



April 18, 2013

The Honorable John Garamendi  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2438 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Garamendi:

We are writing to respectfully request your support in preserving the President's FY 14 budget recommendation for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reconnaissance study of "Yuba River Fish Passage," in the House of Representatives FY 14 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act legislation.

Congressional approval and the appropriation of \$100,000 for the reconnaissance study will enable the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to begin and complete the study regarding two Corps dams on California's lower Yuba River; Daguerre Point Dam and Englebright Dam. The reconnaissance study is the next, necessary step in developing contemporary and credible information regarding the evaluation of responsible alternatives to improve passage at Daguerre, which has fish ladders, and to further evaluate passage options at Englebright, which does not have fish ladders. Completion of the study, which is a prerequisite for a more comprehensive feasibility investigation, will provide options to benefit Chinook salmon, steelhead and green sturgeon, all listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act. In support of this effort, the Yuba County Water Agency is willing to serve as the non-federal sponsor and cost-share the feasibility investigation, subject to the consideration and approval of its Board of Directors.

This study is supported by the Administration, which recommended Congressional approval and appropriations for it in FY 12 and FY 13, as well as by the undersigned interests. We are pleased to offer our support as you work to secure Congressional approval and appropriations for the Corps' "Yuba River Fish Passage" study.

Sincerely,

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YCWA

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