

Placer County Water Agency

Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project Relicensing Stakeholder Meeting

Theme: Sharing of Stakeholder Interests

May 16, 2006
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Canyon View Community Center
Sierra Room
471 Maidu Drive
Auburn, CA 95603

Draft Meeting Summary

Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) hosted a stakeholder meeting for the Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project (MFP). The theme of the meeting was “Sharing of Stakeholder Interests”. Stakeholders were provided with the opportunity to present their resource interests in the MFP relicensing, and PCWA presented an overview of the operation of the MFP and draft Relicensing Process Plan. A handout packet containing copies of the meeting presentation materials (referenced by handout number) was provided to the meeting participants.

Meeting Summary

The meeting summary is organized by agenda item. Each agenda item includes a brief overview of the agenda topic followed by a summary of decisions or action items, if any.

Introductions/Review Agenda - The meeting was opened with a round of introductions and review of the agenda (Handout #1).

Administrative Issues and Announcements – The following summarizes a number of MFP relicensing administrative issues and announcements.

- **Technical Leads:** A functional communications diagram and a list of technical leads (Handout #2a) were provided to stakeholders. This information provided stakeholders with an overview of the structure of the relicensing program management team and technical team, and included contact information.
- **Public Meeting:** On May 23, 2006 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM PCWA will host a public meeting for the MFP relicensing. The public notice of the meeting was provided as Handout #2b.
- **Contact Information:** An attendee contact list (stakeholder sign in list) including contact information was provided as Handout # 2c.

- A draft meeting summary from the April 25th stakeholder meeting was provided as Handout #2d.
- Success Factors Breakout: A summary of the results from the “MFP Stakeholder Success Factors Breakout Groups” from the April 25th stakeholder meeting was provided as Handout #2e. Some of the general patterns observed in the information provided by stakeholders included: 1) up front open sharing of issues; 2) cultivate knowledge and understanding; and 3) fear of the impact of other regional relicensing processes.
- A list of acronyms and abbreviations and a glossary of terms was provided as Handout #2f.
- A MFP system profile map was provided as Handout #2g.
- An updated MFP schematic diagram was provided as Handout #2h.
- Protocol Subgroup: The Communication Protocol Sub-group meeting is scheduled for June 8th at 2:00 PM at the PCWA office. It was suggested that interim groundrules be established for the communication protocols subgroup for their use during the development of the final communication protocols. A recommendation was made that publicly available communication protocols from other relicensing proceedings be reviewed. Copies of communication protocols from several other relicensing were distributed to the sub-group participants. A list of stakeholders participating in the Communication Protocol Sub-Group was provided as Handout #2i.
- Meeting Dates: A calendar with proposed meeting dates for 2006 was provided as Handout #2j. After a discussion it was agreed that the regularly scheduled plenary meetings would be held the third Tuesday of every month and on the Monday before the third Tuesday, if an additional day is required.
- Site Visit: PCWA provided potential dates to stakeholder for a site visit to the MFP. A sign up sheet requesting preferred dates was distributed to stakeholders. Several stakeholders indicated that proposed dates did not work in their calendars. PCWA will continue to work with stakeholders to identify a preferred date for the site visit.

Decisions/Action Items

- Action Item No. 1: Encourage agencies and stakeholder organizations to provide an organization chart of their agency or organization.
- Action Item No. 2: Add the elevation scale to the MFP system profile map.
- Decision – The MFP Stakeholder meeting schedule will be set for the third Tuesday of each month, and will include the Monday before the third Tuesday when two-day meetings are required.
- Action Item No. 3: Revise the meeting schedule calendar (Handout #2j) to reflect the schedule changes discussed during today’s meeting and email the proposed meeting schedule calendar to the stakeholder group to obtain approval from stakeholders not present at today’s meeting.

- Action Item No. 4: PCWA to send out advance notice and agenda for stakeholder meetings via email.

Stakeholder Interest Statements:

Individual stakeholder interest statements presentations were made before the stakeholder group. Some stakeholders indicated that they needed board of director or management approval of their interest statement before formally submitted the statement to the MFP stakeholder group. Interest statements will be posted on the PCWA relicensing website at <http://relicensing.pcwa.net>.

Decisions/Action Items

- Action Item No. 5: Stakeholders were asked to provide their written interest statements by emailing them to the relicensing website at <http://relicensing.pcwa.net>. Written interest statements will be compiled, provided to the stakeholder group, and posted on the relicensing website.
- Action Item No. 6: Distribute a reminder to the collaborative group asking the stakeholders not present at today's meeting to provide their written interest statements.

The stakeholder group discussed if there are other interest groups that should be participating in the MFP relicensing proceeding. The following is a list of agencies and interest groups that were identified.

- United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- Placer County Resource Conservation District
- Sierra Pacific Industries
- Lonestar Industries
- Western States Endurance Run, Inc.
- Equestrians and Hiking groups
- Local Mountain Biking Groups/Organizations
- Off Highway Vehicle user groups
- Tribes Historical Society

Approval of the April 25, 2006 Meeting Summary

The stakeholders at today's meeting approved the April 25, 2006 meeting summary.

Decisions/Action Items

- Action Item No. 7. – Provide written responses for action items and post responses on the MFP relicensing website.

Project Operations Overview (Handout #4)

Tom Johnson (PCWA) provided an overview presentation on the operation of the MFP. The presentation provided a summary of project facilities (diversions and storage facilities), reservoir operations, generation facilities, and a description of peaking operations (Handout #4).

Communication Tools Presentation (Handout #5)

Marie Rainwater made a presentation on “Communication Methods for Stakeholder Involvement” which includes tools for active participation, community outreach, and access to Project Information (Handout # 5).

Relicensing Process Plan (Handout #6)

Ed Bianchi (ENTRIX) made a presentation on the Relicensing Process Plan which provided an overview on the content, goals, and structure on the relicensing process (Handout# 6). Some stakeholders suggested reviewing previous relicensing proceedings to identify if there are any lessons learned from those.

Decisions/Action Items

- Action Item No. 8: Post the groundrules on the wall at each meeting so they are clearly visible to meeting participants.

Next Meeting June 20th and Agenda (Handout #7)

A list of draft agenda items for the next meeting in June was included as Handout #7.

The stakeholder group reviewed and discussed the proposed agenda topics and recommended that discussion of Project and Unimpaired hydrology be deferred to July.

Decisions/Action Items

- Action Item No. 9: Restructure the table configuration into a circular pattern for future meetings to facilitate better discussion by the stakeholder group.