



# Lee Vining Hydroelectric System Relicensing

## Aquatic Resources & Operations Technical Working Group

January 25, 2021, 10 AM - 12 PM PDT via Microsoft Teams

### Objectives

- To describe FERC criteria for the inclusion of study plans
- To understand TWG participants' resource management objectives, related data gaps, and (wherever possible) relevant potential study requests

Time	Agenda Topic/ Subtopic	Lead
10:05	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Safety moment</li><li>- Introduction to facilitators</li><li>- Meeting guidelines</li><li>- Review of Nov TWG notes</li></ul>	Matt Woodhall  Mike Harty
10:15	<b>TWG purpose &amp; objectives</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review materials</li><li>- FERC NEPA process overview</li><li>- FERC Study Plan criteria</li></ul>	Finlay Anderson
10:30	<b>From Homework: Discussion of resource management objectives, including:</b> <i>Desired future conditions</i> <i>Data gaps</i> <i>Potential study requests</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Hydrology/Operations</li><li>- Geology &amp; soils</li><li>- Fish &amp; aquatics</li><li>- Water quality</li></ul>	Mike Harty, All TWG members
11:40	<b>Schedule, next steps, action items</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Next TWG meeting date(s)</li><li>- Due date for study plan requests</li><li>- Other action items</li></ul>	Mike Harty
11:50	<b>Final Q&amp;A</b>	
12:00	<b>Adjourn</b>	

## Materials Distributed to Participants via Relicensing Website

- Meeting Agenda
- TWG Charter Document
- PAD References Cited
- List of Comprehensive Management Plans
- FERC Scoping Overview
  - Attachment A: FERC Guide for Applying Study Plan Criteria
  - Attachment B: Blank Study Needs Matrix
- Select figures and tables for discussion
- Draft Notes from November 2020 Initial TWG

## Pre-meeting Homework for Participants

We hope that this will be an interactive meeting. In addition to the Relicensing Team providing information on existing data and the FERC process, we are anticipating that TWG members come prepared to discuss areas of interest, questions you may have, and potential study ideas. We're also looking for confirmation from agencies that we have identified the relevant comprehensive management plans and guidance documents.

### In advance of the meeting, please complete the following:

1. Review available information on [Project Website](#) with emphasis on Project Description and select tables and figures for describing resource information.
2. Review [list of comprehensive plans](#) and management guidelines and flag any omissions.
3. Review FERC Scoping Overview document and Attachment A (Guide to Applying FERC's Study Plan Criteria).
4. Use Attachment B in the FERC Scoping Overview to begin to build rationale for suggested studies. *Focus first on data gaps and nexus (connection) to the project.* We will work through the remaining portions of Attachment B during the meeting.

## Proposed dates & times for next two Aquatic TWGs

- Monday February 22, 10am-12pm
- Monday March 29, 10am-12pm