

FERC Relicense Costs and  
Planning  
Yuba-Bear Project (FERC No.  
2266)

# Status of Application

- ▶ April 15, 2011 - Initial Application Filed by NID
- ▶ June 18, 2012 - Amended Application Filed
- ▶ New License Issuance Timeline - Unknown

## Recent Actions

- ▶ Submittal of Additional Information Request
- ▶ Issuance of CEQA NOP
- ▶ Submittal of 401 Certification Request

## Key Milestones Necessary for License Issuance by FERC:

- ▶ ESA Section 7 Consultation with USFWS / NMFS
- ▶ Final Ruling on State Waiving 401 Water Quality Certification or Issuance
- ▶ Date of Issuance Unknown

# Changes to Project in License Application

- ▶ New (additional) powerhouse at Rollins Lake
- ▶ FERC project boundary adjustments
- ▶ 195 Updated Operating Conditions:
  - ▶ Modification of existing environmental measures
  - ▶ Addition of new environmental measures
  - ▶ Implement 28 operational/resource plans
  - ▶ Complete multiple studies
  - ▶ Construction and modification of several Project facilities
- ▶ Recreation facility construction and/or rehabilitation
- ▶ Road removal at two locations

# Costs and Timing

- ▶ \$17,898,616.37 Spent through August on Relicensing Efforts
- ▶ \$216,625,000 - Total Implementation Cost over 40-years
  - ▶ Looking to revisit some 4E conditions
- ▶ \$2,200,000 to \$4,000,000 - Average Annual Cost (first 30-years)
- ▶ Timing of cost spikes based on projection of major milestones
- ▶ Estimated cost split:
  - ▶ \$119M for Capital Costs
  - ▶ \$97M for O&M Costs

# Budgetary Impacts and Considerations

- ▶ Reserves will be necessary to cover costs during “spike” years
- ▶ Some operational/resource plans may need to be commissioned in advance of license issuance
- ▶ Potential reduction of power generation due to new license conditions may significantly affect District revenues

# Questions