# Study 2.5 WATER TEMPERATURE MONITORING

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# 1.0 <u>Project Nexus</u>

Yuba County Water Agency's (YCWA or Licensee) continued operation and maintenance (O&M) of the existing Yuba River Development Project (Project) has a potential to affect water temperature.

# 2.0 <u>Resource Management Goals of Agencies and Indian</u> <u>Tribes with Jurisdiction Over the Resource Studied</u>

[Relicensing Participants - This section is a placeholder in the Pre-Application Document (PAD). Section 5.11(d)(2) of 18 CFR states that an applicant for a new license must in its proposed study *"Address any known resource management goals of the agencies or Indian tribes with jurisdiction over the resource to be studied."* During 2010 study proposal development meetings, agencies advised Licensee that they would provide a brief written description of their jurisdiction over the resource to be addressed in this study. If provided before Licensee files its Proposed Study Plan and Licensee agrees with the description, Licensee will insert the brief description here stating the description was provided by that agency. If not, prior to issuing the Proposed Study Plan, Licensee will describe to the best of its knowledge and understanding the management goals of agencies that have jurisdiction over the resource addressed in this study. Licensee]

# 3.0 <u>Existing Information and Need for Additional</u> <u>Information</u>

Licensee is actively collecting stream water temperature data upstream, within and downstream of the Project, and is also collecting reservoir water temperature data in New Bullards Bar Reservoir and in the United States Army Corps of Engineer's (USACE) Englebright Reservoir. Table 5.3.1-1 lists Licensee's stream temperature data collection network and the period of record for each site as of July 2009. Data have been collected at several locations in the Yuba River below USACE's Englebright Dam since 2003; at other locations, data collection began in summer 2008. Reservoir temperature data have been recorded twice per month by Licensee since 1990 at a single point near the upstream face of New Bullards Bar Dam and at a single point near the upstream face of New Bullards Bar Dam and at a single point near the upstream face of New Bullards Bar Dam and at a single point near the upstream face of New Bullards Bar Dam and at a single point near the upstream face of New Bullards Bar Dam and at a single point near the upstream face of New Bullards Bar Dam and at a single point near the upstream face of New Bullards Bar Dam and at a single point near the upstream face of New Bullards Bar Dam and at a single point near the upstream face of New Bullards Bar Dam and at a single point near the upstream face of New Bullards Bar Dam and at a single point near the upstream face of New Bullards Bar Dam and at a single point near the upstream face of New Bullards Bar Dam and at a single point near the upstream face of New Bullards Bar Dam and at a single point near the upstream face of USACE's Englebright Dam. Normally, reservoir data have been collected at 10-foot intervals, along with *in situ* air temperature. Data collected during these efforts is available in the Preliminary Information Package (YCWA 2009) in section 7.2.9, Existing Water Quality Information.

# 4.0 <u>Study Goals and Objectives</u>

The goals of this Water Temperature Monitoring Study are: 1) to characterize water temperature conditions in reservoirs and river reaches potentially affected by continued Project O&M; and 2) to facilitate development of a water temperature model or models, as may be necessary, to provide useful tools in the Project relicensing.

The objective of the study is to collect water temperature and metrological data adequate to meet the study goals.

## 5.0 <u>Study Methods and Analysis</u>

## 5.1 Study Area

For the purpose of this study, the study area includes 1) the Middle Yuba River from and including Our House Diversion Dam Impoundment to the confluence with the North Yuba River, 2) Oregon Creek from and including the Log Cabin Diversion Dam Impoundment to the confluence with the North Yuba River, 3) the North Yuba River from and including New Bullards Bar Dam Reservoir to the confluence with the Middle Yuba River, and 4) and the portion of the Yuba River from the confluence of the North and Middle Yuba rivers to the Feather River, including USACE's Englebright Reservoir.

If YCWA proposes an addition to the Project, the study area will be expanded if necessary to include areas potentially affected by the addition.

