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Honorable Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
Washington, DC 20426

**SUBJECT:** Yuba River Development Project  
FERC Project No. 2246  
Pre-Application Document (PAD)

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to Section (§) 5.6 of Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), the Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA or Licensee), a special district under California State law, files with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) this enclosed Pre-Application Document (PAD) in support of YCWA's intent to file an application for a new license for the Yuba River Development Project (Project), FERC Project Number 2246. YCWA is the existing licensee, and current owner and operator of the Project. The initial license for the Project was issued by the Federal Power Commission (FERC's predecessor) to YCWA on May 16, 1963, effective on May 1, 1963. The Federal Power Commission's May 6, 1966, Order Amending License changed the license's effective date to May 1, 1966, for a term ending on April 30, 2016.

This PAD filing includes one volume, the contents of which are public information. YCWA is filing all portions of the PAD following the Commission's eFiling guidelines, with the following three exceptions:

- Section 10, Licensee's Preliminary Proposed Studies, Fish Instream Flow Upstream of Englebright Reservoir Study (Study 3.10), Attachment 3.10A, Habitat Mapping Report. The Habitat Mapping Report includes four attachments with subfolders, spreadsheet files, and photo logs that cannot be easily uploaded to FERC's e-Library.
- Appendix E, Project Helicopter Video. This appendix includes one attachment – the Helicopter Video of the Yuba River Development Project. Because the attachment is a video recording, it cannot be uploaded to FERC's e-Library.
- Appendix F, Hydrology Data. This appendix includes hydrology data in nine folders, with subfolders, large spreadsheet files, as well as HEC-DSS files that cannot be uploaded to FERC's e-Library.

YCWA will file separately with FERC on Digital Video Disc (DVD) an original and two copies of the above material.

YCWA has included the following information in the PAD: 1) a process plan and schedule; 2) information on the Project location, facilities, and operations; 3) a description of the existing environment and potential resource impacts; 4) a list of preliminary issues and studies; and 5) a summary of contacts made with various resource agencies, Indian tribes, non-governmental organizations, or other members of the public in connection with preparing the PAD. It is the licensee's belief that this document demonstrates the exercise of due diligence in obtaining and providing relevant existing information.

Simultaneously with the filing of this PAD and in conformance with 18 CFR § 5.5., under separate cover YCWA has filed with FERC a Notice of Intent (NOI) to file an application for a new license for the Project on or before April 30, 2014.

In conformance with 18 CFR § 5.2(a) and § 5.6(a)(1) and (2), YCWA will make the PAD and NOI available to appropriate federal and State of California resource agencies, Indian tribes, local governments, and members of the public likely to be interested in the proceeding. A list of those parties is provided in the NOI.

If you have any questions about the PAD, please contact me.

Sincerely,

YUBA COUNTY WATER AGENCY



Curt Aikens  
General Manager

Enclosure: YCWA's Yuba River Development Project Pre-Application Document

cc: Alan Mitchnick – FERC DC  
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