

## **ATTACHMENT 2**

**Support from the Forest Service, CDFW, and USFWS for Attached Updated  
*Our House and Log Cabin Diversion Dams Sediment Management Plan***




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**File Code:** 2770  
**Date:** July 24, 2018

Curt Aikens  
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Yuba County Water Agency  
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**Subject:** FOREST SERVICE APPROVAL OF YUBA COUNTY WATER AGENCY'S REQUEST TO REVISE THE LOG CABIN AND OUR HOUSE DIVERSION DAMS SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE YUBA RIVER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, EXISTING LICENSE, FERC NO. 2246

Dear Mr. Aikens:

  
This letter provides USDA Forest Service, Tahoe National Forest (hereafter, "Forest Service") approval of the revised **existing license** *Log Cabin and Our House Diversion Dams Sediment Management Plan* (hereafter, "Plan") for Yuba County Water Agency's (YCWA) Yuba River Development Project, existing/current license (YRDP, FERC no. 2246). We have reviewed the most recent version of the Plan (June 2018) and agree with the proposed revisions.

In late 2013 and early 2014, the Forest Service along with other federal and state agencies and stakeholders, worked with YCWA to develop a sediment management plan for the Log Cabin and Our House Diversion Dams which are within the YRDP. YCWA filed a final Plan with FERC in May 2014. The Forest Service provided a letter to YCWA approving this Plan in September 2014. YCWA pursued additional necessary permits, FERC approved the Plan in March of 2016, and YCWA then began implementing the Plan.

During implementation in 2016 and 2017, it was determined that modifications of some aspects of the Plan were needed to fully address sediment issues at Log Cabin and Our House Diversion Dam. Over the past several months, the Forest Service, along with other federal and state agencies and stakeholders, have been consulting with YCWA on modifying the Plan. The significant changes from the FERC-approved 2016 version of the Plan include: (1) the addition of methods to manage blockage of dam outlets, (2) the addition of key relevant Forest Service Best Management Practices (BMP's) for Water Quality, and (3) updates of BMP's required by other federal and state agencies.

The Forest Service understands that YCWA will provide the revised Plan to FERC for review and approval along with a copy of this Forest Service letter and similar supporting documentation from other resource agencies and stakeholders. We appreciate the collaborative approach you have taken to work on revisions of these Plans. If you have any questions



regarding this letter, you may contact Amy Lind (Tahoe and Plumas National Forests, Hydroelectric Coordinator) at [alind@fs.fed.us](mailto:alind@fs.fed.us) or (530)-478-6298.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eli Ilano', written in a cursive style.

ELI ILANO  
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**Subject:** Re: Yuba Relicensing: Filing Log Cabin and Our House Sediment Plans & Request for E-Mails of Support

Jim,

The CDFW supports inclusion of the Log Cabin and Our House Diversion Dams Sediment Management Plan (dated June 2018) under the existing license but notes that YCWA has a current RMA (1600-2014-0163-R2) that references a different sediment management plan dated July 2014.

YCWA's current RMA will expire on December 31, 2019. CDFW did receive on June 22, 2018, an application for amendment to the current RMA, but YCWA did not submit the updated Log Cabin and Our House Diversion Dams Sediment Management Plan (dated June 2018) as a part of their amendment application.

CDFW suggest that YCWA submit the updated plan for inclusion in their amended RMA in order for their LSAA permit to be consistent with this Plan.

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Thanks, Amy.

Anyone else?

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**Subject:** RE: Yuba Relicensing: Filing Log Cabin and Our House Sediment Plans & Request for E-Mails of Support

YCWA: The Forest Service supports the revised Log Cabin and Our House Diversion Dams Sediment Management Plan (dated June 2018) for the **new license**, and YCWA's letter to FERC requesting this new version of the Plan be used for FERC's NEPA analysis of the amended Final License Application.

The Forest Service is planning to include this revised version of the Log Cabin and Our House Diversion Dams Sediment Management Plan in our Final 4(e) Conditions.

Thank you for working with us, and other relicensing participants, to revise this Plan.

Please note that for revisions to the **existing/current license** Plan, I am drafting a letter of approval and hope to have that to you by early next week.

Best Regards,  
Amy Lind



**Amy Lind**  
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**Subject:** Yuba Relicensing: Filing Log Cabin and Our House Sediment Plans & Request for E-Mails of Support

Just following up on YCWA's filing of the:

1. *Log Cabin and Our House Diversion Dams Sediment Management Plan* under the existing license
2. *Log Cabin and Our House Diversion Dams Sediment Management Plan* for the new license

Attached are the clean versions of both plans, which I believe we agreed to, and draft letters that YCWA would use to file the plans with FERC.

I'd like to attach to our filing letter any emails supporting the plans, as we have discussed. If you could, please send the support emails to me by COB this Friday.

Thanks, and contact me if you have any questions or anticipate a delay in getting to us the support emails.

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Jim,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) supports Yuba County Water Agency's (YCWA) June 2018 proposed update to the Our House and Log Cabin Diversion Dams Sediment Management Plan (Plan). This Plan would replace the similar plan, filed May 2014, in the existing license.

USFWS, YCWA, and other agencies have noted improvements that could be made to the Plan based on lessons learned during plan implementation. YCWA, FWS, and other agencies collaboratively worked together to revise and update the Log Cabin and Our House Diversion Dams Sediment Management Plan.

If you have any questions about our support for the updated Plan please contact me or Stephanie Millsap.

Sincerely,

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