### 5.2 General Concepts and Procedures

The following general concepts and practices apply to the study:

- Personal safety is the most important consideration of each fieldwork team.
- Licensee will make a good faith effort to obtain permission to access private property where needed well in advance of entering the property.
- Field crews may make minor variances to the FERC-approved study in the field to accommodate actual field conditions and unforeseen problems. When minor variances are made, Licensee's field crew will follow the protocols in the FERC-approved study.
- When Licensee becomes aware of major variances to the FERC-approved study, Licensee will issue an e-mail to the Relicensing Contact List describing the variance and reason for the variance. Licensee will contact by phone the Forest Service (if the variance is on National Forest System land), USFWS, SWRCB and CDFG to provide an opportunity for input regarding how to address the variance. Licensee will issue an e-mail to the Relicensing Contact List advising them of the resolution of the variance. Licensee will summarize in the final study report all variances and resolutions.

- Licensee's performance of the study does not presume that Licensee is responsible in whole or in part for measures that may arise from the study.
- Global Positioning System (GPS) data will be collected using either a Map Grade Trimble GPS (sub-meter data collection accuracy under ideal conditions), a Recreation Grade Garmin GPS unit (3 meter data collection accuracy under ideal conditions), or similar units. GPS data will be post-processed and exported from the GPS unit into Geographic Information System (GIS) compatible file format in an appropriate coordinate system using desktop software. The resulting GIS file will then be reviewed by both field staff and Licensee's relicensing GIS analyst. Metadata will be developed for deliverable GIS data sets.
- Licensee's field crews will record incidental observations of aquatic and wildlife species observed during the performance of this study. All incidental observations will be reported in the appropriate Licensee report (e.g., incidental observations of special-status fish recorded during fieldwork for the Special-Status Turtles Western Pond Turtle Study will be reported in Licensee's Stream Fish Populations Study report). The purpose of this effort is not to conduct a focus study (i.e., no effort in addition the specific field tasks identified for the specific study) or to make all field crews experts in identifying all species, but only to opportunistically gather data during the performance of the study.
- Field crews will be trained on and provided with materials (e.g., Quat) for decontaminating their boots, waders, and other equipment between study sites. Major concerns are amphibian chytrid fungus, and invasive invertebrates (e.g., zebra mussel, *Dreissena polymorpha*). This is of primary importance when moving: 1) between tributaries and mainstem reaches; 2) between basins (e.g. Middle Yuba River, Yuba River, and North Yuba River); and 3) between isolated wetlands or ponds and river or stream environments.

## 5.3 Study Methods

The study will be completed in the four steps: 1) identify monitoring sites; 2) install and maintain recorders and download data; 3) perform quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) of data; and 4) prepare report. Step 1 and Step 2 each has three components: 1) stream water temperature monitoring; 2) reservoir water temperature monitoring; and 3) meteorological monitoring. Each step is described below.

### 5.4.1 Step 1 - Identify Monitoring Sites

The locations at stream and reservoir water temperatures and metrological data will be collected are described below.

### 5.4.1.1 Stream Water Temperature

Table 5.3.1-1 below provides a list of 38 locations at which YCWA will maintain continuous water temperature recorders in streams. Many of these are locations where data have been collected, to the extent possible, continuous water temperature recorders will be co-located with existing United States Geological Survey (USGS) or YCWA stream flow gages.

