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Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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☒ County Clerk
County of: Yuba
Address: 915 8th Street, Suite 107
Marysville, CA 95901

From:

Public Agency: Yuba County Water Agency
Address: 1220 F Street
Marysville, CA 95901
Contact: John James
Phone: 530-741-5000

Lead Agency (if different from above): _____
Address: _____
Contact: _____
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2024101277

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

Project Applicant: Yuba County Water Agency

Project Location (include county): Yuba, Nevada, and Sierra Counties, CA (see attached Figs. 1 and 2)

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Signature (Public Agency): Jacob Vander Maaten Title: Environmental Manager

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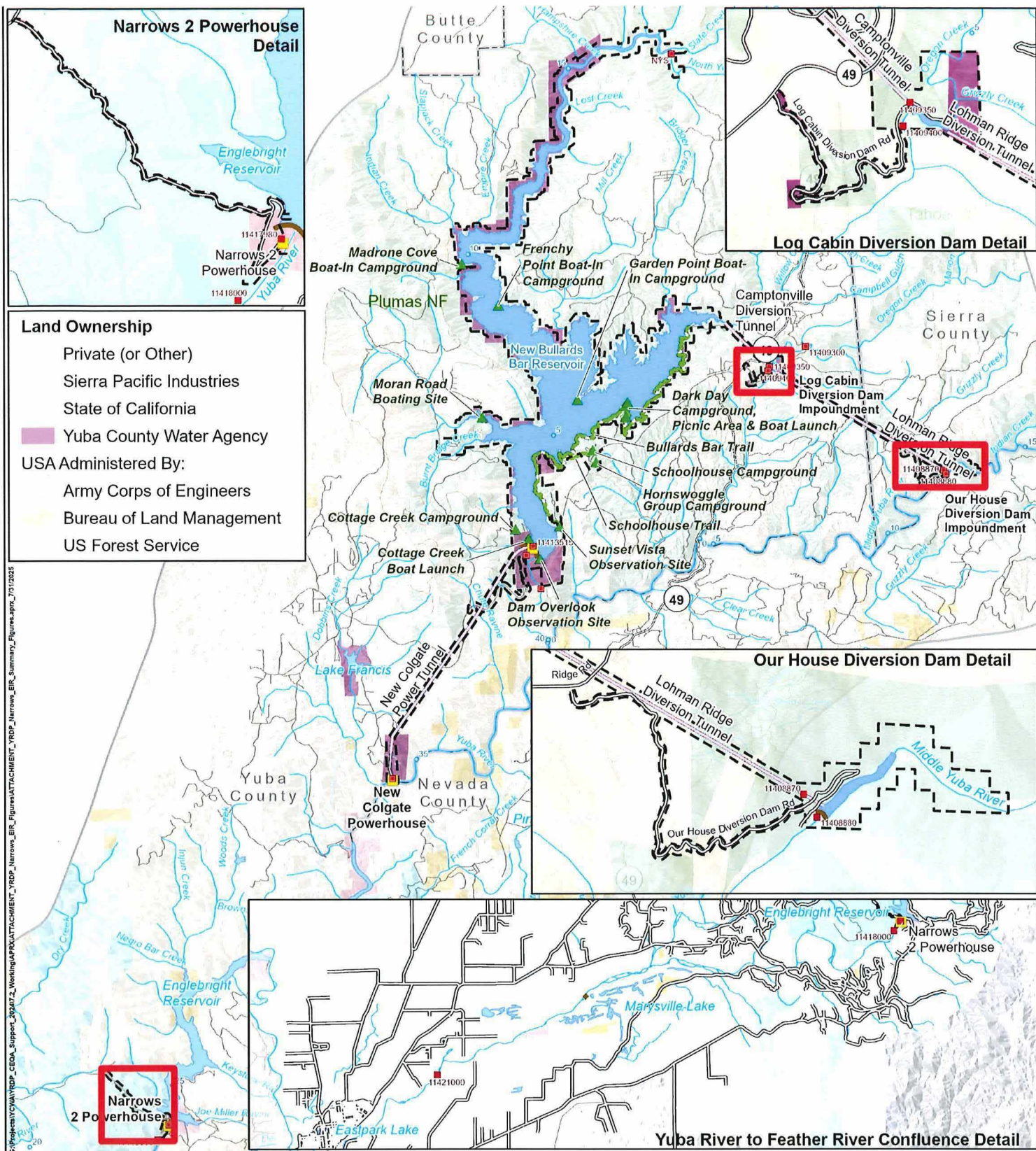
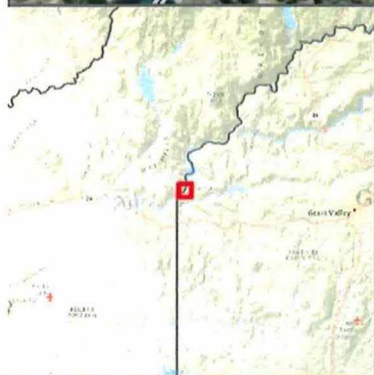
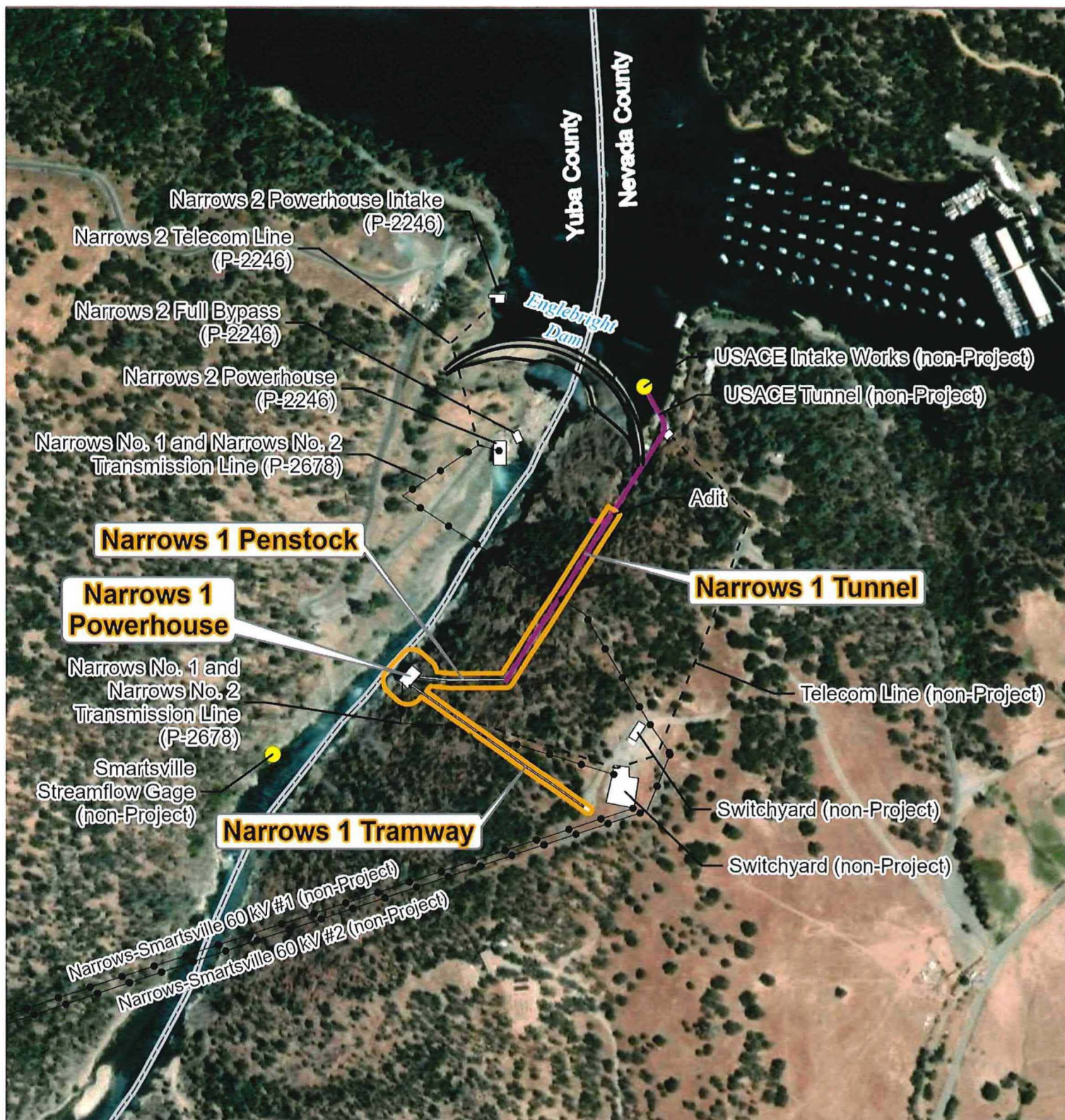


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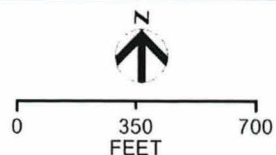


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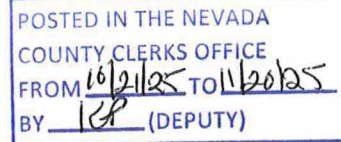
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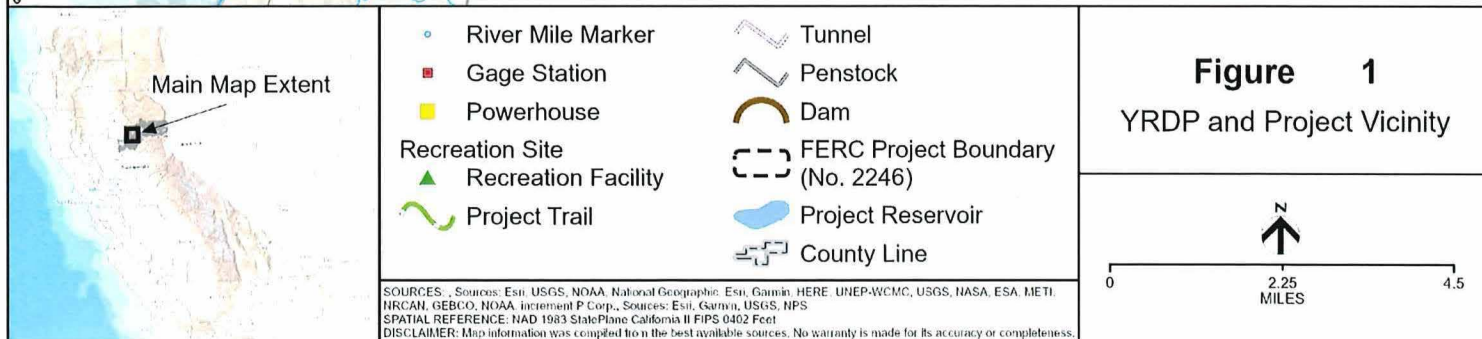
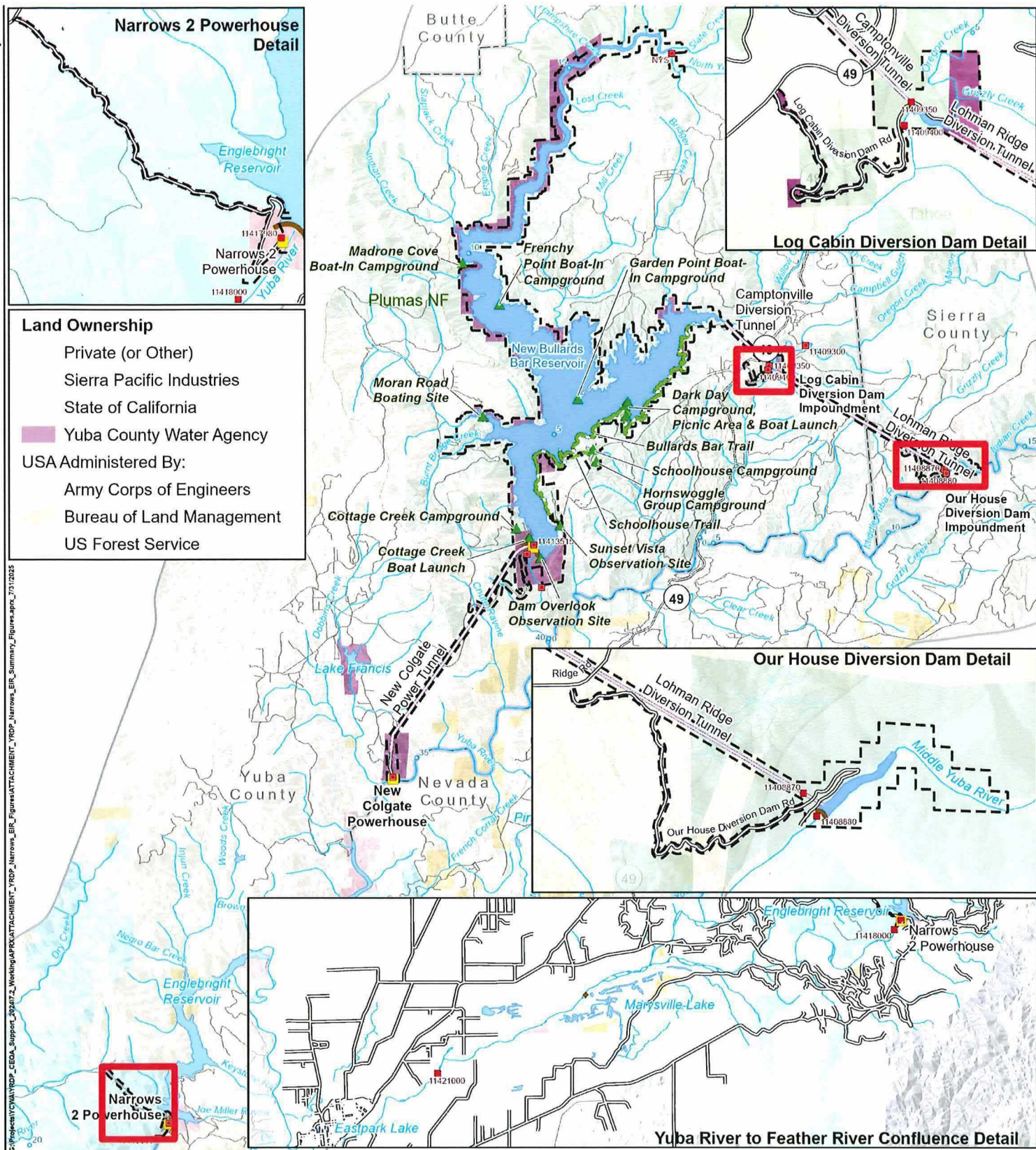
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