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SCH #: 2024061139

Project Title: Yuba-Bear Hydroelectric Project FERC Relicensing

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Project Location: Colfax
City

Sierra, Nevada, and Placer counties
County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

NID owns and operates the Yuba-Bear Hydroelectric Project. NID proposes to renew the existing FERC license for hydropower facilities associated with the Yuba-Bear Project. The Proposed Project consists of acceptance and implementation of the new FERC license and continued operation and maintenance of the project pursuant to the terms and conditions contained in the new license. NID would accept a new FERC license in order to: continue to operate, maintain, and manage the existing Yuba-Bear Hydroelectric Project facilities; remove from licensed facilities a segment of Chicago Park Forebay Road and the unnamed recreation road that provides access to the Jackson Meadows administrative site; construct a new proposed powerhouse (the Rollins upgrade) that would be located within the existing FERC Project Boundary on NID-owned land adjacent to the existing Rollins Powerhouse; construct and rehabilitate existing facilities at the following recreation areas: Jackson Meadows reservoir, Milton diversion impoundment, Bowman Lake, Sawmill Lake, Canyon Creek, Dutch Flat No. 2 forebay, and Dutch Flat afterbay; make minor modifications to the existing FERC Project Boundary; and implement the other terms and conditions in the new license.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Biological Resources: MM-BIO-1 Biologist Review; MM-BIO-2 Biological Monitor; MM-BIO-3 Minimizing Footprint; MM-PLANT-1 Special-status Plant Surveys; MM-PLANT-2 Special-status Plant Avoidance; MM-BEE-1 Western Bumble Bee Nest Avoidance; MM-BEE-2 Western Bumble Bee Habitat Replacement; MM-MON-1 Milkweed Mapping; MM-MON-2 Milkweed Avoidance; MM-AQUATICS-1 Stranded/Entrained Aquatic Species Rescue and Salvage; MM-AQUATICS-2 No Net Loss of Listed Frog Habitat; MM-BIRDS-1 Migratory Bird and Raptor Surveys; MM-BIRDS-2 Nest Avoidance; MM-COMMS-1 Riparian, Wetlands, and Aquatic Resources Management; and MM-COMMS-2 No Net Loss of Sensitive Communities.

Geology and Soils: MM-GEO-1 Discovery of Paleontological Resources.

Recreation: MM-BIO-1; MM-BIO-2; MM-BIO-3; MM-PLANT-1; MM-PLANT-2; MM-BEE-1; MM-BEE-2; MM-MON-1; MM-MON-2; MM-AQUATICS-1; MM-AQUATICS-2; MM-BIRDS-1; MM-BIRDS-2; MM-COMMS-1; MM-COMMS-2; MM-GEO-1; and MM-TCR-1.

Tribal Cultural Resources: MM-TCR-1 Discovery of Tribal Cultural Resources.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

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