## Anticipated Fieldwork Schedule<sup>1</sup> - August 2012 -

Resource Area	Study Name	Anticipated Field Schedule for Month	Running List of Variances to FERC-Approved Studies	Technical Memorandum Due Date
Geology & Soils	Channel Morphology Upstream of Englebright Reservoir (1.1)	<u>8/21</u> : Channel armoring sample collection at confluence of Middle Yuba River and north Yuba River	Variance #1 <sup>1</sup>	February 28, 2013 <sup>1</sup>
	Channel Morphology Downstream of Englebright Dam (1.2)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.		September 30, 2012
	Hydrologic Alteration (2.1)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.		September 30, 2012
	Water Balance/Operations Model (2.2)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.		September 30, 2012
	Water Quality (2.3)	8/27-8/31: Analytical sampling in stream reaches		September 30, 2013
Water Resources	Bioaccumulation (2.4)	Study complete.	Variance # 1 <sup>2</sup>	Technical Memorandum 2-4, <i>Bioaccumulation</i> , posted to Relicensing Website on June 4, 2012
	Water Temperature Monitoring (2.5)	<u>8/1-8/30</u> : Collect water temperature profiles in New Bullards Bar and Englebright reservoirs and check (e.g., monitor and download) continuous water temperature recorders.		February 28, 2013
	Water Temperature Model (2.6)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.		September 30, 2012
	Aquatic Macroinvertebrates Upstream of Englebright Reservoir (3.1)	Fieldwork complete.		September 30, 2012
	Aquatic Macroinvertebrates Downstream of Englebright Dam (3.2)	Fieldwork complete.		September 30, 2012
	Special-Status Aquatic Mollusks (3.3)	Fieldwork complete.		September 30, 2012
Aquatic Resources	Special-Status Amphibians – Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog Surveys (3.4)	<u>8/20-8/25</u> : VES surveys on Middle Yuba River and North Yuba River.		September 30, 2012
	Special-Status Amphibians – Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog Habitat Modeling (3.5)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.	Variance # 1 <sup>3</sup>	September 30, 2013
	Special-Status Turtles – Western Pond Turtle (3.6)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.		September 30, 2012
	Reservoir Fish Populations (3.7)	Fieldwork complete.		September 30, 2012
	Stream Fish Populations Upstream of Englebright Reservoir (3.8)	No fieldwork scheduled this month		September 30, 2013
	Non-ESA-Listed Fish Populations Downstream of Englebright Dam (3.9)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.		September 30, 2012

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This fieldwork schedule is YCWA's best estimate at this time and is subject to modification by YCWA or HDR|DTA without prior notice. Any Relicensing Participant interested in observing fieldwork listed above should contact Jim Lynch at least one week in advance of the scheduled fieldwork at (916) 564-4214 Extension 581 or james.lynch@hdrinc.com, who will coordinate with the participant to the extent possible.

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## **Anticipated Fieldwork Schedule (continued)**

