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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20426

## Subject:Rush Creek Project (FERC Project No. 1389)2023 Initial Study Report Meeting Summary

Dear Secretary Bose:

This report provides a summary of Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) 2023 Initial Study Report Meeting for the Rush Creek Hydroelectric Project (Project). The meeting was conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams on November 9, 2023, from 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm Pacific Standard Time. During the meeting, SCE provided an overview of the progress made on implementing the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) approved Technical Study Plans (TSP) associated with the relicensing of the Project. SCE described the status of each study, including whether it is complete, has outstanding elements or variances, or is ongoing.

Attachment A provides a list of meeting attendees. Attachment B includes the meeting agenda and the PowerPoint presentation used during the meeting. Attachment C provides the Project distribution list.

#### Key Meeting Discussion Topics

The meeting discussion is organized into the following topic:

- Environmental Justice and Full Decommissioning Studies
- General Relicensing Process
- Meetings and Stakeholder Outreach
- Aquatic Studies
- Cultural and Tribal Studies
- Noise Studies
- Recreation Studies

#### **Environmental Justice and Full Decommissioning Studies**

During the meeting, FERC staff correctly identified that SCE had not discussed progress on two study plans approved in the Study Plan Determination (SPD), namely:

- Environmental Justice Study (new study plan proposed by FERC)
- Full Project Decommissioning Study (study plan modified by FERC)

SCE will complete the two study plans consistent with objectives and approaches identified in the SPD. The following section identifies SCE's approach for completion of each study.

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#### **Environmental Justice Study**

As identified in the SPD, "the geographic scope of the analysis is all areas within 1 mile of the Project boundary." A draft Environmental Justice Study Report will be developed and distributed to Tribes, resource agencies, and interested stakeholders in March 2024 and will include, but not be limited to, the following information:

- A table identifying the total population and the racial, ethnic, minority, and poverty statistics for each state, county, and census group within the geographic scope of analysis based on the U.S. Census Bureau's most recently available *American Community 5-Year Estimates*.<sup>1</sup>
- Identification of environmental justice populations by block group, using the data obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau and applying methods identified in the study plan, including in the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) *Promising Practices for Environmental Justice Methodologies in NEPA reviews.*<sup>2</sup>
- Identification of any non-English-speaking groups within the geographic scope of analysis that would be affected by the Project (regardless of whether the group is part of an identified environmental justice community). Documentation of efforts made to identify non-English-speaking groups will also be included.
- A map showing the Project boundaries and location(s) of any proposed Project-related construction in relation to any identified environmental justice communities and/or non-English-speaking group within the geographic scope. The map will also denote if the block group is identified as an environmental justice community based on the presence of a minority population, low-income population, or both.
- A discussion of anticipated Project-related effects on any environmental justice communities for all resources where there is a potential nexus between the effect and the environmental justice community.
- Results of initial outreach with Native American Tribes to facilitate early identification of any environmental justice issues.
- If new construction is proposed, identification of sensitive receptor locations (e.g., schools, daycare centers, hospitals) within the geographic scope of analysis.
- A proposed plan for public and tribal outreach, if environmental justice communities are present (including non-English-speaking groups) within the geographic scope of analysis.

Following distribution of the draft study report in March 2024, SCE will collaborate with interested Tribes and stakeholders to identify the need for and/or suggested modification to SCE's approach for public and tribal outreach, including non-English-speaking groups. A summary of any updated and new information received during outreach activities will be included in the Final Study Report

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau (Census). 2020. 2019 American Community Survey 5-year Estimate Detailed Tables B03002 and B17017. Available at: <u>https://data.census.gov</u>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> EPA. 2016. Promising Practices for EJ Methodologies in NEPA Reviews. Report of the Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice and NEPA Committee. Available at: <u>https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2016-08/documents/nepa\_promising\_practices\_document\_2016.pdf</u>.

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distributed to Tribes, resource agencies, and interested stakeholders in the Draft License Application (September 2024). This information will also be summarized in the Updated Study Report (October 2024). The additional information provided in the Final Study Report will include, but will not be limited to, the following:

- If environmental justice communities are present, a description of SCE's public outreach efforts regarding the Project and results of the outreach activities.
- A description of any mitigation measures proposed to avoid and/or minimize disproportionate Project effects on environmental justice communities, if any.
- A description of efforts to communicate with non-English-speaking groups that would be affected by the Project and a summary of results of the outreach activities.
- Any proposed measures to avoid and/or minimize any disproportionate Project-related effects to non-English-speaking groups, if any.
- Documentation of consultation conducted with entities that expressed interest in environmental justice, copies of comments received, and an explanation of how comments were addressed.

