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5.0 SUMMARY OF CONTACTS

5.1 INTRODUCTION

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC or Commission) Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) requires that an applicant for a new license consult with interested parties (stakeholders) during the relicensing process. As required in Title 18 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §5.6(d)(5), this section and related Appendix B provide a summary of all contacts to date with federal and state resource agencies, Native American tribes, non-governmental organizations (NGO), and other interested parties made in connection with preparing this Pre-Application Document (PAD). Specific information and communication related to resource agency and stakeholder meetings is contained in Appendix B-1; a Project-specific distribution list is included in Appendix B-2; stakeholder interest statements are included in Appendix B-3; and stakeholder comments on administrative draft PAD sections is included in Appendix B-4.

In 2015, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) began conducting meetings with resource agencies, Native American tribes, and other stakeholders to discuss the Kaweah Project (Project) relicensing process, Project facilities and operations, existing resource information, and proposed technical study plans. SCE expects to continue to hold regular meetings as the relicensing process proceeds. The consultation record will be updated and included in SCE's Application for New License. A summary of all current communication with stakeholders is provided in Table 5-1.

5.2 EARLY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

SCE initiated early outreach activities in 2015. Early outreach activities involved: meeting with individual state and federal resource agencies; conducting meetings with stakeholders, including members of the public, NGOs, resource agencies, and Native American tribes; and establishing a publicly-accessible website. The intent of these early outreach activities was to identify potential stakeholders and understand their resource interests, describe Project facilities and operations to interested parties, and solicit existing resource information. Early outreach activities are described further in the following sections. Refer to Table 5-2 for a summary of meeting dates and topics discussed; and Appendix B-1 for meeting announcements, agendas, and sign-in sheets.

5.2.1 Introductory Resource Agency Meetings

SCE conducted individual introductory meetings with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Parks Service – Sequoia National Park (SNP), and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). The meetings took place on March 31, 2015, April 8, 2015, and April 9, 2015, respectively. The intent of the meetings was to identify appropriate agency contacts, discuss the relicensing process and schedule, provide a project overview, and solicit input from the agencies on existing resource information. Either during or immediately following the meetings data requests were provided to each agency.

5.2.2 Stakeholder Meetings

SCE developed a stakeholder distribution list that included federal and state resource agencies; Native American tribes; local government representatives; and members of the public that may be affected by the Project or interested in the relicensing proceeding¹ (Appendix B-2). SCE mailed and/or e-mailed all potential stakeholders on the distribution list an announcement of upcoming meetings. Stakeholder meetings were also advertised in the Visalia-Times Delta and The Kaweah Commonwealth newspapers. Meeting materials were provided to attendees and subsequently posted to the Kaweah website for review and download by those not able to attend in person.

Water User Meeting

On June 8, 2015, SCE conducted a community meeting directed at local water users that hold water rights to divert water from the Kaweah Project. The intent of the meeting was to identify SCE contacts, discuss the relicensing process and schedule, provide a project overview and information related to SCE's obligation to provide water, and solicit input from water users on the Project. Water users were encouraged to complete stakeholder interest statements. Stakeholder interest statements are included in Appendix B-3.

Stakeholder Meetings

SCE convened three stakeholder meetings as part of early outreach activities on June 9, 2015, August 11, 2015, and February 24, 2016. The initial meeting (June 2015) focused on relicensing process and schedule; describing Project facilities and operations; stakeholder interests; and reviewing the Relicensing Process Plan / Communication Protocols. During subsequent meetings (August 2015 and February 2016), SCE explored existing resource information and solicited input from stakeholders on available data; reviewed stakeholder interest statements; and introduced the technical study plan process.

5.2.3 Project Website

SCE established a public Internet website which can be accessed at <http://on.sce.com/kaweah>. The website contains information regarding past and current relicensing activities, including meeting notes and agendas, meeting summaries, documents distributed to or received from participants, reference materials, and key decisions.

5.3 PAD SECTION DEVELOPMENT

During early outreach activities SCE sought stakeholder input on a variety of documents that comprise this PAD, including the Relicensing Process Plan, project description, existing resource information sections, and draft technical study plans. Table 5-3 includes dates that Project documentation was provided stakeholders for review and identifies stakeholders that provided comments; and Appendix B-4 includes stakeholder communication related to these documents. To address specific comments submitted by

¹ The Kaweah Project distribution list is continually updated.

BLM, SCE conducted one teleconference (May 24, 2016) and one meeting (August 18, 2016) with BLM representatives to further discuss proposed technical study plans (Table 5-1).

TABLES

Table 5.1. Summary of Communication with Stakeholders.

