

YUBA WATER AGENCY



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA)/NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION COTTAGE CREEK DAM MODIFICATION PROJECT

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, YWA prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the Cottage Creek Dam Modification Project.

Project Title: Cottage Creek Dam Modification Project

Project Location: The Proposed Project is located in northeastern Yuba County, approximately 30 miles northeast of Yuba City, at an approximate elevation of 2,000 feet, within and directly adjacent to the Tahoe National Forest. The project site is located adjacent to the Emerald Cove Marina and New Bullards Bar Dam and Reservoir.

Project Description: The Proposed Project consists of removing the existing corrugated metal pipe spillway and downstream culvert, excavating a portion of the dam down to a lower elevation, and installing a large concrete box culvert that would be sized to pass all Cottage Creek flows downstream past the Cottage Creek Dam and into New Bullards Bar Reservoir (approximately 1/4 mile downstream of the Cottage Creek Dam). These actions would result in the drainage of the existing Cottage Creek Reservoir. The existing Cottage Creek Reservoir would no longer capture water, but water would continue to move through the area and the former reservoir would function as a wetland.

Environmental Review and Public Comment: The circulation of the Draft IS/MND is to encourage written public comments. Interested persons can review the Draft IS/MND at the following physical location:

**Yuba County
Yuba County Clerk
915 8th Street
Suite 107
Marysville, CA 95901**

The Draft IS/MND can be accessed online at the following location:

<https://www.yubawater.org/326/Public-Notices>

To request a PDF version of the document please contact Keith Whitener at:

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The comment period on the IS/MND closes on September 24, 2020 at 5:00 PM.

Please submit comments to Jacob Vander Meulen, YWA Environmental Compliance Officer at:

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or

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Intent to Consider Adoption of MND: On October 6, 2020 at 9:00 am, the Yuba Water Agency will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project pursuant to CEQA. The hearing will be held via Zoom. Join the Zoom meeting using the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/95033968981?pwd=RmE2RkVWR0pISnFQZ1g3MCS3OXdEZz09>

or dial:

1-669-900-6833
Meeting ID: 950 3396 8981
Passcode: 072087