



## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE YUBA-BEAR HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT FERC RELICENSING**

Nevada Irrigation District (NID) has prepared a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Supplemental Analysis in an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) format, to provide the public, responsible agencies, and trustee agencies with information about the potential environmental effects of renewing the Yuba-Bear Hydroelectric Project (Proposed Project) – Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 2266 under the Federal Power Act (FPA). This multi-purpose project provides flood control in the Middle Yuba, South Yuba, and Bear rivers; helps to meet NID water demands; improves recreation and enhances environmental resources in the Middle Yuba, South Yuba, and Bear rivers; and provides clean, renewable energy to California. 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.

The Draft CEQA Supplemental Analysis relies on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) prepared by FERC in December 2014. The Draft CEQA Supplemental Analysis IS/MND found that implementation of the Proposed Project may result in potentially significant environmental impacts to: biological resources; geology and soils; recreation; and, tribal cultural resources. However, with the implementation of mitigation measures, any potentially significant environmental impacts of the Proposed Project would be reduced to less than significant levels as described in the Draft CEQA Supplemental Analysis IS/MND.

The Draft CEQA Supplemental Analysis IS/MND is being circulated for public review and comment for a 30-day period starting on June 17, 2025 through July 16, 2025. Comments on the Draft CEQA Supplemental Analysis IS/MND must be received in writing via e-mail or U.S. mail to the contact listed below by 5:00pm on July 16, 2025. For e-mailed comments, please include the project title in the subject line and include the commenter's name and U.S. Postal Service mailing address.

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During the 30-day public review period, the Draft CEQA Supplemental Analysis IS/MND will be available for review on the CEQAnet web portal at: <https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/> and on the NID webpage at: <https://www.nidwater.com/yuba-bear-project>.

Sincerely,

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