

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal**Form F**

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Project Title: Yuba River Development Project and the Narrows Hydroelectric Project FERC RelicensingsLead Agency: Yuba Water AgencyContact Name: Jason Vander MeulenEmail: jvandermeulen@yubawater.org Phone Number: (530) 443-7412Project Location: _____
City
County

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

Yuba Water owns and operates the Yuba River Development Project (YDRP) and the Narrows Hydroelectric Project (Narrows Project), which are hydroelectric projects that independently operate pursuant to licenses issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) under the Federal Power Act (FPA). Yuba Water is seeking renewal of its FERC licenses to continue operation and maintenance of both projects and has applied for new licenses with a 50-year term.

The new FERC license for the YRDP would consist of: (1) modifications to existing YRDP facilities; (2) adjustment of the FERC Project boundary as described in the Yuba Water's applications to FERC; (3) PM&E measures proposed by Yuba Water; (4) FERC Staff recommended modifications of Yuba Water's proposal and additional measures; and (5) all mandatory terms and conditions. Mandatory terms and conditions are those required by the USFS and USACE under Section 4(e) of the FPA.

The new FERC license for the Narrows Project would consist of: (1) project-related changes proposed by Yuba Water; (2) PM&E measures proposed by Yuba Water; (3) FERC Staff recommended modifications of Yuba Water's proposal an

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

Potential environmental impacts of continued project operation and maintenance activities associated with the YRDP and Narrows Project may affect the following environmental resource categories:

- Agriculture and Forest Resources
- Air Quality/Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Biological Resources
- Climate Change
- Cultural Resources
- Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
- Geology and Soil Resources
- Groundwater Resources
- Growth Inducement
- Land Use and Aesthetic Resources
- Noise
- Power Production and Energy Consumption
- Surface Water Quality
- Surface Water 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.

On March 8, 2021, FERC sent Yuba Water an AIR to inform FERC staff's analysis in a supplemental EIS and to prepare a revised biological assessment for Yuba Water's YRDP (FERC Project No. 2246). The AIR's Item 3 requested that Yuba Water evaluate options for the equitable allocation of water to provide cooler water temperatures in the lower Yuba River at times by consulting with the Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) (Upper Drum-Spaulding Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2310) and Lower Drum Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 14530)) and Nevada Irrigation District (NID) (Yuba-Bear Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2266) and Deer Creek Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 14531)) and developing an agreed-upon analysis of the amount of additional water from either storage or transfers necessary in Dry and/or Critically Dry years (or combination of dry type years) to maintain cooler water in the lower Yuba River for federally listed species protection from July through November. In response to FERC's March 2021 AIR, Yuba Water developed and submitted its October 2022 Proposed Offer of Settlement (Yuba Water Offer of Settlement), which will be analyzed in the Draft EIR as Alternative 1.

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

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