



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2246-098]

Yuba County Water Agency; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting
Comments, Motions to Intervene, and Protests

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection:

- a. Application Type: Application for Temporary Variance of Pulse Flow Requirement
- b. Project No: 2246-098
- c. Date Filed: September 6, 2022
- d. Applicant: Yuba County Water Agency (licensee)
- e. Name of Project: Yuba River Project
- f. Location: The project is located on the Middle Yuba River, North Fork Yuba River, and Oregon Creek in Nevada, Yuba, and Sierra counties, California
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC 791a – 825r
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Willie Whittlesey, General Manager, Yuba County Water Agency, (530) 741-5026, wwhittlesey@yubawater.org
- i. FERC Contact: Jonathan Schram, (202) 502-8264, jonathan.schram@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: **October 20, 2022.**

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary,

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include the docket number P-2246-098. Comments emailed to Commission staff are not considered part of the Commission record.

The Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person whose name appears on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. **Description of Request:** The licensee requests a temporary variance of its winter pulse flow requirement. Specifically, the licensee proposes to forego its required 1,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) flow pulse from January 1-15, 2023. The licensee proposes to instead, release a flow of 700 cfs in the lower Yuba River from Englebright Dam. In addition, the licensee requests that compliance during the variance period be based on the 5-day running average of daily average flows, with the 15-minute flow not less than 90 percent of the adjusted flow requirement. The licensee requests the variance in order to conserve limited water resources at the project as a result of current drought conditions.

l. **Locations of the Application:** This filing may be viewed on the Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, call 1-866-208-3676 or e-mail FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov, for TTY, call (202) 502-8659. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant.

m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. **Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene:** Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214, respectively. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. **Filing and Service of Documents:** Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting, protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to

intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis. Any filing made by an intervenor must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2010.

Dated: September 20, 2022.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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