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**SUBJECT:** Yuba River Development Project, FERC Project No. 2246  
Invitation to Initial Meeting with Native American Tribes

Distribution List:

The purpose of this letter is to formally invite you to an initial meeting with interested Native American Tribes and the Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) to discuss YCWA's upcoming relicensing of the Yuba River Development Project (FERC Project No. 2246). We have also included on the invitation list the Forest Service, BLM, SHPO and FERC.

YCWA has contacted by phone or email many of the parties on the attached distribution list, and based on those contacts, YCWA has scheduled the meeting as follows:

**DATE:** September 9, 2009 (Wednesday)  
**TIME:** 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** County Government Center, 915 8th St., Marysville

The agenda for the meeting includes: 1) a brief description of the Project; 2) YCWA's proposed relicensing process including schedule; 3) a discussion concerning how best to engage and keep engaged interested Native American Tribes in the relicensing; and 4) other items you might wish to discuss regarding the relicensing.

We emphasize this is the first in what will likely be many meetings, and that if some interested tribal members cannot participate at this time, we can schedule a follow-up meeting for them. Also, if some tribes prefer to meet one-on-one with YCWA, we would be pleased to do so. Last, if you feel we should invite other tribes/tribal members to this meeting or add them to our contact list, please let us know. We would appreciate the information.

As background, 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 Project is located in the Plumas and Tahoe national forests. The Project includes New Bullards Bar Reservoir; Our House

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Diversion Dam; Log Cabin Diversion Dam; New Colgate, New Bullards Bar Minimum Flow and Narrows 2 powerhouses; and Lohman Ridge, Camptonville, New Colgate, and Narrows 2 power tunnels. The existing FERC license for the Project expires on April 30, 2016. In November 2010, YCWA will file with FERC a notice of intent to file an application for a new license for the Project. The application will be filed by May 2014. At this time, YCWA plans to follow FERC's Integrated Licensing Process to prepare the license application. If you would like more information regarding the relicensing, please visit the Yuba River Development Project Relicensing Website at [www.ycwa-relicensing.com](http://www.ycwa-relicensing.com), and view the Fact Sheet attached to this letter.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming meeting, please contact me at YCWA or Jim Lynch of HDR|DTA at (916) 564-4214 Extension 581 or email him at [james.lynch@hdrinc.com](mailto:james.lynch@hdrinc.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Curt Aikens". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Curt Aikens  
General Manager

Attachment: Distribution List  
Project Fact Sheet