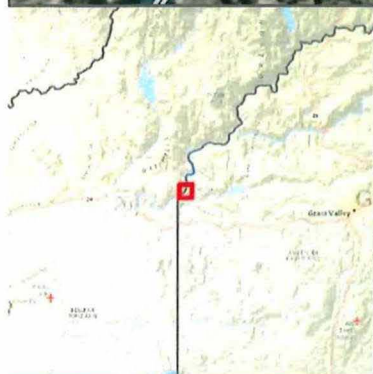
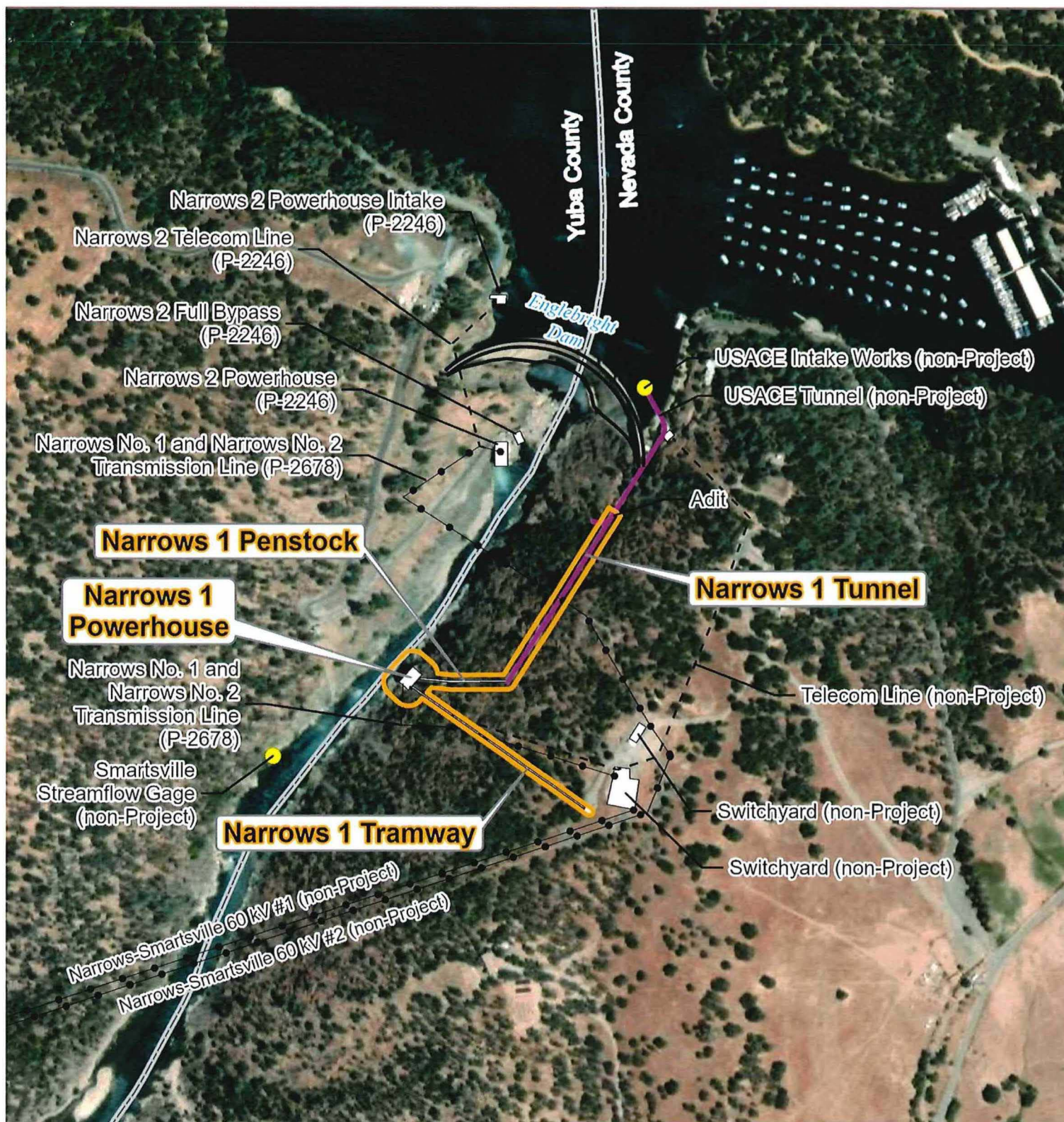
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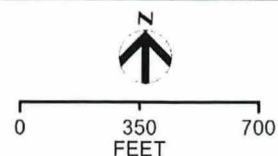