### Full Decommissioning Study

Based on FERC staff recommendations in the SPD, study reports will be developed and distributed to Tribes, resource agencies, and interested stakeholders in two phases (Phase I and Phase II Study Reports) to provide a feasibility assessment of full Project decommissioning, including options to remove all Project facilities or leave all/some in place. The following identifies SCE's approach for completion of each phase of the study.

#### Phase I Study

The following identifies Phase I study activities that will be completed by March 2024 and their associated reporting milestones.

Reporting of Phase I of the study will occur in March 2024 and will include the following information:

- A general feasibility discussion with description of each decommissioning option (e.g., removing all facilities, leaving all/some facilities in place).
- The Pre-Application Document (PAD) filed with FERC on December 16, 2021, included a description of the following Project options:
  - Partial and full removal of Agnew Dam,
  - Partial and full removal of Rush Meadows Dam, and
  - Lowering and retrofitting of Gem Dam.

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- The Phase I Study Report will also incorporate the following:
  - A description of full removal of Gem Dam consistent with the level of detail included in the PAD for the other Project options, and
  - o Decommissioning of the powerhouse and associated facilities.
- Estimates of associated capital, operational (including lost power production), and maintenance costs for each decommissioning option.
- A description of possible flow and water level changes (including potential for flooding) that may occur under each option will be provided. Socioeconomic impacts of potential flooding will be analyzed in Phase II of the study (see below).
- A description of the study approach (developed in collaboration with resource agencies, Tribes, and other interested stakeholders) to characterize the types and quantities of any accumulated sediment that would be released from behind each dam, including the presence of any known contaminants that could be released downstream. The approach will identify data that will be collected in the summer/fall of 2024 to complete the study and identify any Forest Service authorizations necessary to implement the study.

Following distribution of the Phase I Study Report in March 2024, SCE will collaborate with interested Tribes, resource agencies, and stakeholders in Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings to identify any revisions/modifications to the report.

#### Phase II Study

The following identifies Phase II study activities that will be completed in 2024 following distribution of the Phase I Study Report and their associated reporting milestones.

- Socioeconomic effects associated with any changes in flow and water levels (including potential for flooding) will be incorporated into the Draft License Application (September 2024).
- Detailed resource-specific analysis and reporting on the potential physical and environmental benefits and concerns associated with each decommissioning option will be included in the Final License Application (January 2025) once all the FERC-approved field studies, modeling, and technical reports are completed.
- Characterization of the types and quantities of any accumulated sediment that would be released from behind each dam, including the presence of any known contaminants that could be released downstream.
  - Collection and analysis of sediment data in Waugh Lake, Gem Lake, and Agnew Lake will be implemented in the summer/fall of 2024.
  - Characterization of lakebed topography, sediment, and presence of any known containments at Waugh Lake will occur when the reservoir is drained, which typically occurs in late August to September depending on runoff conditions and whether the low-level outlet is free of obstructions.

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- Laboratory results for identification of potential containments in the sediment are expected to be available in October/November 2024. Sediment transport modeling results are expected to be available in December 2024.
- A summary of study results will be included in the Phase II Study Report that will be distributed to Tribes, resource agencies, and interested stakeholders in the Final License Application (January 2025).

### General Relicensing Process

In accordance with section 5.15(c)(4) of the Commission's regulations, 18 C.F.R. § 5.15(c)(4), and the Process Plan and Schedule established by FERC staff for this Integrated Licensing Process, relicensing participants have until December 26, 2023, to file any requested study modifications or new studies for FERC staff's consideration. Any such requests must meet the requirements of section 5.15(d) (for proposed modifications to a study) and section 5.15(e) (for any proposed new study), and must address FERC's study criteria in section 5.9(b). Links to the FERC website and criteria were provided by FERC staff during the meeting and are included below:

- Section 5.15(d), criteria for modification of an approved study: <u>https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-18/part-5/section-5.15#p-5.15(d)</u>
- Section 5.15(e), criteria for a new study: <u>https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-18/part-5/section-5.15#p-5.15(e)</u>
- A Guide to Understanding and Applying the Integrated Licensing Process Study Criteria: <u>https://www.ferc.gov/sites/default/files/2020-</u> 04/AGuidetoUnderstandingandApplyingtheIntegratedLicensingProcessStudyCriteria.pdf
- Relicensing participants may efficiently submit comments via the e-comment system. Link to the FERC e-comment system:
  - https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx, docket P-1389

### Meetings and Stakeholder Outreach

During the ISR meeting, several stakeholders indicated a preference for in-person meetings when possible. SCE noted this interest and committed to, when possible, hold in-person meetings in the June Lake area. SCE noted that the decision to hold this ISR meeting virtually was made following a survey of stakeholders in which the majority of respondents indicated a preference for a virtual meeting.

