

Notice of Availability of a Mitigated Negative Declaration Yuba River Development Project, Updated Sediment Management Plan

The Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to evaluate the potential environmental effects of an updated Sediment Management Plan for the Log Cabin Diversion Dam and Our House Diversion Dam Impoundments of the Yuba River Development Project (FERC Project No. 2246).

Description of Proposed Project: YCWA would implement the updated *Log Cabin and Our House Diversion Dams Sediment Management Plan* (proposed project). The proposed project is located along Oregon Creek and the Middle Yuba River on YCWA, Tahoe National Forest, and private lands in Yuba County, Nevada County, and Sierra County. The specific locations are: 1) Disposal Site 1, located off of Marysville Road just south of the New Bullards Bar Dam; 2) Disposal Site 2, located off of Celestial Valley Road; 3) Disposal Site 3, located off of Camptonville Road; 4) Log Cabin Diversion Dam, located behind a gate off of State Route 49 approximately 0.25 mile northeast of the intersection with Marysville Road; 5) Our House Diversion Dam, located behind a gate off of Ridge Road; and 6) Celestial Valley Mitigation Site, located off of Celestial Valley Road. Sediment removal work would be conducted annually, as needed, between September 15 and November 15 after all permits and permissions are acquired. Sediment passage work would be conducted annually, in all years that triggers are met, between October 1 and March 21 after all permits and permissions are acquired.

Public Comments: The public is invited to comment on the Draft IS/MND prepared by YCWA. These comments should be received no later than January 17, 2020. Please include the name of the project in the subject line and send comments to: Robin Kent, c/o HDR Engineering, Inc., 2379 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95833; robin.kent@hdrinc.com

Availability of Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration: Copies of the Draft IS/MND are available for public review at the office of YCWA: 1220 F Street, Marysville, CA 95901; the Yuba County Library: 303 Second Street, Marysville, CA 95901; and the Nevada County Public Library, Grass Valley Library – Royce Branch: 207 Mill Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945-6711.

Project Information Repositories: YCWA, 1220 F Street, Marysville, CA 95901

REMINDER: Comments will be accepted by email and/or letter bearing a postmark through January 17, 2020. Please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number in your correspondence, and reference the project name in the subject line of your e-mail or letter.