# Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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**SCH #** 2024101277

**Project Title:** Yuba River Development Project and the Narrows Hydroelectric Project FERC Relicensings

Lead Agency: Yuba County Water Agency | Contact Person: John James

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City: Marysville | Zip: 95901 | County: Yuba

**Project Location:** County: Yuba, Sierra, Nevada | City/Nearest Community: Marysville

Cross Streets: Marysville Road | Zip Code: 95901

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 39 ° 23 ′ 56.43 ″ N / 121 ° 08 ′ 35.41 ″ W Total Acres: Approx. 1,500

Assessor's Parcel No.: N/A | Section: | Twp.: | Range: | Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 49 | Waterways: Yuba River, New Bullards Bar Reservoir

Airports: None | Railways: None | Schools: None

**Document Type:**

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☐ Early Cons ☐ Neg Dec ☐ Mit Neg Dec ☒ Draft EIR ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR (Prior SCH No.) ☐ Other:

NEPA: ☐ NOI ☐ EA ☐ Draft EIS ☐ FONSI

Other: ☐ Joint Document ☐ Final Document ☐ Other:

**Local Action Type:**

☐ General Plan Update ☐ General Plan Amendment ☐ General Plan Element ☐ Community Plan
☐ Specific Plan ☐ Master Plan ☐ Planned Unit Development ☐ Site Plan
☐ Rezone ☐ Prezone ☐ Use Permit ☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)
☐ Annexation ☐ Redevelopment ☐ Coastal Permit ☒ Other: FERC Relicensing

**Development Type:**

☐ Residential: Units Acres
☐ Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
☐ Educational:
☒ Recreational: New and upgraded campgrounds and boat launches
☐ Water Facilities: Type MGD
☐ Transportation: Type
☐ Mining: Mineral
☒ Power: Type hydropower MW 360
☐ Waste Treatment: Type MGD
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type
☐ Other:

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

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

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Timberland Preserve, Forest, Agricultural, Rural Residential, Rural, Recreational

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

The YRDP is located in Yuba, Sierra and Nevada Counties, on the main stems of the Yuba River, the North Yuba River and the Middle Yuba River, and on Oregon Creek, a tributary to the Middle Yuba River. The Narrows Project is located near Englebright Dam in unincorporated Nevada County. Yuba Water has applied for relicensing of both the YRDP and the Narrows Project to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), each for a 50-year term, that would allow for the continued operations and maintenance of the existing YRDP and Narrows Project hydropower facilities. As part of the new license, the YRDP proposes to construct a new Tailwater Depression System at the New Colgate Powerhouse, install outlet pipes at the Our House and Log Cabin Diversion Dams, and replace an existing gate at the Lohman Ridge Diversion Tunnel connecting the two diversion dams. The YRDP also proposes to improve existing recreation facilities at New Bullards Bar Reservoir, plus add two new campground areas, a picnic site, and a trail. Yuba Water does not propose any changes to the existing Narrows Project works or facilities, and no new facilities are proposed. Both projects would have changes to license conditions affecting issues such as biological resources and cultural resources.

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| x | Boating & Waterways, Department of | | Office of Public School Construction |
| x | California Emergency Management Agency | x | Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| | California Highway Patrol | | Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| x | Caltrans District # 3 | x | Public Utilities Commission |
| | Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | x | Regional WQCB # 5 |
| | Caltrans Planning | x | Resources Agency |
| x | Central Valley Flood Protection Board | | Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of |
| | Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy | | S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm. |
| | Coastal Commission | | San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| | Colorado River Board | | San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| x | Conservation, Department of | | Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy |
| | Corrections, Department of | x | State Lands Commission |
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| x | Energy Commission | | SWRCB: Water Rights |
| x | Fish & Game Region # 2 | | Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
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| | General Services, Department of | | |
| | Health Services, Department of | | Other: |
| | Housing & Community Development | | Other: |
| x | Native American Heritage Commission | | |

**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

Starting Date August 1, 2025 Ending Date September 15, 2025

**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

Consulting Firm: _____ Applicant: _____
Address: _____ Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: _____ Phone: _____
Phone: _____

**Signature of Lead Agency Representative:** _____ John James **Date:** 08/01/25

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