Resource Area	Study Name	Anticipated Field Schedule for Month	Running List of Variances to FERC-Approved Studies	Technical Memorandum Due Date
Aquatic Resources (continued	Instream Flow Upstream of Englebright Reservoir (3.10)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.	Variance # $1^4$ Variance # $2^5$	February 28, 2013 <sup>5</sup>
	Entrainment (3.11)	Fish sampling will begin in late August or early September. Installation of PIT antennas is expected in August, but will be based on fabrication and coordination with YCWA for acceptable timeline.		October 31, 2013
	New Colgate Powerhouse Ramping (3.12)	<u>8/24-25</u> : Two days of sampling during this week; actual field day contingent on instream flow coordination		September 30, 2012
Wildlife Resources	Special-Status Wildlife – California Wildlife Habitat Relationships (4.1)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.		September 30, 2012
	Special-Status Wildlife – Bats (4.2)	<u>8/22</u> : Download LTAMs.	Variance # 1 <sup>6</sup>	October 30, 2012
Botanical Resources	Special-Status Plants (5.1)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.	Variance # 1 <sup>7</sup>	September 30, 2012
Wetlands, Riparian	Riparian Habitat Upstream of Englebright Reservoir (6.1)	<u>8/13-8/17 &amp; 8/20–8/25:</u> Perform riparian vegetation transects.		September 30, 2012
& Littoral Habitats	Riparian Habitat Downstream of Englebright Dam (6.2)	<u>8/6–8/11:</u> Perform cottonwood coring.		February 28, 2013
Habitats	Wetlands (6.3)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.		September 30, 2012
	ESA-Listed Plants (7.1)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.	Variance # 1 <sup>7</sup>	September 30, 2012
	Narrows 2 Powerhouse Intake (7.2)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.		September 30, 2013
	ESA-Listed Amphibians – California Red-Legged Frog (7.3)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.	Variance # 1 <sup>8</sup>	October 31, 2014
	ESA-Listed Wildlife – Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle (7.4)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.	Variance # 1 <sup>7</sup>	September 30, 2012
	CESA-Listed Plants (7.5)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.	Variance # 1 <sup>7</sup>	September 30, 2012
Threatened, Endangered & Fully Protected Species	CESA-Listed and Fully Protected Wildlife – California Wildlife Habitat Relationships (7.6)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.		September 30, 2012
	CESA-Listed and Fully Protected Wildlife – Bald Eagle (7.7)	Fieldwork complete.		September 30, 2012
	ESA/CESA-Listed Salmonids Downstream of Englebright Dam (7.8)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.		September 30, 2012
	North American Green Sturgeon Downstream of Englebright Dam (7.9)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.		September 30, 2012
	Instream Flow Downstream of Englebright Dam (7.10)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.		September 30, 2012

Resource Area	Study Name	Anticipated Field Schedule for Month	Running List of Variances to FERC-Approved Studies	Technical Memorandum Due Date	
Threatened, Endangered & Fully Protected Species (continued)	Fish Behavior and Hydraulics Near Narrows 2 Powerhouse (7.11)	<u>8/6-8/10</u> : Snorkel surveys. <u>8/16-8/20</u> : Infrequent operational change survey, including use of DIDSON and snorkeling.		TBD (Under FERC Review)	
	Evaluation of Project Effects on Daguerre Point Dam and Hallwood- Cordua Fish Facilities (7.12)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.		September 30, 2012	
Recreation Resources	Recreation Use and Visitor Surveys (8.1)	<ul> <li><u>8/1, 8/12, 8/25 &amp; 8/27</u>: Recreational use and visitor surveys at New Bullards Bar Reservoir and diversion dams.</li> <li><u>8/25 &amp; 8/30</u>: Recreational use and visitor surveys at New Bullards Bar Reservoir boat-in campgrounds.</li> </ul>		March 31, 2013	
	Recreational Flow (8.2)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.		September 30, 2013	
Land Use	Primary Project Roads and Trails (9.1)	1) No fieldwork scheduled this month.		September 30, 2012	
Aesthetic Resources	Visual Quality (10.1)	Study complete.		Technical Memorandum 10-1, Visual Quality, posted to Relicensing Website on July 31, 2012	
Cultural Resources	Historic Properties Study (12.1)	No fieldwork scheduled this month.		September 30, 2012	
Tribal Interests	Native American Traditional Cultural Properties (12.2)	Tribal site visit to be conducted in August. Dates TBD.		September 30, 2012	

## **Anticipated Fieldwork Schedule (continued)**

The FERC-approved *Channel Morphology Upstream of Englebright Reservoir* Study (Study 1.1) included a completion schedule of September 2012. In a Relicensing Participant meeting on April 12, 2012, the Forest Service, USFWS, CDFG and SWRCB requested that YCWA delay the High target calibration flows for Study 3.10, Instream Flow Upstream of Englebright Reservoir, from late spring 2012 to fall 2012. Study 1.1 relies on data from Study 3.10 and, therefore, completion of Study 1.1 will be delayed form September 2012 to February 2013. Additionally, the tracer rock component of Study 1.1 was not able to capture a high flow event in spring 2012. YCWA will attempt to capture a high flow event in fall 2012.