Date	Type	Communication Description
3-31-15	Meeting	Initial coordination meeting with BLM, request for existing resource information
4-8-15	Meeting	Initial coordination meeting with NPS, request for existing resource information
4-9-15	Meeting	Initial coordination meeting with CDFW, request for existing resource information
4-24-15	E-mail	Follow-up with BLM regarding existing resource information (Denis Kearns)
4-24-15	E-mail	Request to BLM for a list of Native American Tribes that should be included on the distribution list (Amy Girado)
5-14-15 5-15-15	U.S. Mail E-mail	June 9, 2015 meeting announcement distributed
5-22-15	Newspaper Ad	June 8, 2015 Kaweah water user community meeting announcement distributed and posted locally
5-26-15 6-2-15	Newspaper Ad	June 9, 2015 meeting advertisement printed in the Visalia Delta Times
6-8-15	Meeting	Kaweah water user meeting
6-9-15	Meeting	Kaweah Project kick-off meeting with stakeholders, distribution of Relicensing Process Plan to stakeholders at meeting, distribution of stakeholder interest statement form at meeting
6-24-15	E-mail	Follow-up with CDFW regarding existing resource information (Linda Connolly)
6-26-15	E-mail	Follow-up with CDFW regarding deer herd information in the Kaweah Project vicinity (Evan King)
6-30-15	E-mail	Electronic copy of stakeholder interest statement form distributed to meeting participants
7-14-15	U.S. Mail/E-mail	August 11, 2015 meeting announcement distributed
7-17-15 7-31-15	Newspaper Ad	August 11, 2015 meeting advertisement printed in the Kaweah Commonwealth
7-17-15	E-mail	Response to request from BLM to provide information regarding expected National Historic Preservation Act compliance and timelines (Amy Girado)
7-21-15 8-4-15	Newspaper Ad	August 11, 2015 meeting advertisement printed in the Visalia Delta Times
8-10-15	E-mail	Response to stakeholder to provide Dean deed and other related documents (Jonathan Peltzer)
8-11-15	Meeting	Stakeholder meeting
8-19-15	U.S. Mail/Email	Notification to stakeholders extending deadline to submit comments on Relicensing Process Plan

Date	Type	Communication Description
9-4-15	U.S. Mail/E-mail	Notification to stakeholders that existing resource information was available for review via download from the Kaweah Project website
9-4-15	E-mail	Response to Santa Rosa Rancheria Tachi Yokut Tribe to provide a copy of privileged cultural resources information for their review
10-14-15	E-mail	Response to NPS regarding stakeholder interest statements received, existing resource information, and process schedule (Charisse Sydoriak)
10-19-15	U.S. Mail/E-mail	Notification to stakeholders providing an update on the relicensing process
11-9-15	U.S. Mail/E-mail	Notification to stakeholders that the project description was available for review via download from the Kaweah Project website
12-15-15	E-mail	Response to NPS regarding stakeholder interest statement (Woody Smeck)
2-4-16	U.S. Mail/E-mail	February 24, 2016 meeting announcement distributed
2-12-16	U.S. Mail/E-mail	Notification to stakeholders that technical study plans were available for review via download from the Kaweah Project website
2-24-16	Meeting	Stakeholder meeting
5-24-16	Teleconference	Teleconference with BLM to discuss technical study plans
8-18-16	Meeting	Meeting with BLM to discuss technical study plans

BLM = Bureau of Land Management
NPS = National Park Service
CDFW = California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Table 5-2. Early Outreach Meeting Dates and Topics.

Date	General Attendance	Location	Topics								
			Relicensing Process Overview	Project Overview	Existing Information Data Request	Stakeholder Interest Statements	Project Schedule	Project Facilities and Operations	Relicensing Process Plan / Communication Protocols	Existing Resource Information	Technical Study Plans
March 31, 2015	Bureau of Land Management	Bakersfield, CA	✓	✓	✓		✓				
April 8, 2015	National Park Service	Three Rivers, CA	✓	✓	✓		✓				
April 9, 2015	California Department of Fish and Wildlife	Fresno, CA	✓	✓	✓		✓				
June 8, 2015	Kaweah Water Users	Three Rivers, CA	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
June 9, 2015	All Stakeholders	Visalia, CA	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		
August 11, 2015	All Stakeholders	Visalia, CA		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	
February 24, 2016	All Stakeholders	Visalia, CA	✓	✓							✓
May 24, 2016	Bureau of Land Management	Teleconference									✓
August 18, 2016	Bureau of Land Management	Bakersfield, CA									✓

Table 5-3. Document Review Dates and Comments Received.

Pre-Application Document Content	Provided to Stakeholders for Review	Comments Due	Comments Received		
			Entity	Date	Comment/Request
Relicensing Process Plan	Jun 9, 2015	Aug 31, 2015	-	-	-
Existing Resource Information	Sept 4, 2015	Oct 15, 2015	BLM	Jan 8, 2016	Various comments on existing resource information sections
			Tachi Yokut Tribe	Sept 4, 2015	Request for confidential cultural information
Project Description	Nov 9, 2015	Jan 10, 2016	BLM	Jan 8, 2016	Various comments on the project description
			USGS	Nov 20, 2015	Comments related to Section 2.5 related to Project gages
			Kaweah River Power Authority	Nov 13, 2015	No comment
Technical Study Plans	Feb 12, 2016	Apr 12, 2016	BLM	Apr 12, 2016	BLM requested Word versions of all Technical Study Plans and provided edits in track changes.

Notes:

BLM = Bureau of Land Management

USGS = United States Geological Survey