

# Potential Updates to Water Rights Fees for FERC Projects

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Division of Water Rights

# Three Potential Fee Updates for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Projects

*(provided at conceptual level for discussion)*

- Amendments
  - Increase fee from \$1,000 to \$10,000
  - No change to kilowatt charge
- California Environmental Quality Act Lead Agency
  - Board would charge an additional fee during pre-licensing phase when it serves as lead agency
- Temporary Suspension of Fees
  - Provide for suspension of fees during pre-licensing phase when both:
    - A Notice of Intent (NOI) has been filed; **and**
    - A draft or final license application is not submitted within five years of the NOI
  - Fees would resume when a draft or final license application is submitted