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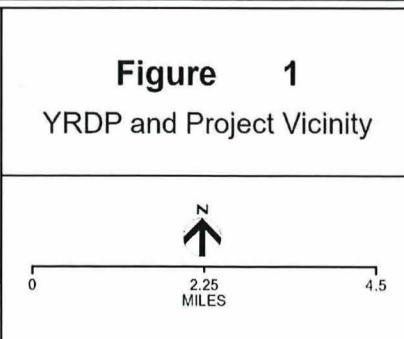
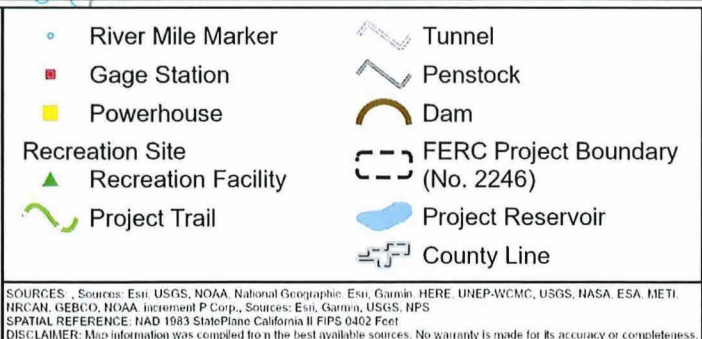
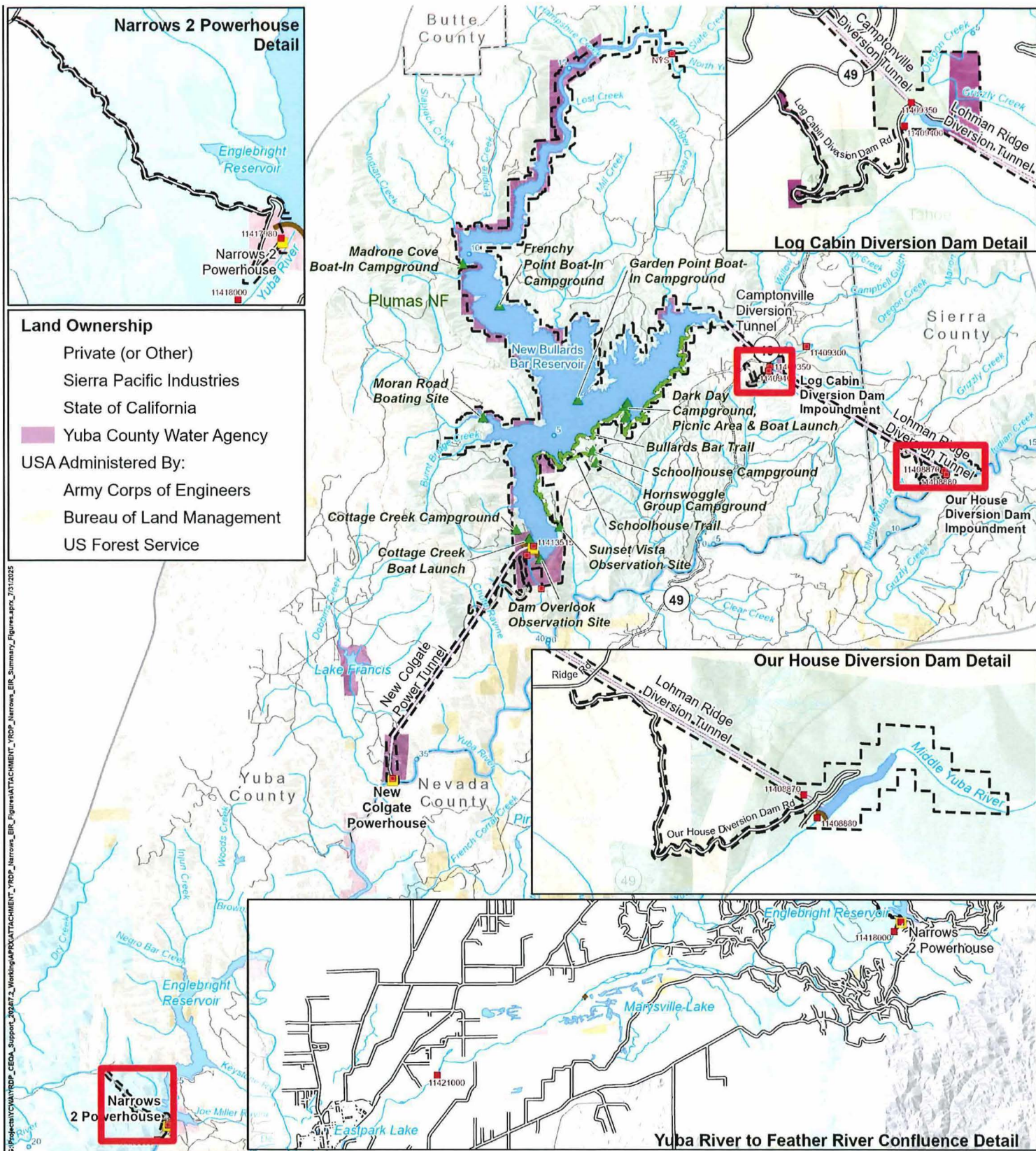
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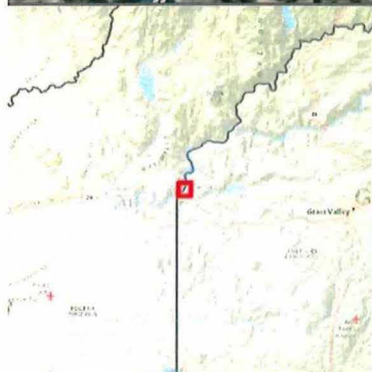
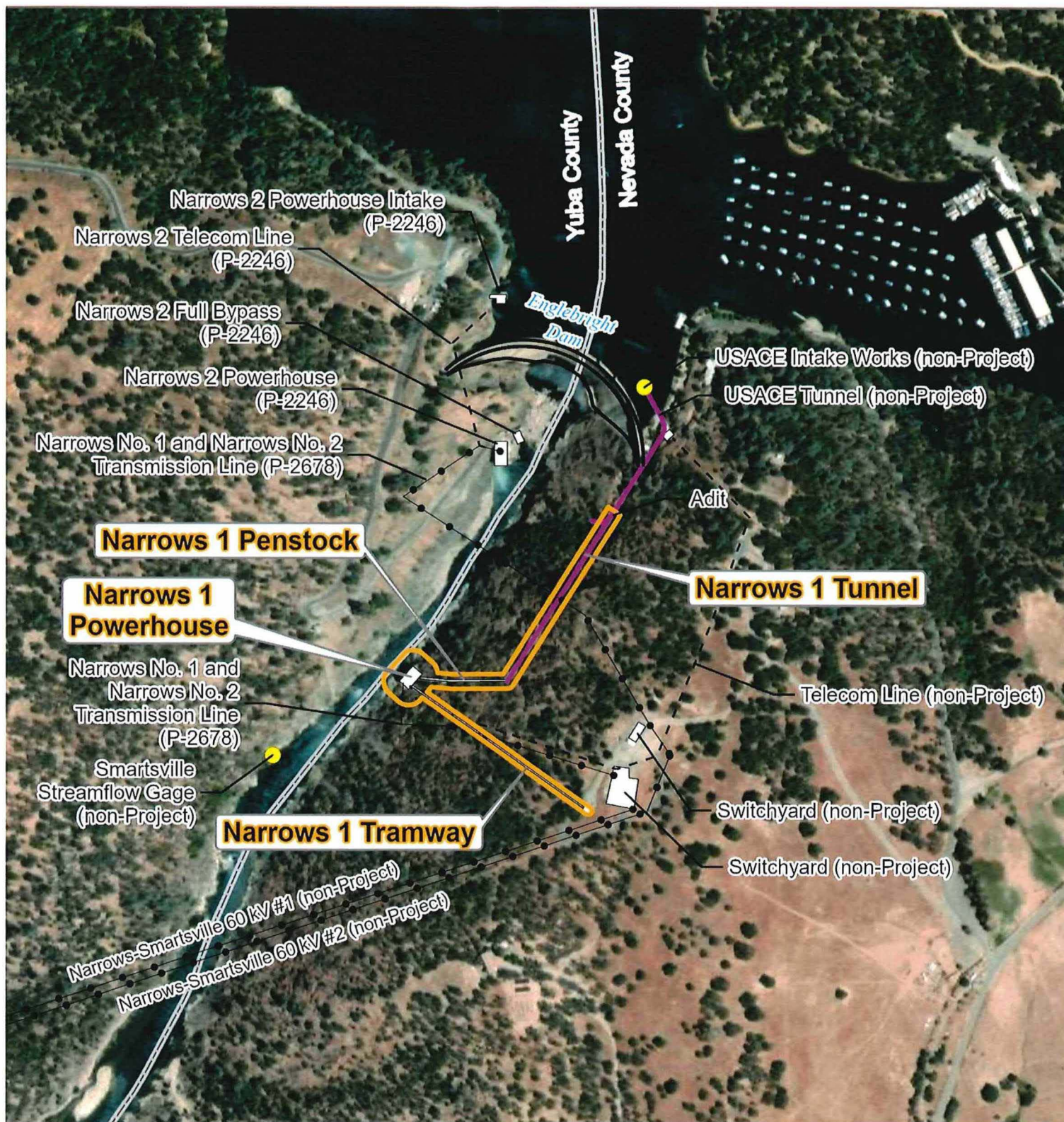
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The Yuba Water Board of Directors has authorized the acceptance of a new FERC license for the YRDP, should FERC ultimately issue a license including the same terms and conditions described in the EIR for either the proposed new YRDP license or for the YRDP license under Alternative 1. The Board has also authorized the acceptance of a new FERC license for the Narrows Project, should FERC ultimately issue a license including the same terms and conditions described in the EIR for the proposed new Narrows Project license, and if Yuba Water accepts a new FERC license for the YRDP.



