

P-2079-069

Memo of Meeting

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From: Carolyn Templeton
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Project: Middle Fork American Hydroelectric Project
Subject: Meeting between Timothy Welch, Carolyn Templeton, Frank Winchell, and Doug Hjorth of the Commission's staff and representatives of Placer County Water Agency.

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On April 4, 2011, Timothy Welch, Carolyn Templeton, Frank Winchell, and Doug Hjorth of the Commission's staff, met with representatives of Placer County Water Agency (PCWA), regarding the Middle Fork American River Project's (FERC Project No. 2079-069) relicensing process and schedule. PCWA used the Integrated Licensing Process to prepare their license application which was filed on February 23, 2011.

During the meeting, Commission staff explained that, after reviewing the contents of PCWA's license application, a few additional pieces of information were needed in order for Commission staff to conduct their environmental review. PCWA agreed to file this information with the Commission no later than **May 16, 2011**. The information requested by Commission staff is summarized below. In addition, Commission staff will be issuing a revised processing schedule for the Middle Fork American River Project based on these information needs.

Cultural Resources

As part of PCWA's Historic Properties Management Plan, please provide:

- a description of all 34 sites documented within the Area of Potential Effect (APE), their National Register of Historic Places status, the reasons why PCWA believes 17 are not affected by the project, measures to monitor all 34 sites within a 5-year period, steps to consult with parties if and when project-related effects have been identified on these 17 sites, and a depiction of all sites on a map(s);
- copies of consultation letters regarding SHPO concurrence with the APE, correspondence with tribes, the Forest Service, and others consulted regarding cultural resources; and
- measures to address paleontological resources on federal lands.

Terrestrial Resources

- Please provide a discussion of wetlands in the project area and maps indicating the location of these wetlands and a discussion of the effects of proposed water level fluctuations on wetlands along the reservoir shorelines.
- Several California Species of Special Concern were discussed in the Pre-Application Document, but not in the license application. Please describe the proposed project effects, if any, on the following special status species using available information.
 - Mount Lyell salamander
 - Sacramento roach
 - Coopers hawk

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- willow flycatcher
- black swift

Recreation and Land Use

- Regarding all existing and proposed trails, please indicate the type of trail access (e.g., pedestrian, Off-Highway Vehicle, etc.) that would be provided on these trails.
- Please provide a rationale for decreasing the area within the project boundary. Please provide a description of the buffer that would exist around project features, particularly the reservoirs. Please address whether the remaining buffer zone is sufficient to ensure public access, protect riparian and other shoreline resources, and the quality of project waters.

Costs

- Costs for many protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures have been lumped in the license application. Please provide cost breakouts for the individual elements that comprise PCWA's various monitoring and management plans.

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