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In reply refer to: FERC120321A

Curt Aiken  
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Yuba County Water Agency  
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RE: Section 106 Consultation for the Yuba River Development Project (FERC Project No. 2246), Determination of APE, Yuba County, CA

Dear Mr. Aiken:

Thank you for your 21 March 2012 letter initiating consultation with me on behalf of the FERC for the above referenced project in order to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations at 36 CFR 800. You are requesting that I agree with the appropriateness of the Area of Potential Effect (APE) for the undertaking.

As I understand it, the Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) is relicensing the Yuba River Development Project, FERC Project No. 2246 (Project). The Yuba River Development Project, which ranges in elevation from 280 feet to 2,049 feet, is located in Yuba, Sierra, and Nevada counties and on the main branches of the Yuba River, the North Yuba River and the Middle Yuba River, and on Oregon Creek, a tributary of the Middle Yuba River. Existing Project facilities include:

- 1 dam and associated storage reservoir, New Bullards Bar
- 2 diversion dams, Our House and Cabin
- 2 diversion tunnels, Lohman Ridge and Camptonville
- 2 underground power tunnels, New Colgate and Narrows 2
- 1 aboveground penstock, New Colgate
- 3 powerhouses, New Colgate, New Bullards Minimum Flow, and Narrows 2
- 7 recreation areas, Emerald Cove Marina, Hornswoggle Group Camp, Schoolhouse Family Camp, Dark Day Boat Ramp, Garden Point Campground, and Madrone Cove Campground

YCWA has determined the APE to consist of all the lands within the FERC Project boundary, with the exception of the Project boundary associated with the Lohman Ridge and Camptonville diversion tunnels. Because these tunnels are buried, the surface above the tunnels will not experience project related effects. The APE is shown in Attachment 3 to your letter. I find the APE sufficient pursuant to 36 CFR 800.4(a)(1).

Thank you for considering historic properties as part of your project planning and I look forward to continuing consultation on this project. Please direct any questions or concerns that you may have to Amanda Blosser, Project Review Unit architectural historian, at 916-445-7048 or email at [ablosser@parks.ca.gov](mailto:ablosser@parks.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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State Historic Preservation Officer

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