

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?

Yes (If yes, please complete 2a thru 2f.) No (If no, please go to 3.)

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Geology and soils	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation
<input type="checkbox"/> Water quantity and quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Land use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish and aquatic resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic resources

- Wildlife resources
- Botanical resources
- Wetlands, riparian and littoral habitat
- Species Protected under the Endangered Species Act

- Cultural resources
- Socio-economic resources
- Tribal resources
- Other resource information

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

Five USFWS reports on Yuba River:
 1) Flow-habitat relationships for spawning
 2) Executive summary for 1)
 3) Relationships between flow fluctuations and redd dewatering and juvenile stranding
 4) Flow-habitat relationships for rearing
 5) sensitivity analysis for flow-habitat relationships for steelhead spawning

c. Where can YCWA obtain this information?

Enclosed on CD and hard copy

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.)*

Representative Contact Information

Name & Title: Same as 1
 Organization: _____
 Address: _____

 Bus. Phone: _____
 Cell Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Resource Area(s) _____

Representative Contact Information

Name & Title: _____
 Organization: _____
 Address: _____

 Phone: _____
 Cell Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____
 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.)*

Yes *(Please list specific issues below.)*

No

Resource Area	Project	Specific Issue
Fish & Aquatic Resources	2246	Flows for spawning & rearing Effects of flow fluctuations

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.)*

Yes *(Please list potential studies or information needs below.)*

No

Resource Area	Project	Potential Studies or Information Needs
Fish & Aquatic Resources	2246	see 2b

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
ATTN: Jim Lynch
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Suite 140
Sacramento, CA 95833

Alternatively, you may fax this completed PAD Questionnaire to:

ATTN: Jim Lynch
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Fax: (916) 564-4203

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.