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Project Reach	Location	Designation for Recorders <sup>1</sup>	River Mile	Latitude	Longitude	Period of Record	Streamflow Gage, if Co-Located <sup>3</sup>
MIDDLE YUBA RIVER							
	Upstream of Our House Diversion Dam Impoundment	T10a T10b	MYR 12.2	39.413015	-120.994590	3/28/09-9/6/10	
Our House	At Intake to Lohman Ridge Diversion Tunnel	T20	MYR 12.0	39.411910	-120.997427	7/3/08-6/6/10	USGS 11408870 (PG&E NY17)
Dam Reach	Downstream of Our House Diversion Dam	T30	MYR 11.9	39.410661	-120.998604	10/24/08-6/6/10	USGS 11408880 (PG&E NY18)
Oregon Creek Reach	Upstream of North Yuba River	T90a T90b	MYR 0.0	39.368639	-121.135658	8/19/08-12/18/08, 3/28/09- 9/6/10	
		ORI	EGON CREEK				
	Upstream of Log Cabin Diversion Dam Impoundment	T40	OC 4.3	39.440146	-121.056149	7/8/08-6/6/10	USGS 11409300 (PG&E NY19)
Log Cabin	At Intake to Camptonville Diversion Tunnel	T50	OC 4.1	39.440491	-121.058746	7/8/08-6/6/10	USGS 11409350 (PG&E NY30)
Dam Reach	Downstream of Log Cabin Diversion Dam	T60	OC 4.0	39.439455	-121.059264	8/30/08-6/6/10	USGS 11409400 (PG&E NY20)
NORTH YUBA RIVER							
	Upstream of New Bullards Bar Reservoir	Т65а Т65b	NYR 16.0	39.523728	-121.090972	1/1/08-5/18/10	
New	At Low Flow Releases from New Bullards Bar Dam	T70a T70b	NYR 2.3	39.392348	-121.141584	7/18/08-6/6/10	USGS 11413517 (PG&E NY23)
Dam Reach	Upstream of Middle Yuba River	T80a T80b	NYR 0.0	39.368694	-121.136793	8/19/08-12/18/08, 3/28/09- 9/6/10	
DOBBINS CREEK							
	At Lake Francis Outlet <sup>2</sup>	T140a T140b	DC 2.4	39.359171	-121.205168	4/2/09-9/6/10	
	Upstream of Yuba River	T145a T145b	DC 0.1	39.329735	-121.197641	4/2/09-9/6/10	
DRY CREEK							
	Upstream of Yuba River	T185a T185b	DryC 0.7	39.228930	-121.402270	4/1/09-9/11/10	
DEER CREEK							
	Upstream of Yuba River	T175a T175b	DeerC 0.9	39.224091	-121.269866	2/3/09-8/4/10	
YUBA RIVER							
Middle/	Downstream of Confluence of North Yuba River and Middle Yuba River	T100a T100b	YR 39.7	39.367839	-121.136655	8/19/08-12/18/08, 3/28/09- 9/6/10	
River Reach	Upstream of New Colgate Powerhouse	T110a T110b	YR 34.1	39.330602	-121.187675	8/19/08-12/18/08, 3/28/09- 9/6/10	

#### Table 5.3.1-1. Locations at which continuous water temperature data will be collected, including current data availability.

