

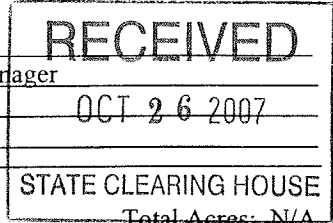
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SCH# 2005062111

For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

**Project Title:** Proposed Lower Yuba River Accord



Lead Agency: Yuba County Water Agency Contact Person: Curt Aikens, General Manager

Street Address: 1220 F Street Phone: (530) 741-6278

City: Marysville Zip: 95901 County: Yuba

**Project Location:**

County: Yuba and others (see attached figure) City/Nearest Community: Marysville Total Acres: N/A

Cross Streets: N/A Zip Code: 95901

Assessor's Parcel No. \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp. \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 miles: State Hwy#: \_\_\_\_\_ Waterways: Yuba River, Feather River, Sacramento River, and the Delta

Airports: N/A Railways: N/A Schools: N/A

**Document Type:**

**CEQA:**

- NOP
- Early Cons
- Neg Dec
- Mit Neg Dec
- Draft EIR
- Supplement to EIR
- Subsequent EIR
- Other (Initial Study)

**NEPA:**

- NOI
- EA
- Draft EIS
- FONSI

**Other:**

- Joint Document
- Final Document
- Other

**Local Action Type:**

- General Plan Update
- General Plan Amendment
- General Plan Element
- Community Plan
- Specific Plan
- Master Plan
- Planned Unit Development
- Site Plan
- Rezone
- Prezone
- Use Permit
- Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)
- Annexation
- Redevelopment
- Coastal Permit
- Other see below

**Development Type:**

- Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_
- Office: Sq. ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_
- Commercial: Sq. ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_
- Industrial: Sq. ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_
- Educational: \_\_\_\_\_
- Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_
- Water Facilities: Type: \_\_\_\_\_ MGD: \_\_\_\_\_
- Transportation: Type: \_\_\_\_\_
- Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_
- Power: Type: \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_
- Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_
- Hazardous Waste: Type: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other:

**Project Issues That May Have A Significant Or Potentially Significant Impact:**

- Aesthetics/Visual
- Agricultural Land
- Air Quality
- Archeological/Historical
- Biological Resources
- Coastal Zone
- Drainage/Absorption
- Economic Jobs
- Fiscal
- Flood Plain/Flooding
- Forest Land/Fire Hazard
- Geologic/Seismic
- Minerals
- Noise
- Population/Housing Balance
- Public Services/Facilities
- Recreation/Parks
- Schools/Universities
- Septic Systems
- Sewer Capacity
- Soil/Erosion/Compaction/Grading
- Solid Waste
- Toxic/Hazardous
- Traffic/Circulation
- Vegetation
- Water Quality
- Water Supply/Groundwater
- Wetland/Riparia
- Growth Inducer
- Land Use
- Cumulative Effe
- Other Power Production/Ener Consumption

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

The water conveyance systems associated with the proposed project provide flood control and storage, hydropower, water supply, and recreation opportunities.

**Local Action Type:** Fisheries Agreement, Water Purchase Agreement, Conjunctive Use Agreements, Water-right Permit Amendments

**Project Description** (please use a separate page if necessary): see attached page

NOTE: Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice or Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

**Reviewing Agencies Checklist**

**continued**

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below.

- Air Resources Board
- Boating & Waterways, Department of
- California Highway Patrol
- Caltrans District # \_\_\_\_\_
- Caltrans Division of Aeronautics
- Caltrans Planning
- Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy
- Coastal Commission
- Colorado River Board Commission
- Conservation, Department of
- Corrections, Department of
- Delta Protection Commission
- Education, Department of
- Office of Public School Construction
- Energy Commission
- Fish & Game Region # 2
- Food & Agriculture, Department of
- Forestry & Fire Protection
- General Services, Department of
- Health Services, Department of
- Housing & Community Development
- Integrated Waste Management Board
- Native American Heritage Commission
- Office of Emergency Services
- Office of Historic Preservation
- Parks & Recreation
- Pesticide Regulation, Department of
- Public Utilities Commission
- Reclamation Board
- Regional WQCB # 2 and 5
- Resources Agency
- S.F. Bay Conservation & Development
- San Gabriel & Lower Los Angeles Rivers & Mountains Conservancy
- San Joaquin River Conservancy
- Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
- State Lands Commission
- SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
- SWRCB: Water Quality
- SWRCB: Water Rights
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
- Toxic Substances Control, Department of
- Water Resources, Department of
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Local Public Review Period** (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date: Not Applicable

Ending Date: Not Applicable

**Lead Agency** (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: HDR|Surface Water Resources, Inc.

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City/State/Zip: Sacramento, CA 95815

Contact: Paul Bratovich

Phone: (916) 569-1000

**Applicant:** Yuba County Water Agency

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative *Car + Arden* Date 10/24/07

## **Proposed Lower Yuba River Accord**

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### **Project Description:**

The purpose of the Yuba Accord is to resolve instream flow issues associated with operation of the Yuba River Development Project (Yuba Project) in a way that protects and enhances lower Yuba River fisheries and local water-supply reliability, while providing revenues for local flood-control and water-supply projects, water for the CALFED Program to use for protection and restoration of Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) fisheries, and improvements in state-wide water supply management, including supplemental water for the Central Valley Project (CVP) and the State Water Project (SWP).

The Yuba Accord represents an effort by the major Yuba River stakeholders to find a solution to the challenges of competing interests by providing water for fisheries, developing new tools to ensure local reliable water supply, and crafting a revenue stream to pay for the Yuba Accord and to provide additional water for out-of-county environmental and consumptive uses. These various objectives will be met through implementation of the Yuba Accord, which will include the "Lower Yuba River Fisheries Agreement" (Fisheries Agreement), the "Proposed Conjunctive Use Agreements" (Conjunctive Use Agreements), and the "Yuba Accord Water Purchase Agreement" (Water Purchase Agreement).

The Yuba Accord proposed agreements are:

- ❑ A Fisheries Agreement between YCWA, California Department of Fish and Game and the collective non-governmental organizations, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service supporting the agreement. Under the Yuba Accord Fisheries Agreement, YCWA would revise the operation of the Yuba Project to provide higher flows in the lower Yuba River to protect and enhance fisheries and to increase downstream water supplies.
- ❑ Conjunctive Use Agreements between YCWA and irrigation and water districts and mutual water companies within Yuba County for the implementation of a comprehensive program of conjunctive use of surface water and groundwater supplies and actions to improve water use efficiencies.
- ❑ A Water Purchase Agreement between YCWA and the California Department of Water Resources and Reclamation, which would put water released from the Yuba Project to beneficial uses through the Environmental Water Account (EWA) and in the CVP and SWP service areas.

The project also would involve actions by the State Water Resources Control Board to amend YCWA's water-right permits as necessary for the Yuba Accord. The EIR/EIS analyzes the impacts of implementing the Yuba Accord on surface water hydrology, groundwater hydrology, water supply, hydropower, flood control, water quality, fisheries, wildlife, vegetation, special-status species, recreation, visual, cultural resources, Indian Trust Assets, air quality, land use, socioeconomic, growth inducement, and environmental justice resources and conditions.

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## Project Location:

