

Yuba IRWMP – YC-23

Project Short Form¹

Please fill out the following information to the best of your ability/knowledge. Once the project has been received, and a preliminary review completed, the project team will work with you to develop additional information.

PROJECT SPONSOR INFORMATION

Lead Agency/Organization	Yuba County, Community Development and Services Agency
Name of Primary Contact(s)	Ian Scott, Project Manager of Broadband
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Project Partners/Collaborators	Contractor to be determined through RFP for EIR, County is associated with Rural County Representatives of California and Valley Vision for the greater broadband project
YWA Liaison	JoAnna Lessard

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title	Yuba County Broadband Programmatic Environmental Impact Report
Project Total Budget (Attach detailed budget, if available)	\$250,000 (detailed budget attached)
Budget Breakdown	Planning/Design Budget: \$0 Implementation Budget: \$250,000
Project Funding Match, if any	\$0
Total Project Funding Needed	\$250,000
Project Location (Attach map if available)	Countywide
City/Community	Countywide
Watershed/subwatershed	Countywide
Groundwater Basin	Countywide
Funding Area	SRFA or MC (Unsure at this time)
Project Priority (Select one)	High/Medium/Low
Project Type (highlight in gray <i>all</i> that apply)	Conceptual Feasibility Study Study/Assessment Planning Engineering/Design Permitting CEQA/NEPA Facility Construction Restoration Monitoring Best Management Practices Acquisition Demonstration/Pilot Project

¹ Completed Project Short Forms should be sent via email to Keri Rinne at keri.rinne@gmail.com

Please select the *status* of the CEQA/NEPA/Permitting for this project:

CEQA (Select one)	Exempt - Not Started - Initial Study - EIR – Determination - Unknown if Required – N/A
NEPA (Select one)	Exempt - Not Started - Environmental Assessment - EIS – Record of Decision - Unknown if Required – N/A
Permitting (Select one)	Not Required - Not started – Identified – Consultations Complete – Application Submitted – Complete – Unknown if Required – N/A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Write a narrative briefly describing the project components and/or characteristics (maximum of 300 words).

The Yuba County Broadband Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) project will be conducted using task detail and project timelines consistent with other similar projects conducted by local jurisdictions such as County of Tuolumne. If awarded, the County would immediately conduct a request for proposals to choose an environmental firm with specific experience in preparing broadband programmatic environmental impact reports. As listed in the budget and timeline below, the project would proceed through the following tasks: 1) Project initiation and scoping, 2) Conduct Request for Proposals for contractor firm, 3) Project description, 4) Background research and field studies, 5) Draft program EIR, 6) Final program EIR, 7) Project close out.

The exhibit Yuba County Broadband EIR Task List.pdf lists the line-item County Activity, Admin, and Contingency line item for each of the project tasks listed above. This budget line item is intended to address any deviations or cost increases for the funding of a contractor firm, with County admin and project activity funds for each task able to be flexibly used to fund any task line item that the successfully awarded contractor firm may propose at a cost that is higher than originally anticipated.

PROJECT RATIONALE/ISSUES STATEMENT

Briefly describe the need for the project and the desired outcomes/deliverables (maximum of 200 words).

This broadband EIR will significantly reduce the cost necessary to perform broadband deployment projects within Yuba County. As such, it will result in faster approvals for broadband projects as submitted to state and federal grant approval authorities. This increased competitiveness for state and federal broadband grants, during the current once in a generation series of potential project funding, will significantly increase the probability of funding award for broadband deployment projects.

Increased availability of broadband infrastructure, particularly broadband based on a fiber to the premises model, will result in more residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, and public sector entities within Yuba County being able to experience greater broadband speeds. From an economic development perspective, this will result in significant economic benefits for all stakeholders within Yuba County. As the Yuba Water Agency will be able utilize this broadband network, it will also increase YWA’s ability to perform its objectives, including those in the IRWMP.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Task based budget
- Map of project location - Countywide