

BISHOP CREEK HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT RELICENSING



In early 2018, Southern California Edison (SCE) will begin the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) process to relicense the Bishop Creek Hydroelectric Project (Project). The Project is located in the Eastern Sierra Mountains above the town of Bishop and consists of 13 dams/ diversions and five powerhouses with a combined generating capacity of 28.565 MW.

The Project currently operates under a FERC hydroelectric license that expires in June 2024. SCE must complete the relicensing process and obtain a new license to continue operation and maintenance of the Project. Relicensing is an open and collaborative process that provides agencies, Native American Tribes, non-governmental organizations, and members of the public an opportunity to participate in the development of new license conditions focused on the protection/enhancement of environmental, cultural, and recreation resources potentially affected by the Project.

SCE has decided to pursue a hybrid Integrated License Process (ILP), which emphasizes early outreach to stakeholders to help identify potential resource issues. This input enables SCE to start technical studies earlier and in turn, leads to the development of the most effective protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures.

If your organization would like to stay informed about upcoming public meetings and other opportunities for input, as well as the overall progress of the relicensing effort, please provide a point-of-contact and identify your primary resource/geographical interests by completing and returning the attached form.

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