#### Table 5.4.1-1. (continued)

Project Reach	Location	Designation for Recorders <sup>1</sup>	River Mile	Latitude	Longitude	Period of Record	Streamflow Gage, if Co-Located <sup>3</sup>	
	YUBA RIVER (continued)							
	In Colgate Powerhouse Penstock	T120	YR 33.9	39.330824	-121.191565	1/1/08-8/8/10		
	Downstream of New Colgate Powerhouse	T130a T130b	YR 33.8	39.330260	-121.193169	8/19/08-12/18/08, 3/28/09- 9/6/10		
	Downstream of Dobbins Creek	T150a T150b	YR 33.6	39.328398	-121.196162	3/28/09-9/6/10		
	In Narrows #2 Powerhouse Penstock	T160a T160b	YR 23.9	39.238911	-121.270034	5/5/09-8/2/10	(PG&E NY24)	
New Colgate	Downstream of Narrows #2 Powerhouse at Smartville	T170	YR 23.6	39.235799	-121.272688	4/15/09-8/2/10	USGS 11419000 (PG&E NY28)	
Reach	Downstream of Narrows #2 Powerhouse at Smartville (data collected on 1-hr interval, rather than every 15 min)	Smartville a Smartville b Smartville c	YR 23.6	39.235799	-121.272688	WY2003 - 2007	USGS 11419000 (PG&E NY28)	
	Downstream of Deer Creek	T180a T180b	YR 22.7	39.230047	-121.285165	11/8/08-8/2/10		
	Downstream of Dry Creek	T190a T190b	YR 13.3	39.219611	-121.415128	11/8/08-3/9/09		
	Upstream of USACE's Daguerre Point Dam	T200a Y200b	YR 11.5	39.208009	-121.443116	11/8/08-9/9/10		
	At USACE's Daguerre Point Dam Fish Ladder	T210a T210b	YR 11.4	39.207853	-121.443529	11/18/08-9/7/10		
USACE's Daguerre Point Dam Reach	At USACE's Daguerre Point Dam Fish Ladder (data collected on 1-hr interval, rather than every 15 min)	Daguerre a Daguerre b Daguerre c	YR 11.4	39.208009	-121.443116	WY2003 – 2007		
	At Walnut Avenue (Near Western Extent of Yuba Goldfields)	T220a T220b	YR 8.1	39.188220	-121.495307	8/28/08-9/13/10		
	At Marysville Gage (data collected on 1-hr interval, rather than every 15 min)	Marysville a Marysville b Marysville c	YR 6.0	39.176164	-121.524386	WY2003 - 2007	USGS 11421000	
	Upstream of Simpson Lane (Between Yuba Goldfields and Marysville)	T230a T230b	YR 4.8	39.165328	-121.541350	8/28/08-9/13/10		
	At Marysville (Downstream of Highway 70 Bridge	T240a T240b	YR 0.7	39.134510	-121.590720	8/21/08-9/26/10		

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#### Table 5.4.1-1. (continued)

Project Reach	Location	Designation for Recorders <sup>1</sup>	River Mile	Latitude	Longitude	Period of Record	Streamflow Gage, if Co-Located <sup>3</sup>
	FEATHER RIVER						
	Upstream of Yuba River	T250a T250b		39.139425	-121.607282	8/15/08-9/26/10	
	Downstream of Yuba River on Right Bank	T260a T260b		39.108603	-121.603149	8/15/08-9/26/10	
	Downstream of Yuba River on Left Bank	T270a T270b		39.108594	-121.604663	8/19/08-9/26/10	

<sup>1</sup> YCWA has installed redundant water temperature recorders at all locations except locations that are co-located with secure USGS stream flow gages or secure penstock sites.
 <sup>2</sup> Water temperature data collected only when Lake Francis releases water.
 <sup>3</sup> Co-located means that a flow gage may be in the vicinity of the water temperature recorder, but possibly not at the exact location.

#### 5.4.1.2 Reservoir Water Temperature

Table 5.4.1-2 provides a list of locations at reservoir profiling will occur.

 Table 5.4.1-2.
 Reservoir profile locations by reservoir.
 Profiles taken about every 2 weeks from

 March through November, unless otherwise stated.

Reservoir	Location	Designation for Site	River Mile	Latitude	Longitude	Period of Record	
		NOR'	TH YUBA RIV	<b>ER</b>			
New Bullards Bar Reservoir	Approximately 100-200 feet upstream of center point of main dam	NY2.T455	NYR 2.3	39.397148	-121.135863	About Every 2 Weeks from March through November from 08/25/89 to 5/2010	
	YUBA RIVER						
USACE's Englebright Reservoir	Approximately 100-200 feet upstream of center point of main dam	NY14.T455	YR 24.0	39.240959	-121.268811	About Every 2 weeks from March through November from 01/24/90 to 5/2010	
USACE's Englebright Reservoir	Approximately3.3miles upstream of center point of main dam		YR 27.2	39.276111	-121.259497	About Every 2 weeks from March through November	

#### 5.4.1.3 Metrological Data

Table 5.4.1-3 identifies locations where YCWA or another party has installed and maintains a metrological station in the immediate vicinity of the Project.

