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SCH # 2024061139**Project Title:** Yuba-Bear Hydroelectric Project FERC Relicensing

Lead Agency: Nevada Irrigation District

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City: Grass Valley

Zip: 95945

County: Nevada County

Project Location: County: Sierra, Nevada, and Placer counties City/Nearest Community: Colfax

Cross Streets: Zip Code: 95945

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): ° ' " N / ° ' " W Total Acres: 6,252.6

Assessor's Parcel No.: Various

Section: Twp.: Range: Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 174, 80, 20

Waterways: Middle Yuba, South Yuba, and Bear Rivers

Airports:

Railways:

Schools:

Document Type:CEQA: ☐ NOP☐ Draft EIRNEPA: ☐ NOIOther: ☐ Joint Document☐ Early Cons☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR☐ EA☐ Final Document☐ Neg Dec

(Prior SCH No.)

☐ Draft EIS☐ Other:☒ Mit Neg Dec

Other:

☐ FONSI**Local Action Type:**☐ General Plan Update☐ Specific Plan☐ Rezone☐ Annexation☐ General Plan Amendment☐ Master Plan☐ Prezone☐ Redevelopment☐ General Plan Element☐ Planned Unit Development☐ Use Permit☐ Coastal Permit☐ Community Plan☐ Site Plan☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)☒ Other: FERC Relicense**Development Type:**☐ Residential: Units

Acres

☐ Office: Sq.ft.

Acres

Employees

☐ Transportation: Type☐ Commercial: Sq.ft.

Acres

Employees

☐ Mining: Mineral☐ Industrial: Sq.ft.

Acres

Employees

☒ Power: Type Hydroelectric MW 79.32☐ Educational:☐ Waste Treatment: Type MGD☒ Recreational: 6 existing and 7 new recreation facilities☐ Hazardous Waste: Type☐ Water Facilities: Type

MGD

☐ Other:**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**☒ Aesthetic/Visual☐ Fiscal☒ Recreation/Parks☒ Vegetation☒ Agricultural Land☒ Flood Plain/Flooding☒ Schools/Universities☒ Water Quality☒ Air Quality☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard☒ Septic Systems☒ Water Supply/Groundwater☒ Archeological/Historical☒ Geologic/Seismic☒ Sewer Capacity☒ Wetland/Riparian☒ Biological Resources☒ Minerals☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading☒ Growth Inducement☐ Coastal Zone☒ Noise☒ Solid Waste☒ Land Use☒ Drainage/Absorption☒ Population/Housing Balance☒ Toxic/Hazardous☐ Cumulative Effects☐ Economic/Jobs☒ Public Services/Facilities☒ Traffic/Circulation☐ Other:**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Various: agriculture, forest, public, open space, recreation, resort and timberland production zone

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

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.
- Implement the other terms and conditions in the new license.

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☐ Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy
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☐ Colorado River Board
☐ Conservation, Department of
☐ Corrections, Department of
☐ Delta Protection Commission
☐ Education, Department of
☒ Energy Commission
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☒ SWRCB: Water Quality
☐ SWRCB: Water Rights
☐ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
☐ Toxic Substances Control, Department of
☒ Water Resources, Department of

Other: _____
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date June 17, 2025 Ending Date July 16, 2025

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____ Applicant: Nevada Irrigation District
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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 6/16/2025

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.