Salmon and Steelhead Habitat Assessment (CDF&G, 2006) was published, but never approved by the UYRSP Collaborative. All of the stakeholders in the UYRSP collaborative agreed that these studies were necessary to adequately evaluate the feasibility of introduction of salmon and steelhead.

3. Do you or your organization plan to participate in YCWA's Yuba River Development Project relicensing proceeding?

Yes

No

4. We are interested in your comments, if you have comments and/or questions regarding YCWA's Yuba River Development Project relicensing please add below. *(Additional information may be provided on sheet 5 of this questionnaire.)*

Comments:

To allow for any follow-up contacts that may be needed by a YCWA representative, within **45 days please return this completed PAD Questionnaire in the enclosed, stamped envelop to:**

**HDR/DTA
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Sacramento, CA 95833**

Alternatively, you may fax this completed PAD Questionnaire to:

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Or email a pdf. copy of the completed PAD Questionnaire to:

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Not responding within 45 days will indicate that you are not aware of any existing, relevant, and reasonably available information that describes that existing environment or known potential impacts of YCWA's Yuba River Development Project.

Additional Information or Comments: *(Please indicate applicable section.)*