

# Foreword

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The Yuba County Water Agency (Licensees or YCWA) intends to apply to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for a new license for the Yuba River Development Project (Project), FERC Project No. 2246, by April 30, 2014.

At this time, Licensee intends to relicense the Project using FERC's Integrated Licensing Process (ILP), which requires Licensee file with FERC a Notice of Intent (NOI) to File an Application for a New License sometime between five and five and one-half years before the existing license expires on April 30, 2016.

At the same time Licensee files its NOI, it will file with FERC a Pre-Application Document (PAD). The PAD will describe the Project facilities and its operation, and include existing, relevant, and reasonably available information gathered by Licensee regarding resources that could potentially be affected by continued operation of the Project. The PAD will also include information such as potential issues, proposed data gathering efforts, and any measures proposed at this time by Licensee to be included in the new license.

Licensee has determined that information regarding the Project, Licensee's Relicensing plans, and the information acquired and reviewed to date about resources potentially affected by the Project would be useful to parties potentially interested in the relicensing (*i.e.*, Relicensing Participants) well before the PAD filing period. Therefore, Licensee has developed this Preliminary Information Package.

Relicensing Participants should understand the Preliminary Information Package is not the PAD. Specifically:

- While much of the information in this Preliminary Information Package is similar to information that will be included in the PAD, Licensee may reorganize/amend the information as appropriate for inclusion in the PAD and as Licensee continues to compile data for the PAD.
- The Preliminary Information Package does not include all information required by FERC to be included in the PAD.
- As described in Appendix A, Licensee has received replies to about 10 of the over 115 requests for information (*i.e.*, PAD Information Questionnaire) Licensee has mailed to individuals. Licensee is in the process of reviewing this information, so not all information received to date has been included in this Preliminary Information Package. Also, Licensee plans to continue discussions with resource agencies regarding information they may have that would be useful for inclusion in the PAD, and Licensee expects to receive additional replies to its PAD Information Questionnaire. This additional information (*i.e.*, from replies received to date after Licensee has completed its review of them, from new replies, and from additional discussions with agencies) will be included in the PAD, as appropriate.

- The Preliminary Information Package includes Licensee's intent (*e.g.*, filing date for NOI/PAD and Communication Guidelines) at the time the Preliminary Information Package is made public, not commitments by Licensee. Licensee may change its intent or any material in the Preliminary Information Package for inclusion in the PAD.
- This Preliminary Information Package is not a document that is required by FERC to be prepared and filed as part of the relicensing, nor does Licensee intend to file it with FERC.
- There is no requirement for Relicensing Participants to comment on the Preliminary Information Package, or a formal or informal comment period.
- Licensee will certainly accept written comments on the Preliminary Information Package if offered, but does not intend to engage in a discussion of the comments or to address the comments in the PAD, which is not to say that Licensee will not consider any written comments on the Preliminary Information Package as it prepares the PAD.

If you have any questions regarding this Preliminary Information Package or the upcoming Yuba River Development Project relicensing, please contact either Curt Aikens ([caikens@ycwa.com](mailto:caikens@ycwa.com)) or James Lynch ([james.lynch@hdrinc.com](mailto:james.lynch@hdrinc.com)), or view the Yuba River Development Project Relicensing Website at [www.ycwa-relicensing.com](http://www.ycwa-relicensing.com).