Table 5.4.1-3	. Metrological	stations by	Project facility.
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Project Facility	Location	Designation for Site	Elevation <sup>1</sup>	Latitude	Longitude	Parameter	Date Installed
			MIDDL	E YUBA RIV	ER		
Our House Diversion Dam	On Right Abutment of Dam	OHD <sup>2</sup>	1,960 ft	39.4120°N	120.9964°W	Min, Max and Mean Daily Air Temp <sup>2</sup>	12/19/06 to Present
Duin	Dum					Precipitation <sup>2</sup>	12/19/06 to Present
			NORTH	I YUBA RIVI	ER		
New Bullards Bar Reservoir	On north bank about 0.25 ft Upstream of Dam	$BUD^3$	2,100 ft	39.3963°N	121.1439°W	Min, Max and Mean Daily Air Temp <sup>3</sup> Humidity <sup>3</sup> Wind Speed and Direction <sup>3</sup> Solar Radiation <sup>3</sup> Precipitation <sup>3</sup>	11/16/09 to Present 11/16/09 to Present 11/16/09 to Present 11/16/09 to Present 11/16/09 to Present
YUBA RIVER							
New Colgate Powerhouse	On Deck of Powerhouse	$CGT^4$	600 ft	39.3308°N	121.1900°W	Min, Max and Mean Daily Air Temp <sup>4</sup> Procinitation <sup>4</sup>	10/1/05 to Present

<sup>1</sup> National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1928.

These data are available on the California Data Exchange Center (CDEC) under the Station ID name of "OHD" (Our House Dam).

<sup>3</sup> These data are available on the California Data Exchange Center (CDEC) under the Station ID name of "BUD" (Bullards Bar).

<sup>4</sup> These data are available on the California Data Exchange Center (CDEC) under the Station ID name of "CGT" (Colgate Powerhouse).

### 5.4.2 Step 2 – Install and Maintain Recorders and Download Data

Methods that will be used to install and maintain recorders, and collect data are described below. In general, anecdotal information that will be collected during each field visit to collect water temperature data will include: 1) general description of the weather; 2) start and end time of data collection; 3) air temperature at the start and end time of data collection; 4) maximum water depth where the observation is recorded; and 5) additional general comments regarding the data collection process. In addition, during initial installation of each recorder, YCWA will prepare a narrative description of each site, including the specific locations of recorders, and has taken photographs of each location.

At this time. Licensee intends to remove all water temperature recorders above Englebright Reservoir in late October 2012. Prior to removing the recorders, License will consult with Relicensing Participants regarding the need to maintain any gages for the purpose of water temperature modeling (See the Water Temperature Modeling Study).

#### 5.4.2.1 Stream Water Temperature

Continuous water temperature will be recorded every 15 minutes at the 33 sites listed in Table 5.4-1: 22 are located within the active streams; 9 of these are co-located and are installed within USGS steam flow gaging structures; and two are located in powerhouse penstocks. In addition, YCWA will collect continuous water temperature on one-hour intervals at five locations, two of which are co-located with a USGS gage.

#### Water Temperature Recorders in the Active Channel

The stream water temperature recorders in the active flow channel will have 12-bit resolution with a minimum accuracy of  $+/-0.2^{\circ}$  C (i.e., Onset or equivalent). Each stream recorder will be contained in a durable protective housing that permits the active flow of water in and around the unit. Each stream recorder will be secured by a cable to a stable root mass, tree trunk or manmade structure, or secured using embedded rebar where necessary such that the recorder will be secured in the channel during high flow periods. The stream recorders will be installed in the channel thalweg, and the housing and cable will be disguised as much as possible while ensuring the ability to retrieve the unit for future downloads. A GPS coordinate will be taken and recorded at each installation point, along with any waypoints that may prove valuable for future retrieval, especially where there is not a defined trail leading to the access point. Photographs of the recorder site, including installation configuration, will be taken. Each recorder will be set to record water temperature at 15 minute intervals. Licensee will visit each recorder and downloads data at least monthly.