### **Aquatic Studies**

# Restoration of Agnew Lake and Rush Creek (AQ-1 Instream Flow, AQ-2 Hydrology, AQ-5 Geomorphology, TERR-1, Botanical Resources)

 Bob Marks, a stakeholder, suggested that the studies should include restoration of Agnew Lake and Rush Creek to pre-dam conditions and that studies should include a discussion of pre-Project conditions in Rush Creek and Agnew Lake. Bob Marks stated that he has information about conditions pre-1915 in the Agnew Lake and Rush Creek areas. He also expressed interest in the quantity of water diverted from Rush Creek by the Project. Ms. Kimberly Bose Page 6 November 21, 2023

- SCE's outside council Elizabeth McCormick noted that FERC regulations do not  $\circ$ include requirements related to pre-project conditions.
- Consultant Craig Addley clarified that the intention of the studies is to collect data 0 to evaluate current environmental conditions, potential Project effects, and provide information which would support restoration efforts, as appropriate. SCE welcomes any historical data at Agnew Lake and Rush Creek and will reach out to Bob Marks for additional information.
- Stakeholders interested in SCE water rights should refer to the Pre-application 0 Document (PAD) available at https://sce.com/rushcreek. In terms of the quantity of water diverted by the Project, the maximum capacity of the flowline to the Rush Creek Powerhouse is approximately 100 cubic feet per second (cfs).
- Robert Nailon, a stakeholder, asked about sediment sources from SCE in relation to sediment inflow into Silver Lake.
  - Consultant Craig Addley explained that the AQ-5 Geomorphology study was 0 quantifying sediment sources in the watershed and that the data were in process of being collected. He also explained that the reservoirs (Gem, Agnew) capture sediment and likely reduce sediment inflows into Silver Lake.

#### Amphibian Habitat Surveys (AQ-7, Special-status Amphibians)

- Meghan Quinn with American Rivers had questions about the amphibian habitat survey in context of the wet water year in 2023. Specifically, was the habitat surveyed in 2023 representative of potential habitat conditions that might be present in drier years?
  - Consultant Robyn Smith noted that agency-approved survey guidelines (i.e., 0 Fellers and Freel 19953, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS] 20144) recommend surveying in a wet water years (i.e., 80% percent or greater than normal for the area) for both Sierra Nevada Yellow-legged frog (SNYLF) and Yosemite Toad (YT). Conducting a survey for breeding habitat in a dry year may lead to false conclusions that habitat is unsuitable because some sites that contain suitable habitat in wet years may not retain water long enough for completion of metamorphosis in drought or below average precipitation years<sup>5</sup>. For example, YT may skip breeding activities in dry years entirely, but would still require these habitats for the maintenance of long-term population dynamics<sup>6</sup>. Completing the habitat surveys in 2023 (a-wet water year) enabled mapping of the largest possible area of suitable amphibian habitat that may not have been captured if habitat

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Fellers, G.M., and K.L. Freel. 1995. A Standardized Protocol for Surveying Aquatic Amphibians. National Park Service Technical Report NRTR-95-01. May 1995.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> USFWS. 2014. Programmatic Biological Opinion on Nine Forest Programs on Nine National Forests in the Sierra Nevada of California for the Endangered Sierra Nevada Yellow-legged Frog, Endangered Northern Distinct Population Segment of the Mountain Yellow-legged Frog, and Threatened Yosemite Toad. December 19, 2014. <sup>5</sup> Ibid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). 2016. Designation of Critical Habitat for Sierra Nevada Yellow-legged Frog and Northern Distinct Population Segment of the Mountain Yellow-legged Frog, and Threatened Species Status for Yosemite Toad; Final Rule (Federal Register Vol. 81, No. 166, Pages 59046-59119), August 26, 2016.

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surveys were conducted in dry years. Not all of the habitats mapped in 2023 may be suitable for breeding in dry years.

- Quinn Emmering with FERC had follow-up questions about habitat suitability for SNYLF in Project-affected stream reaches.
  - Consultant Robyn Smith clarified that preliminary findings indicate no suitable breeding habitat for Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (SNYLF) in the Projectaffected stream reaches. While many of the stream reaches contain some of the Primary Constituent Elements (PCEs) of breeding habitat, all Project-affected stream segments have predatory fish populations and, therefore, do not meet all of the breeding PCEs per USFWS definitions of suitable SNYLF breeding habitat (USFWS 2016). However, there is one isolated pond within the FERC Project boundary on the south shore of Waugh Lake that lacks predators and does contain all breeding PCEs for SNYLF.

# Rush Creek Channel Conditions Below State Route 158 (AQ-1 Instream Flow, AQ5 Geomorphology, TERR-1 Botanical Resources)

- Following information about the wetland delineation conducted in the study area, Ralph Lockhart, a stakeholder and landowner, asked about debris (e.g., logs) clogging Rush Creek in the vicinity of State Route (SR) 158 (upstream and downstream) and asked about responsibility for maintenance of the creek.
  - Consultant Ed Bianchi noted that the geomorphic study is evaluating conditions in the Rush Creek channel in the vicinity of SR 158 and modeling flows through that channel under existing conditions as well as under full and partial dam removal scenarios.