<sup>2</sup> The FERC-approved *Bioaccumulation Study* (Study 2.4) required, among other things, that YCWA collect 9 brown trout and 9 rainbow trout from each of Our House and Log Cabin diversion dam impoundments and analyze each for methylmercury bioaccumulation. CDFG's Moss Landing lab visited the impoundments during the week of September 19, 2011 and collected the target number of rainbow trout at each impoundment, but did not find any brown trout, and suggested an additional effort would not be worthwhile. YCWA consulted with SWRCB on September 26, 2011 and it was agreed an additional effort was not needed, but if YCWA collected brown trout in the impoundments during the relicensing Fish Populations Upstream of Englebright Reservoir Study (Study 3.8), up to 9 brown trout from each reservoir would be preserved and analyzed for methylmercury bioaccumulation and the results included in the Bioaccumulation Technical Memorandum. In a July 31, 2012 e-mail, the Forest Service on behalf of the Forest Service, UFSWS, CDFG and SWRCB, revised the SWRCB's request such that any brown trout collected in Our House and Log Cabin diversion dam impoundments during the relicensing Fish Populations Upstream of Englebright Reservoir Study (Study 3.8) be PIT tagged for the Entrainment Study and not be sacrificed for the Bioaccumulation Study. YCWA agreed.

<sup>3</sup> The FERC-approved *Special Status Amphibians – Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog Habitat Modeling Study* (Study 3.5) included, among other things, that YCWA develop the hydraulic model using a High-High calibration flow of 600 cfs in the Middle Yuba and 150 cfs in Oregon Creek. In a Relicensing Participant meeting on April 12, 2012, the Forest Service, USFWS, CDFG, SWRCB, and YCWA agreed to remove these High-High target calibration flows from Study 3.5.

<sup>4</sup> The FERC-approved *Instream Flow Upstream of Englebright Reservoir* Study (Study 3.5) included, among other things, that YCWA develop the hydraulic model using a High-High calibration flow of 600 cfs in the Middle Yuba and 150 cfs in Oregon Creek. In a Relicensing Participant meeting on April 12, 2012, the Forest Service, USFWS, CDFG, SWRCB, and YCWA agreed to remove the High-High target calibration flows from Study 3.10.

<sup>5</sup> The FERC-approved *Instream Flow Upstream of Englebright Reservoir* Study (Study 3.5) included a completion schedule of September 2012. In a Relicensing Participant meeting on April 12, 2012, the Forest Service, USFWS, CDFG and SWRCB requested that YCWA schedule the High target calibration flows for Study 3.10 from late spring 2012 to fall 2012. Postponement of data collection as requested will necessitate a Study variance for Study completion from the end of September 2012 to the end of Februeary 2013.

<sup>6</sup> The FERC-approved *Special-Status Wildlife – Bats Study* (Study 4.2) requires that all Long Term Acoustic Monitoring (LTAM) Sites be monitored from early April through the end of October. Upon review of the New Bullards Bar Dam LTAM data recorded in April 2012, it appeared that the SD card used to store the files was corrupt, which resulted in the loss of some data. New SD cards were ordered for all LTAM equipment and are expected to arrive between May 8-10, 2012. On May 11, 0212, YCWA replaced all SD cards to avoid similar problems.

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<sup>7</sup> The FERC-approved Special-Status Plants Study (Study 5.1), ESA-Listed Plants Study (Study 7.1), ESA-Listed Wildlife – Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle Study (Study 7.4), and CESA-Listed Plants Study (Study 7.5) required, among other things, that YCWA perform botanical surveys within the FERC Project Boundary. After consultation with the Forest Service, it was agreed YCWA would not enter within 330 fete of a known bald eagle nesting site on New Bullard Bar Reservoir, in conformance with the National Bald Eagle Management Plan (2007). It was agreed this portion of the FERC Project Boundary would not be surveyed for plants.

<sup>8</sup> The FERC-approved *ESA-Listed Amphibians – California Red-Legged Frog Study* (Study 7.3) includes a Site Assessment Report scheduled for completion in June 2012. The Site Assessment Report will be provided in August 2012.

## Anticipated Target Flows To Perform Studies If Different Than Normal Flows - August 2012 –

Resource Area	Study Name	Anticipated Flow Schedule If Different Than Normal Flows
Aquatic Resources	New Colgate Powerhouse Ramping (3.12)	$\frac{8/24 - 8/25}{8}$ : Ramping study requested that the Colgate PH change flows from 3,260 cfs to 1,570 cfs, and from 1,570 cfs to 100 cfs.