

April 12, 2018

Via Electronic Submittal (eFile)

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
888 – 1st Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426-0001

**Subject: Yuba River Development Project
FERC Project No. 2246-042 – California
Revised Recreation Facilities Plan for License Application**

Dear Secretary Bose:

This letter provides to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) the attached *Recreation Facilities Plan*, dated March 2018 (March 2018 Plan).

The Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) requests that FERC replace the *Recreation Facilities Plan*, dated June 2017 (June 2017 Plan), in YCWA's application for a new license for YCWA's Yuba River Development Project, FERC Project Number 2246 (Project) with the attached March 2018 Plan.

Further, YCWA requests that FERC evaluate the attached March 2018 Plan, rather than the June 2017 Plan, in FERC's environmental impact statement (EIS) being prepared to support the relicensing of the Project.

BACKGROUND

On April 28, 2014, YCWA filed with the Commission an *Application for New License Major Project – Existing Dam* (FLA) for the Project. Appendix E2 to Exhibit E of the application included YCWA's proposed conditions for inclusion in the new license. YCWA's Proposed Condition RR1, Implement Recreation Facilities Plan, included a plan dated April 2014.

YCWA filed with FERC an *Amended Application for New License Major Project – Existing Dam* (Amended FLA) on June 2, 2017, and filed with FERC errata to its Amended FLA on July 21, 2017, September 15, 2017 and November 1, 2017. The Amended FLA included YCWA's Proposed Condition RR1, which included a revised Recreation Facilities Plan dated June 2017.

On June 26, 2017, FERC issued a *Notice of Application Accepted for Filing, Soliciting Motions to Intervene and Protests, Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting*

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Comments, Recommendations, Preliminary Terms and Conditions, and Preliminary Fishway Prescriptions (REA Notice) for the Project relicensing.

On August 21, 2017, the Forest Service filed its FPA preliminary Section 4(e) terms and conditions. The Forest Service included in its filing the June 2017 Plan.

In subsequent discussions, YCWA and Forest Service agreed the Plan should address vehicle barriers at Our House Diversion Dam and correct some landownership errors in the June 2017 Plan.

Over the past few months, the parties have collaboratively revised the June 2017 Plan to address these items. The result of this collaboration is the attached March 2018 Plan.

AGREEMENT WITH PLAN

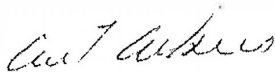
The attached March 2018 Plan and this transmittal letter were provided to interested Relicensing Participants for review. As evidenced by the attached e-mails, YCWA understands the Forest Service intends to file the attached Plan with its FPA Section 4(e) final terms and conditions unless there are unforeseen events, and the non-governmental organizations (NGOs) represented by the Foothills Water Network (FWN) also support the Plan.

REQUEST

YCWA requests that FERC replace the June 2017 Plan in YCWA's application for new license with the attached March 2018 Plan. YCWA requests that FERC evaluate the attached March 2018 Plan, rather than the June 2017 Plan, in FERC's EIS being prepared to support relicensing of the Project.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Curt Aikens
General Manager

- Attachment:
1. Certificate of Service for the Yuba River Development Project, FERC Project No. 2246-042
 2. Support Emails for the March 2018 Recreation Facilities Plan
 3. March 2018 Recreation Facilities Plan

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cc: Alan Mitchnick, FERC DC
Parties on FERC's Official Service List for the Yuba River Development
Project Relicensing, FERC Project No. 2246-042
Relicensing Participants on YCWA's Yuba River Development Project's
Relicensing E-Mail Contact List (via e-mail)

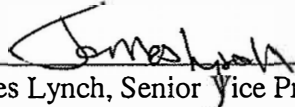
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon each person designated on the official service list compiled by the Secretary of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in this proceeding (Yuba River Development Project, FERC Project No. 2246-042).

Dated in Sacramento, CA this 12th day of April, 2018.



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