YUBA COUNTY WATER AGENCY



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA)/NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NARROWS 2 INTAKE DEBRIS REMOVAL PROJECT

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the Narrows 2 Intake Debris Removal Project.

Project Title: Narrows 2 Intake Debris Removal Project.

Project Location: The Proposed Project is located at the southwestern corner of Englebright Lake in unincorporated Yuba County at elevations from 525-675 feet. The Project is located 2.75 miles northeast of Smartsville near the end of Scott Forbes Road, northeast of the junction of Highway 20 and Sicard Flat Road. The Project Area comprises approximately 1.67 acres of land surrounding the Narrows 2 Powerhouse intake structure immediately upstream of Englebright Dam that includes the following:

- 1. The debris removal area;
- 2. The powerhouse intake platform;
- 3. The steep rocky lake slope between the access road and lake water line;
- 4. A portion of a 15 foot-wide gravel access road; and
- 5. Two storage/staging areas.

Project Description: The Project involves dredging to remove debris that has accumulated around the Narrows 2 Powerhouse intake in Englebright Lake. The dredging operation would be conducted by an excavator or crane staged from the existing nearby gravel access road or Narrows 2 intake platform. Dredging would remove approximately ±175 cubic yards of woody debris. Dredged debris would be loaded into trucks and transferred to two graveled flat storage areas on top of a nearby hill for dewatering and drying prior to being piled and burned on-site pursuant to a non-agricultural burn permit issued by Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD), or disposed of at the Recology Ostrom Road Landfill in Wheatland, CA.

Environmental Review and Public Comment: The circulation of the Draft IS/MND is to encourage written public comments. Interested persons can review the Draft IS/MND at the following physical location:

Yuba County Yuba County Clerk 915 8th Street, Suite 107 Marysville, CA 95901 The Draft IS/MND can also be accessed online at the following location:

https://www.yubawater.org/326/Public-Notices

To request a PDF version of the document please contact:

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The comment period on the IS/MND closes on June 4, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

Please submit comments to Jacob Vander Meulen, YCWA's Environmental Compliance Officer at:

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Intent to Consider Adoption of MND: On June 15, 2021 at 9:00 am, YCWA's board of directors will consider adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project pursuant to CEQA. The board adoption meeting will be held via Zoom. Join the Zoom meeting using the following link:

https://zoom.us/j/95675873604?pwd=SnN5MWNYRWJ4eWhzZXREQXYyMDBmQT09

or dial:

1 408 638 0968

Meeting ID: 956 7587 3604

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