

MIDDLE FORK AMERICAN RIVER HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT RELICENSING
STAKEHOLDER INTEREST STATEMENTS

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The following written interest statements have been received by PCWA to date:

1. California Outdoors
2. Placer County Resource Conservation District
3. Protect American River Canyons (PARC)
4. Tom Jones
5. Placer County Water Agency

The following interest statements are presented as a way to develop a preliminary understanding of stakeholder interests at the beginning of the MFP relicensing process. These statements are in no way presented as absolute or definitive representations/policies/positions of any individuals/organizations/agencies interests. It is recognized that as the MFP is studied and better understood, stakeholder interests will change or be refined.

Interest Statements may be submitted to Placer County Water Agency's Middle Fork
American River Hydroelectric Project Relicensing email address:

relicensing@pcwa.net



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May 16, 2006

Memo To: MFA Relicensing Stakeholder Group

RE: Interest statement

Following is the initial interest statement for California Outdoors, a trade association consisting of 51 professional outfitters throughout the state of California, including most Middle Fork American outfitters.

Out interest is in securing timely, reliable and predictable flows downstream of Oxbow Reservoir in a quantity sufficient to allow a quality whitewater rafting and kayaking experience.

Placer County Resource Conservation District

Statement of Interest regarding wildfire safety, healthy forest, and water quality within and around the Middle Fork Project area

Perform on-going vegetation management as needed for wildlife protection and a healthy forest, thus aiding preservation of water quality and quantity by maintaining watershed health.

Improve community awareness through stewardship of the soil, water, vegetation and animals within the watershed to foster respect for the ecosystem.

Develop an assortment of strategies for vegetation management that residents can accept and agencies can incorporate into their current and future management practices.

Some activities to accomplish the above:

- Include initial vegetation reduction activities in the NEPA for the ILP.
- Include annual vegetation management activities in the budget for maintenance and operations.
- Include community awareness programs that address landowner treatment objectives, existing conditions, cost of initial treatment and operations/maintenance, and how much time a landowner might be required to spend on vegetative management.
- Cooperation with surrounding landowners/managers, including the Tahoe National Forest and Eldorado National Forest, is vital for success.

Protect American River Canyons (PARC)
Stakeholder Interests Statement
concerning
Placer County Water Agency
Middle Fork Project Relicensing

May 16, 2006

The interests of Protect American River Canyons in the relicensing of PCWA's Middle Fork Project are protecting, conserving, and improving the natural, recreational, cultural, and historical resources of the North and Middle Forks of the American River and its canyons for all to responsibly care for and enjoy for generations to come.

These interests are based upon the value proposition that human beings should be able to live and use the planet along side the other living organisms without reducing or destroying the ecosystems essential for the other organisms to live and thrive. Human beings have the responsibility to be stewards of the planet for all life present and to sustain all existing life forms.

Because the relicense period may be for as long as 50-years, we are interested in collecting the essential data regarding the environmental conditions present today and over the next 50-years. Our interest is leaving a legacy of information and knowledge to help future generations when undertaking their relicensing process.

PCWA is to be commended for embracing collaboration as the process for the undertaking the relicensing effort. Collaborative is much more productive than adversarial and conflict based processes and should be the agreed to process for managing the license over the next 50-years.

-----Original Message-----

From: Tom Jones [mailto:mrtomjones@jps.net]
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 1:50 PM
To: marie@rainwater-associates.com
Subject: Stakeholder Interest Statement

Ms. Marie Rainwater, Please accept this email as my statement of interest. I hope to help keep the group focused on certain premises. The water is a public resource. It is not a county or agency asset. The middle fork project is a opportunity for this resource to be controlled by our public not for profit agency. We should be able to generate sufficient revenue to maintain and IMPROVE the productivity of the MFP and be assured that it will be in excellent condition when we request the next relicensing in 2063. We should be able to use the surplus funds to invest in improving the water treatment and delivery systems, improve the water shed and partner with national forest, State of California, and local counties to maintain a healthy forest and create recreation areas. Placer County and other stake holders should be able to identify infrastures projects that will allow our future generations needs addressed. I am going to bring a grandfathers perspective to our process. I also am a member of Placer County Taxpayers association and a fiscal conservative. Thank you for including me.

Tom Jones

MIDDLE FORK AMERICAN RIVER PROJECT

RELICENSING GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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.