Prior to installation, each recorder will be numbered and calibrated to manufacturer's recommended specifications. Licensee will install a redundant water temperature recorder at each site. Redundant recorders will be located as close as possible to the primary recorders. Where a redundant recorder occurs, the primary recorder will be labeled with the recorder number for the site (*e.g.*, "T100") with the suffix "a" and the redundant recorder with the number for the site with the suffix as "b". Data from both recorders will be downloaded during each

scheduled visit. Data from higher elevation recorders subject to being snowbound or inaccessible due to high spring flows or requiring difficult access will be downloaded as soon as possible each spring and again prior to winter storms.

During each visit, Licensee will download data into an optic shuttle or directly to a personal computer. Immediately after the data are safely downloaded, back-ups will be recorded on compact disc (CD) or other suitable medium. Only after the raw water temperature data are safely backed-up will the optic shuttle be cleared or the data manipulated.

Prior to each download of data, a National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) traceable digital thermometer will be used to determine the water temperature at the recorder. The water temperature reading from the NIST-traceable thermometer will be compared to the last logger reading to check for accuracy drift of the recorder.

In addition, during each site visit, YCWA will be prepared to replace or fix a recorder installation. Should a recorder need to be replaced because it is missing or has failed, YCWA will be able to do so immediately to reduce the potential for additional data loss. Any recorder or optic shuttle that fails to download will be returned to the manufacturer for possible data recovery.

During each visit besides downloading data from the recorder, YCWA will also check equipment operation/calibration, battery life, and calibrate the instrument to manufacturer's specifications. After the recorder is removed from the water, it will be cleaned and visually inspected.

YCWA will maintain a record of all recorder installations and data downloads for a comparison between the NIST-traceable thermometer and recorder water temperature readings, and a record of any problems that were encountered in the field.

### Water Temperature Recorders at USGS Streamflow Gage Sites

As shown in Table 5.4-1, YCWA will maintain 11 continuous water temperature recorders at USGS stream flow gaging sites. Data will be collected hourly by means of a Waterlog H-350 XL Instrument. Gages will be maintained by YCWA through a contractor. Data is stored in a data logger and downloaded monthly.

### Water Temperature Recorders in Powerhouse Penstocks

YCWA will maintain two continuous water temperature recorders in powerhouse penstocks: one at the New Colgate Powerhouse and one at the Narrows 2 Powerhouse. Hourly temperature data will be collected by means of Honeywell Truline device, which trends the data on a chart-recorder and also transmits the data to the Narrows 2 Powerhouse Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system.

#### 5.4.2.2 Reservoir Water Temperature

Reservoir profiles will be taken at New Bullards Bar and USACE's Englebright reservoir at a target frequency of about every 2 weeks year round. Sampling will occur at one location near the dam in New Bullards Bar and in Englebright Reservoir, at one location near the dam and one location approximately 3.3 miles upstream of the dam. A GPS receiver will be used during each successive sampling occasion to locate the geographical coordinates of each sample site. Care will be taken to identify the same site for successive profiles where water conditions and GPS accuracy allow.

Prior to mid 2010, YCWA measured reservoir water temperature by use of a Fluke 50S K/J thermometer. The device was lowered in 10-ft intervals, allowed to stabilize, and then a recording was made. The maximum depth sampled in New Bullards Bar Rservoir was 300 ft or the bottom, whichever was less, and the maximum depth sampled in USACE's Englebright Reservoir was 100 ft or the bottom, whichever was less.

Beginning in mid 2010, Licensee will use a Hydrolab<sup>®</sup> DataSonde 5<sup>®</sup> multi-parameter water quality monitoring system (or equivalent) to measure water temperature  $(\pm 0.2^{\circ} \text{ C})$  and dissolved oxygen  $(\pm 0.2 \text{ milligrams per liter (mg/l)}$  at each of the reservoir sampling sites. Dissolved oxygen (DO) will be calibrated at each reservoir following the manufacturer's calibration protocols. Generally, measurements will be taken at 10-foot vertical increments where the change in temperature with respect to depth is low. Where the temperature gradient is higher or where measuring an interflow or an underflow, 5-foot or smaller vertical increment will be used. At each sample depth, the parameter readings will be allowed to stabilize before water temperature and DO will be recorded on the data sheet. When possible, profiling will occur up to a depth of about 300 feet or the bottom, whichever is less, in New Bullards Bar Reservoir, and 120 feet or the bottom, whichever is less, in USACE's Engelbright Reservoir.

