



MEETING SUMMARY*
BISHOP CREEK HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP UPDATES
FERC PROJECT NO. 1394

DATE: May 18, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Conference Call/Webinar
TOPICS: Cultural

**These meeting notes are documentation of general discussions from the meeting held on the above-noted date. These notes are not a verbatim account of proceedings, are not meeting minutes, and do not represent any final decisions or official documentation for the Project or participating agencies.*

1. OBJECTIVES

- Provide process and schedule updates on cultural resources reports and management plan and PM&E development

2. ATTENDEES

Relicensing Team Members

Seth Carr, SCE
Audry Williams, SCE
Martin Ostendorf, SCE
Matthew Woodhall, SCE
Calvin Rossi, SCE
Shannon Luoma, Kleinschmidt
Finlay Anderson, Kleinschmidt
Brad Blood, Psomas
Lynn Compas, HRA Associates

Technical Working Group Parties

Tristan Leong, USFS
Jacqueline Beidl, USFS
Dannon Dirgo, USFS
Ashley Blythe Haverstock, USFS
Alyssa Marquez, CDFW
Savannah Downey, SWRCB
Frank Winchell, FERC
Monty Bengochia, Bishop Paiute Tribe

Facilitation Team

Terra Alpaugh, Kearns and West
Lindsay Tryba, Kearns and West

3. COMPILED ACTION ITEMS

There were no action items.

4. INTRODUCTION

This Protection, Mitigation, and Enhancement (PM&E) Measures focused on cultural resources and provided brief updates on management plan development for the other resource areas; the relevant Bishop Creek Relicensing Team ("Team") resource-area leads addressed the status and schedule of management plans and provided a summary of the PM&E Measures to address project effects.

The presentation slides are available on the project website and are not summarized here. The summary below identifies the status updates of each plan as identified by the Team resource-area lead and focuses on questions and comments from participants.

5. SUMMARY OF CULTURAL RESOURCE UPDATES

Audry Williams, SCE Cultural Resource-Area Team Lead, opened the meeting by providing a land acknowledgment to recognize that the Bishop Creek Project is located on the Bishop Paiute Tribe's traditional lands which they have stewarded for generations.

Audry described the Proposed Action for the project:

- SCE is proposing no change in Project facilities or operations as compared to current license conditions.
 - Minor FERC boundary adjustments are being proposed to account for existing activities:
 - Road's inventory
 - Corrections
 - Includes provisions for both routine and as-needed maintenance to mechanical and structural elements, such as low-level-outlets (LLOs), gates, and intakes:
 - Define and refine procedures relative to sediment release
 - Have potential to mobilize sediment or have other potential environmental consequences
 - Other PM&E Measures that include changes to instream flows and how recreation facilities are managed.

Cultural and Tribal Study Report Status

Archaeology Report

- In second draft after receiving comments from SCE, USFS and BLM.
- The second draft to agencies and Tribal communities is expected June 13th.

Built Environment Report

- In second draft after receiving comments from SCE, USFS and BLM.
- The second draft to agencies is expected June 13th.

Tribal Report

- In the first draft.
- The first draft to Tribal communities expected June 20th.

Relicensing Process and Schedule

- January 2022 - Submitted Draft License Application
- June 2022 - Will Submit Final License Application
- August 2022 - Will Submit Cultural and Tribal Resource Studies, including Historic Properties Management Plan in support of License Application

Questions and comments from participants included:

- Question (Q) (FERC): Can you please clarify the timing for the completion of the cultural resource studies? You mentioned that the cultural studies will be completed in August; will these studies also be finalized within the HPMP by August?
 - Response (R) (Team): Yes, the cultural resource studies will be finalized in August as long as the CA State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurs with the studies.
 - Comment (C) (FERC): Thank you for clarifying. Regarding the FERC process, if the CA SHPO approves of the HPMP, then you will not need further concurrence from FERC at this point.

6. Summary of Protection, Mitigation, and Enhancement (PM&E) Measures to Address Project Effects in Other Resource Areas

In the following sections, the Team Resources Leads provided a summary of the PM&E measures to address project effects; please reference the slides for greater detail.

Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP)

There were no questions or comments from participants.

Minimum Instream Flow Measure

There were no questions or comments from participants.

Gaging Plan

There were no questions or comments from participants.

Sediment Management Plan

There were no questions or comments from participants.

Fish Stocking Measure

There were no questions or comments from participants.

Wildlife Resources Management Plan (WRMP)

There were no questions or comments from participants.

Botanical Resources Management Plan (BRMP)

There were no questions or comments from participants.

Invasive Species Management Plan (ISMP)

There were no questions or comments from participants.

Recreation Resources Management Plan (RRMP)

There were no questions or comments from participants.

The next Bishop Creek PM&E meeting will occur on Wednesday, May 25th from 9 am to 12 pm PDT.