

POTENTIAL RESOURCE ISSUE:

FERC Project boundary and/or Authorization.

PROJECT NEXUS:

Project facilities, road, trails, developed Project recreation facilities, and lands necessary for operation and maintenance of the MFP need to be covered by the FERC license (i.e. within the FERC Project boundary) or an authorization.

POTENTIAL LICENSE CONDITIONS:

- FERC Project boundary modification
- Additional or revised authorizations

STUDY OBJECTIVES:

- Identify lands that are necessary for operation and maintenance of the MFP in relation to the existing FERC Project boundary, legal easements, right-of-ways (ROWs), or current authorizations.
- Identify lands that are necessary for operation and maintenance of potential Project betterments in relation to the existing FERC Project boundary, legal easements and/or ROWs, or current authorizations.

EXTENT OF STUDY AREA:

The study area will include all land areas encompassing the existing Project facilities, roads, trails, developed Project recreation facilities, and additional areas necessary for operation and maintenance of the MFP.

The study area will be expanded to include all land areas associated with potential Project betterments, including inundation areas, the areas enveloping the new facility footprint, and areas and/or roads needed for construction, staging and disposal.

STUDY APPROACH:

Existing Project Facilities

- Identify and map the locations of all existing Project facilities, roads, trails, developed Project recreation facilities, and additional lands necessary for operation and maintenance of the MFP in relation to FERC Project boundary and existing land ownership. Preliminary information is available in the *Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2079) Draft Project Description* (PCWA 2006).
- Identify and map existing legal easements and ROWs associated with operation and maintenance of the MFP.
- Compile and summarize current authorizations and other Project-related agreements with the USDA-FS and other entities regarding operation and maintenance of the MFP.

Potential Project Betterments

- Identify and map proposed facilities (including roads and trails) and new inundation areas associated with potential Project betterments in relation to the current FERC Project boundary, existing land ownership, existing legal easement and ROWs, and current authorizations.
- Identify and map the location of potential Project betterment construction, staging and disposal areas in relation to the current FERC Project boundary, existing land ownership, and current authorizations.

SCHEDULE:

To be developed in early 2007.

REFERENCES:

Placer County Water Agency (PCWA). 2006. Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2079) Draft Project Description.