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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Narrows 2 Intake Debris Removal Project

Lead Agency: Yuba County Water Agency

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Project Location: 2.75 miles NE of Smartsville at Engebright Lake
City *County*

Project Decription (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Project will remove debris from the intake for the Narrows 2 Powerhouse at the base of the dam to maintain adequate water flows used for hydroelectric power generation, agricultural water supply, recreational uses, and fish habitat in the Yuba River. 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: the debris removal area in the lak;the powerhouse intake platform; the steep rocky lake slope between the access road and lake water line; two storage/staging areas totaling 0.45-acre, approximately 250 feet west of the debris removal location, and a dirt boat ramp approximately 1,150 feet northeast of the debris removal location for potential boat access if personnel are needed to guide equipment from the land via visual from the lake. Project activities include removing an estimated 175 cubic yards of woody debris from below the lake waterline using a land-based excavator equipped with a clamshell bucket, or similar equipment staged on the 15-foot-wide gravel access road near the powerhouse intake structure. Debris will be excavated from the lake and placed into dump trucks for subsequent stockpiling in the debris storage/staging areas. Stockpiled debris would be dried and burned onsite under a non-agricultural burn permit issued by Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD). The only potential ground disturbance would be scraping the upper few inches of gravel and soil within portions of the two debris storage/staging areas during debris stockpiling/disposal activities. Alternatively, if logistical issues should arise, removed debris may be hauled to a local landfill as non-hazardous waste.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Aesthetics: Potential nighttime construction lighting protocol, community outreach program
Biological Resources: erosion control and best management practices for sediment or pollutant control; avoidance or mitigation measures, including preconstruction surveys, to protect special status fish, northwestern pond turtle, nesting birds, roosting bats; and Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) Notification submittal to CDFW for potential impacts to aquatic features of the State.
Cultural Resources: Mitigation measures, including work stoppage and inspection by qualified archeologist, coroner, or tribal representative for potential impacts from unanticipated discovery of archeological, human remains, or tribal cultural resources.
Hydrology and Water Quality: Erosion control best management practices and LSA Notification submittal to CDFW for potential substantial erosion or siltation onsite during debris removal in lake and at debris storage areas.
Tribal Cultural Resources: Mitigation measures, including work stoppage and inspection by a tribal representative for potential impacts from unanticipated discovery of suspected tribal cultural resources.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

None known.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Federal, state, and local agencies that would serve as either responsible or trustee agencies for the Proposed Project include: California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Feather River Air Quality Management District (FRAQMD)