

PLACER COUNTY WATER AGENCY
Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project

Recreation Technical Working Group
Action Item Summary

November 3, 2006 TWG Action Items	Status
General	
TSPs on the relicensing web site should be posted in Word format, not as PDFs.	Completed
Technical specialists should not use bright paint to mark study sites.	Point noted. Technical specialists informed of request.
The land TSPs should include a component to identify the location of helicopter landing sites that could be used for evacuation purposes in the event of an emergency.	Revised LAND-3, Emergency Action Technical Study Plan
Convene a subgroup meeting to discuss resource agency management obligations and objectives and potential issues.	PCWA to schedule
Need to discuss specific study sites, reservoirs, study reaches.	To be conducted at November 13 recreation TWG.
REC1–Recreation Use and Facilities Assessment TSP	
Revise the study plan to clarify how existing USFS use data will be used.	Completed
PCWA will meet with Auburn State Recreation Area (Auburn SRA) to discuss relationship of the MFP relicensing to recreation use and facilities within the Auburn SRA.	PCWA to schedule
REC2–Recreation Opportunities TSP	
All parties need to understand issues before drafting survey instrument.	Comment noted
Convene a subgroup meeting to discuss resource agency management obligations and objectives and potential issues. All issues need to be considered in the context of resource agency management direction.	PCWA to schedule
REC3–Reservoir Recreation Opportunities and Management TSP	
Revise Reservoir Levels study element to address the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • historical water surface elevations at Hell Hole and French Meadows reservoirs will be summarized on a daily time step. • Ralston Afterbay will be summarized on daily and hourly time steps. 	Completed
Revise Access and Safety Conditions study element to address human/bear interactions.	Completed

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REC3–Reservoir Recreation Opportunities and Management TSP (continued)	
Revise Access and Safety Conditions study element to include review of FERC records for accidents.	Completed
REC4–Stream Flow and Opportunities TSP	
Revise study plan as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measure travel times at primary stream crossings, for example the crossings used by equestrians at Poverty Bar and Greenwood. • Inventory all safety features, including their condition and mounting method. • Water-based recreation assessment should include swimmers, waders, water play and stream side activities such as picnicking. 	Completed
Inventory all safety features, including their condition and mounting method.	Inventory will be performed as part of LAND-3, Emergency Action Technical Study
Travel times should be determined regardless of whether a whitewater boating study is performed.	Travel times will be measured as part of AQ-1, Instream Flow Technical Study.
Review existing published literature to determine whether information is available on optimum conditions for swimming, wading, angling, etc.	ENTRIX to review existing literature
REC5–Visual Quality Assessment TSP	
Add language to TSP that indicates water level changes at Ralston Reservoir will be assessed. Assessment should include a description of daily water level fluctuations and annual change. It may suffice to develop a narrative description. Photo documentation may not be necessary.	Completed
Revise bullet that refers to VQO maps in Draft Existing Resource Report to indicate that the VQOs will be revised to reflect current information.	Completed
Forest Service will meet to discuss whether the visual quality assessment should be performed in accordance with the existing Visual Management System (VMS) or the Scenery Management System (SMS). The new Land and Resource Management Plan, to be updated in 2008 or 2009, will use the SMS.	Mo Tebbe to schedule

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October 2, 2006 TWG Action Items	Status
General	
ENTRIX will develop a map showing the location of all recreation areas identified by the Forest Service.	ENTRIX will bring detailed maps to November 13 recreation TWG.
PCWA and stakeholders will review list of recreation areas provided by Forest Service to eliminate areas that do not need to be considered further.	To be conducted at November 13 recreation TWG.
REC1–Recreation Use and Facilities Assessment TSP	
<p>Study plan may need to be revised pending review of facility list developed by Forest Service. Other possible facilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunters Trail which extends from Hell Hole Dam area to Elicotts Bridge; • Trail from Hell Hole to Granite Chief. This trail provides the only access to the upper campground when the reservoir is down; • Trail to Poppy Campground (French Meadows); • 4WD trail on north side of Hell Hole reservoir; • Other trails. 	Address during November 13 th meeting.
REC2–Recreation Opportunities TSP	
Auburn SRA will provide existing whitewater boating use data (both commercial and private) and will identify any anomalies that could affect data (eg. road closures, fire, severe weather conditions etc).	Acquired use data. Review in progress.
PCWA should obtain a copy of the USDA-FS fishing information pamphlet to help identify where we might intercept anglers.	In progress
PCWA should obtain a copy of the CDFG creel census form to help inform angler survey questions.	In progress
ENTRIX will identify objectives/issues/parameters related to visitor surveys for discussion at next meeting.	In progress
REC4–Stream Flow and Opportunities TSP	
Revise study plan to include reach downstream of 49 bridge.	Study plan includes all bypass and peaking reaches.
Explain if there is a reason why PCWA has to do their maintenance shut down in October. Can it be done later in the year to extend the whitewater boating season?	In progress