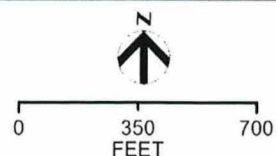


- Distribution Line
- Transmission Line
- - - Telecom Line
- ▭ FERC Boundary (No.1403)
- County Line

P-2246 = YCWA's Yuba River Development Project
P-2678 = PG&E's Narrows No. 1 and Narrows No. 2 Transmission Line Project

SOURCES: National Geographic, Esri, Garmin, HERE, UNEP/WCIC, USGS, NASA, ESA, METI, DIGITAL GLOBE, NOAA, Microsoft P Corp., Mapbox, Uber, HERE, Garmin, UGA, USGS, TDS
SPATIAL REFERENCE: NAD 1983 StatePlane California II FIPS 1402 Feet
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Figure 2
Narrows Projects and Project Vicinity





State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
46-10212025-016
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)
2024101277

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LEAD AGENCY YUBA COUNTY WATER AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/21/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SIERRA	DOCUMENT NUMBER 202500016	
PROJECT TITLE YUBA RIVER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND NARROWS HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT FERC RELICENSINGS		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME YUBA COUNTY WATER AGENCY	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (530)741-5000
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1220 F STREET	CITY MARYSVILLE	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95901

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☒ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,123.50	\$	
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$	
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$	

☐ Exempt from fee
 ☐ Notice of Exemption (attach)
 ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
☒ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	
☒ County documentary handling fee		\$	\$50.00
☐ Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ \$50.00

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Sierra Folsom, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder
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