Also beginning in mid 2010, Licensee will collect with each reservoir water temperature profile a Secchi disk depth reading as an indicator of water clarity and photic zone. Secchi depth readings will be taken by lowering a Secchi disc over the shaded side of the boat until the disc is no longer visible from the boat. The disk will then be raised until visible, at which location the depth of the disc will be recoded in tenths of a foot.

### 5.4.2.3 Metrological Data

The stations at Our House Diversion Dam, New Colgate Powerhouse and New Bullards Bar Dam are operated and maintained by the California Department of Water Resources (CDWR) with data collected by satellite. Hourly data is available on the CDEC website under OHD (Our House Dam), CGT (Colgate Powerhouse), and BUD (New Bullards Bar Dam).

### 5.4.3 Step 3 – Perform QA/QC Review of Data

Following data collection, YCWA will subject all data to a quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) procedures including, but not limited to: 1) checking field data sheets (*e.g.*, comparison of NIST-traceable thermometers and recorder readings) to be sure no corrections are needed; and

2) spot-checking data, 3) reviewing recorder readings and electronic data for completeness. The datasets will also be reviewed graphically to check for errors. If any datum seems inconsistent during the QA/QC procedure, YCWA will investigate the problem. Values that are determined to be anomalous will be removed from the database if the reason for the reading cannot be identified.

If data are unavailable for brief periods of the record, the missing data will be synthesized into the record using a straight line interpolation method, and the data will be indicated as "synthesized" in the record and all subsequent summaries.

The raw data files will be retained in their unaltered state for future QA/QC reference. And data modified in the final record will be so indicated in the record.

### 5.4.4 Step 4 – Prepare Report

At the conclusion of the study, YCWA will prepare a report that includes the following sections: 1) Study Goals and Objectives; 2) Methods; 3) Results; 4) Discussion; and 5) Description of Variances from the FERC-approved study proposal, if any. The report will include, in Microsoft Excel and DSD format, on compact disc (CD) all data in mean daily increments except for reservoir profile data that will be in instantaneous readings. The final report will also include plots of steam water temperature showing mean daily water temperatures over time with mean daily stream flow at as site nearby the monitoring site, if available. Plots of water temperature and DO reservoir profiles will also be included in the report.

## 6.0 <u>Study-Specific Consultation</u>

This study includes one study-specific consultation.

• Prior to removing all water temperature recorders above Englebright Reservoir in late October 2012, License will consult with Relicensing Participants regarding the need to maintain any gages for the purpose of water temperature modeling (See the Water Temperature Modeling Study). (Step 2).

# 7.0 <u>Schedule</u>

Licensee anticipates the schedule to complete the study as follows assuming the PAD is filed on November 1, 2010, and FERC issues its Study Determination by October 4, 2011:

Identify Sites and Install Recorders (Steps 1 & 2)	October 2011
Maintain Recorders and Download Data (Step 2)	November 2011 - Late October 2012
Data QA/QC (Step 3)	
Prepare Report (Step 4)	January & February 2013

# 8.0 <u>Consistency of Methodology with Generally Accepted</u> Scientific Practices

The methodologies described above for water temperature monitoring, reservoir profiling, and meteorological data collection are typical of recent relicensings in California.

## 9.0 <u>Level of Effort and Cost</u>

[Relicensing Participants – YCWA will include a cost range estimate for this study in its Proposed Study Plan. Licensee]

# 10.0 <u>References Cited</u>

- Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA). 2003. Draft Report and Health Advisory for Fish from Selected Water Bodies in the Bear River, South Yuba River, and Deer Creek Watersheds (Nevada, Placer, and Yuba Counties) a fact sheet by Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment - California Environmental Protection Agency. February <u>http://www.oehha.ca.gov/public\_info/facts/fishfacts.html</u>
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