

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
**FOR THE**  
**GREENHORN SEDIMENT REMOVAL AT ROLLINS RESERVOIR PROJECT**  
**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

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Nevada Irrigation District (NID) is the Lead Agency for the Proposed Greenhorn Sediment Removal at Rollins Reservoir Project (Proposed Project or Project). The Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) is published and open for public review and comment from April 16, 2019 through May 16, 2019.

**Project Objectives:**

The Greenhorn Sediment Removal Project objectives are as follows:

- Maintain the water storage capacity in the Greenhorn Arm of Rollins Reservoir in perpetuity by conducting annual sediment maintenance activities to remove accumulated sediments which could enter the main reservoir during high flows.
- To the extent possible, make progress in restoration of the historic water storage capacity in the Greenhorn Arm of Rollins Reservoir.
- Prevent further migration of suspended sediment from the Greenhorn Arm of Rollins Reservoir into the main body of the reservoir.
- Restore recreational opportunities in the Greenhorn Arm of Rollins Reservoir through the removal of accumulated sediment thereby increasing water depth and improving deep-water aquatic habitat and boating access.
- Economically remove and dispose of the sediment removed from the Greenhorn Arm of Rollins Reservoir.

**Brief Project Description:**

The Project includes the annual removal of sediment from the Greenhorn Arm of Rollins Reservoir. Due to the annual migration of aggregate from Greenhorn Creek into the Project Site, the Project will be ongoing with the ultimate goal of maintaining water storage capacity in Rollins Reservoir. Ultimately, NID would like to restore historic water storage capacity in Rollins Reservoir, returning the Project Site to pre-1965 conditions (following construction of Rollins Reservoir). However, with the extent of sediment build-up and the annual migration of aggregate to the Greenhorn Arm of Rollins Reservoir, it is unlikely that NID will be able to fully restore historic water storage capacity. Three primary Project components will be implemented annually: (1) notification/mobilization; (2) sediment removal; and (3) demobilization. The Project site encompasses all areas necessary for implementation of the Project. This includes the access road, staging areas, haul roads, stockpile area, and sediment removal area (i.e., Work Area). In addition, the Project includes implementation of a water quality and methylmercury monitoring program.

**Project Location:**

The Project is in unincorporated Nevada County, California, approximately 6 miles north of the City of Colfax on the Greenhorn Arm of Rollins Reservoir. Hansen Bros. Enterprises Greenhorn Gravel Plant is located directly north of the Project Site. The Project is located within Sections 2, 3, 10, and 11 of

Township 15N and Range 9E on the Chicago Park 7.5-minute U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic quadrangle. The Project Site is located within the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project boundary for Nevada Irrigation District's (NID) Yuba-Bear Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 2266). Land within the Project Site boundary is primarily owned by NID.

**Project Issues Discussed in the Document:**

Project issues discussed in the document are provided in the table below.

Aesthetics	Land Use
Air Quality	Noise
Biological Resources	Recreation
Cultural Resources	Transportation
Energy	Public Utilities and Services
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Wildfire
Hazards and Hazardous Materials	Cumulative Effects
Hydrology and Water Quality	

Significant unavoidable environmental effects from the Project are anticipated for noise.

**Public Meeting:**

NID will conduct a public meeting on the Draft EIR for the Project. Meeting information is provided below.

**May 8, 2019**

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Nevada Irrigation District

1036 West Main Street

Grass Valley, California 95945

The meeting will begin with a presentation at 6:00 pm followed by a question and answer period.

**Public Review:**

The NID Greenhorn Sediment Removal at Rollins Reservoir Project Draft EIR is published and open for review and comment from April 16, 2019 through May 16, 2019. The Draft EIR is available for public review on the NID website ([www.nidwater.com](http://www.nidwater.com)) and at the following locations:

**Nevada Irrigation District**

1036 West Main Street

Grass Valley, California 95945

**Madelyn Helling Library**

980 Helling Way

Nevada City, California 95959

**Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on May 16, 2019.**

The NID encourages all commenters to submit their comments on the Draft EIR in writing. All comments or questions regarding the Draft EIR should be addressed to:

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