



Rural people working together for a safe, sustainable and healthy community

July 29, 2009

**Re: Response to Pre-Application Document Questionnaire
For New Bullards Bar Hydro Power Relicensing FERC order #2246**

Dear Curt Aikens and YWCA Board,
Camptonville Community Partnership is writing in response to the Pre-Application questionnaire sent by DTA on behalf of YWCA regarding the FERC relicensing.

We respond to the questions in your form in the order they appear.

1. Information about the person completing the PAD Questionnaire

Contact: Cathy LeBlanc, Rural Health Advocate, Camptonville Community Partnership
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2. Existing Information

- a. The existing information we are offering has relevance to all the resource areas listed.
- b. and
- c. Camptonville Community Partnership submits the following existing materials:

Camptonville Community Health Action Plan CHAP at www.camptonville.com
Economic Development Plan Camptonville CA August 2001 at

www.camptonville.com

Yuba County Parks Master Plan at

http://www.co.yuba.ca.us/Departments/Community%20Development/Public%20Works/PARKS/Park_Master_Plan.aspx

We are also aware of and support the existing information submission presented by Camptonville Community Service District CCSD.

d. Designated Representative

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Camptonville Community Partnership represents the community of Camptonville (pop 697) as outlined in the Community Health Action Plan (CHAP) as stakeholders.

e. Specific Resource Issues

1. Socio-Economic Resources for the Camptonville area

1) Economic Overview

The community of Camptonville must diversify its economic base in order to survive. The community is too small to realistically promote extensive tourism, but there are opportunities for tourism and recreation to support local business.

Economic Development Principles and Strategies: Camptonville residents want to revitalize our community so that it can regain the economic vitality it had in the past, but we want to do that in a manner that will preserve the beauty and serenity we value so strongly. We seek development that is sustainable, holistic, collaborative, asset-based, entrepreneurial, responsive to community needs, and sensitive to the capacity of our environment. That includes tourism, but only to the extent that we can develop it in a manner that respects the uniqueness of our surroundings.

1.1) Sustainability:

One of the efforts made to ensure sustainability was the creation of the Camptonville Community Partnership, an umbrella organization which was granted 501©(3) status in Spring 2001 to act as a fiscal agent for many of Camptonville's projects. These include the Camptonville Resource Center and its projects, Rural Heath Advocacy, 1,2.3 Grow Program, the Outreach Project, The Gold Pages, Community Action Teams, the community center and other community health, social services, and recreation projects. (Revised July 2009)

1.2) Holistic Orientation:

Economic development is only one of many components of Camptonville's Community Health Action Plan, so we view it in a broader social context that includes Rural Environment, Growth and Economy, Connectedness and Health, a Community Center and Travel (see the Community Health Action Plan)

1.3) Collaborative and Asset-Based Approach:

Camptonville's primary asset is its people. We all have different skills, and we have learned how to combine our talents in a manner that builds on our strengths while minimizing our weaknesses. We strive to work together and to identify who does what best, so that we can produce a collaborative effort that exceeds what we can do as individuals. Ours is a synergistic approach in which the sum of the parts is far greater than the parts themselves. The asset-based approach has taught us "communities cannot be rebuilt by focusing on their needs, problems, and deficiencies. Rather, community building starts with the process of locating assets, skills and capacities of residents, citizens, associations, and local institutions" (Building Communities From the Inside Out by John P. Kreetzman and John L. Mcknight).

1.4) Entrepreneurial:

There are very few employment opportunities in the greater Camptonville community and most people would prefer not to commute, so we are proposing to take an entrepreneurial approach. This community is already home to many small businesses run out of people's homes. There are artisans, telecommuters, masseuses, housecleaners, firewood dealers, and many others who have found ways to support themselves without traveling to the same address each day

1.5) Responsive to Community Needs:

We are proposing that economic development in this area should serve the community by doing more than creating employment opportunities.

1.6) Sensitive to the Capacity of Our Environment:

We live in one of the most beautiful places imaginable, but we have learned that not everyone values that enough to protect it. While we are exploring options related to tourism, we are seeking ways to avoid the problems with littering and the irresponsible use of fire-producing products that have plagued us in the past. We are also concerned with substance abuse and the accidents that can cause. We recognize these problems are not limited to tourists, but the incidence significantly increases during the tourist season.

2) Recreation, tourism and trails

Camptonville is an economically depressed area, which could benefit from increased access to tourist and recreation. We could improve our economy by connecting to tourism/recreation at News Bullards Bar Reservoir.

In addition Camptonville residents as stated in the CHAP

. We realize that in order to maintain the rural quality of life that we value; we must work together to develop innovative, cooperative solutions to our travel needs. As future energy resources may be limited, we feel it is important to develop sustainable forms of transportation that do not rely on oil. We envision a trail system that encourages people to walk, bike, hike or horseback ride around our local settings. We also recognize the opportunity for physical recreation activity that the Tahoe National Forest area provides, and want to promote safe, sensitive use of these natural resources.

Please see references related to Camptonville in the Yuba County Parks Master Plan available at the link stated in 2c above.

3. Yes- Camptonville community Partnership plans to participate in YWCA's Yuba River Development relicensing proceeding.

4. Comments

We encourage YCWA to include detailed methodologies in their draft studies for review in their first Study Plan release. We also encourage the licensees to release a draft of both the PAD and the Study Plans in order to engage in early collaborative study development.

Sincerely

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Camptonville Community Partnership