

# MIDDLE FORK AMERICAN RIVER PROJECT

## RELICENSING GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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The mission of the relicensing project is to successfully relicense the Middle Fork American River Project to insure reliable water and energy supplies for the people of Placer County consistent with responsible stewardship of the watershed resources in partnership with stakeholders.

The specific goals of the relicensing are:

- Retain the license for the project.
- Obtain a license that provides for the long term integrity of the project facilities.
- Improve and upgrade project facilities, including capacity, energy and water supply where feasible based upon good economic and environmental principles
- Secure the benefits of the project for the people of Placer County and the State of California
  - Water – Preserve and maintain a reliable water supply for the health, security and economic benefit of Placer County.
  - Power – Manage the power and energy benefits of this renewable resource in a reliable manner.
    - Maximize the value of the available hydroelectric power and energy output.
    - Maximize the statewide benefits of reliable, renewable energy sources.
  - Environment – Be a responsible long term steward of the watershed resources in partnership with the resource agencies and stakeholders.
    - Balance the values of the community, including protecting, and if possible, enhancing the environment.
  - Recreation – Respond to the diverse recreation needs of the public by utilizing the project’s inherent capabilities and attributes, recognizing the need for public safety.
- Be consistent with Placer and El Dorado county General Plans, Forest Service Plans, environmental and recreational policies and comply with regulatory requirements and applicable laws.
- Engage the stakeholders in an open and efficient relicensing process.
- Provide public education opportunities on environmental and cultural resources in the project area.