

Bishop Creek Hydroelectric System Relicensing Technical Working Group Meetings

Meeting Objectives

1. Confirm agreement on objectives and scope of existing studies
2. Decide whether to proceed with the development of the three additional proposed studies
3. Determine whether there are management objectives not addressed by existing studies and what studies would be needed

Meeting Agenda

*Agenda topics are listed in summary immediately below.
In the table on the reverse, we have provided the specific study plan titles
to be discussed in each topic area and proposed initial discussion topics.*

- 9:00 a.m. **Introductions, agenda review**
- 9:15 a.m. **Review action items**
- 9:25 a.m. **Aquatic Studies**
- 10:40 a.m. BREAK
- 10:50 a.m. **Geology and Soils**
- 11:20 a.m. **Hydrology**
- 12:00 p.m. **Operations Modeling**
- 12:30 p.m. LUNCH (provided)
- 1:00 p.m. **Botanical Studies**
- 2:30 p.m. **Terrestrial Studies**
- 3:15 p.m. **Recreation Studies**
- 4:15 p.m. **Additional studies/topics to be discussed**
- 4:45 p.m. **Action items and next steps**

**All agenda times are approximate and may be adjusted to match the pace of discussion. If you only plan to attend for a specific topic, we encourage you to arrive 15 to 30 min early in case we are running ahead of schedule.*

Below are the specific study plan titles to be discussed in each topic area and SCE's proposed initial discussion topics. Attendees are encouraged to raise their own priorities for discussion within each topic area. Study titles in black are existing studies; those in blue are proposed and under discussion.

TOPIC AREA	STUDY PLAN TITLE (or study plan under consideration)	TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION & RESOLUTION
9:00 am Introductions, Agenda Review		
9:15 am Review August Action Items		
9:25 am Aquatic Studies Discussion	<i>Water quality</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm study reflects prior agency comments • Other (as needed)
	<i>Assessment of Instream Flow Conditions</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm study reflects prior agency comments • Other (as needed)
	<i>Bishop Creek Fish Distribution Baseline</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss and establish agreement on study objectives and how they can be achieved via the study design • Establish appropriate scope of request for study to “determine limiting factors for wild trout in Bishop Creek” • Discuss nexus between angling pressure on fish populations and Project operations • Other (as needed)
	<i>Bishop Creek Reservoir Fish Distribution</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide on objective: characterizing fish populations in Project reservoir vs. developing population/recruitment estimates. What would the relevant management objective/nexus be for the latter? • Other (as needed)
10:40 am BREAK		
10:50 am Geology and Soils Presentation and Discussion	Under consideration: <i>Geology and Soils Inventory and Assessment of Project Erosion and Geology and Soils Channel Morphology</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss existing information gaps & establish if/where additional soil mapping is needed in the PAD • Establish agreement on objectives • Review potential methods • Other (as needed)
11:20 am Hydrology Discussion	Under consideration: <i>Hydrology Study</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss what gaps exist given unimpaired hydrograph presented in August • Assess usefulness of Indicators of Hydrologic Alteration Model (IHA) given constraints of Chandler Decree and sales agreement • Understand how information from IHA would provide insight into project operations • Other (as needed)
12:00 pm Operations Modeling Presentation and Discussion	<i>Operations Model Study</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on desired outputs
12:30 pm LUNCH		

1:00 pm Botanical Studies Discussion	<i>Assessment of Bishop Creek Riparian Community</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss approach to monitoring sites/riparian monitoring protocol given existing information developed during current license • Confirm baseline for assessment • Other (as needed)
	<i>Assessment of Invasive Plants</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm study reflects prior agency comments • Other (as needed)
	<i>Assessment of Special Status Plants</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm study reflects prior agency comments • Other (as needed)
	Under consideration: <i>Project Vegetation Community Assessment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss objectives, area of interest, and Project Nexus • Discuss community concept and applicability to Project operations • Other (as needed)
2:30 pm Terrestrial Studies Discussion	<i>Wildlife Study</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm study reflects prior agency comments • Other (as needed)
3:15 pm Recreation Studies Discussion	<i>Project Boundary and Lands</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm study reflects prior agency comments • Other (as needed)
	<i>Recreation Facilities Condition and Public Accessibility</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss request to include visual and aesthetics evaluation – what specific gaps justify the assessment? What would the scope be? • Other (as needed)
	<i>Recreation Use and Needs</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish screening criteria for sites to include in the analysis of “dispersed use” • Other (as needed)
4:15 pm Additional Studies/Topics for Discussion		
4:45pm Action Items & Next Steps		