# Cultural and Tribal Studies (CUL-1 Built Environment, CUL-2 Archeology, TRI-1 Tribal Resources)

### Built Environment (CUL-1)

- Bob Marks, stakeholder, noted that references to two Historical American Engineering Record (HAER) reports on Agnew Lake Dam and Gem Lake Dam (HAER CA-166 F and G) were not identified in the Technical Study Plan.
  - SCE's Cultural Technical Lead Audry Williams confirmed that SCE has the HAER studies and will verify that they are referenced in future reports/documents.
- Colleen McNally-Murphy with American Rivers asked whether Tribes were involved in the built environment study.
  - SCE's Cultural Technical Lead Audry Williams noted that tribal monitors did participate in the archaeological survey but not specifically the built environment survey. She noted that some of the built environment survey happened at the same time as the archaeological surveys.
- Dean Tonenna, with the Mono Lake Kutzadikaa Tribe, noted he was a tribal participant during the archaeological survey and did not see all of the aspects of the built environment.

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He noted that it is important that SCE follow up with the Tribes regarding the built environment elements.

- Jazzmyn Gegere Brochini, with the American Indian Council of Mariposa County (S. Sierra Miwuk National), asked about receipt of documentation regarding the eligibility of cultural resources.
  - SCE's Cultural Technical Lead Audry Williams clarified that eligibility determination for cultural resources will be completed in 2024. Once complete, SCE will make the report available.
- Bob Marks, stakeholder and Michael Lerch, consultant exchanged information regarding pertinent articles about the Kutzadikaa Tribe.

### Noise Studies (LAND-2, Noise)

- Bob Marks, a stakeholder, expressed concern regarding helicopter noise and the potential residential noise experience/exposure associated with round-trip flights during dam demolition. The stakeholder's questions touched on flight paths (whether the route would be in front of or behind Carson Peak), construction seasons (whether construction would be completed in consecutive seasons), and whether dam demolition would occur on multiple structures concurrently. The stakeholder also asked about the potential to avoid removing all dam material from the immediate area. Finally, the stakeholder noted his preference that helicopter noise studies be conducted with actual helicopter sky cranes and in-person readings as opposed to computer simulations.
  - Consultant Ed Bianchi responded that SCE is aware of the significant helicopter noise that would be associated with demolition. The relicensing process is in the study implementation phase intended to provide more information about Projectrelated noise impacts. The data being gathered will inform construction/demolition options. The consultant noted there are options for full removal and partial removal, including options to leave the majority of the material at the site and not fly it out. He clarified that at this time it has not been determined which option will be chosen. He encouraged the stakeholder to file any request for study modifications with FERC.

### **Recreation Studies (REC-1, Recreation)**

- Ann Mahoney, a stakeholder with East Shore Silver Lake Improvement Association (ESSLIA), asked whether SCE/consultants were collecting information (including from Double Eagle Resort) about the number of people who use Silver Lake for on-water recreation including for paddle boarding and fishing. The stakeholder noted that it is important to look at all the areas that might be negatively affected by the Project.
  - Consultant Patricia Sussman clarified that the field data collection study area for recreation was limited to the FERC boundary. However, an objective of the Recreation Technical Study includes characterizing the recreation setting and opportunities in the larger Rush Creek watershed, including the recreational areas accessible from SR 158.

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#### Next Steps

SCE filed this meeting summary on November 21, 2023 and concurrently distributed the summary to stakeholders on the Project distribution list (Attachment C). Any stakeholder or Commission staff may file a disagreement concerning the meeting summary on or before December 26, 2023, as identified in the Process Plan and Schedule contained in Appendix A of the Commission's Scoping Document 2 for the Rush Creek Project. Comments should identify any disagreements and any requests to amend ongoing studies, or new studies proposed.

Technical study reports will be distributed to stakeholders for a 90-day review and comment period in February-March 2024 summarizing results from implementation of the FERC-approved technical studies, including the Environmental Justice and Full Decommissioning studies. SCE will conduct technical working group (TWG) meetings, by resource area, during the review period to review and discuss the study results. SCE will also be available during the TWG meetings to discuss stakeholder requests for study modification and/or the need for new studies. Any study plan changes and/or study disputes will be filed with FERC. Results of study implementation in 2024 will distributed to stakeholders in the Draft License Application (September 2024) and Final License Application (January 2025). Results from 2024 studies will also be addressed in the Updated Study Report and Meeting (October 26, 2024 and November 10, 2024, respectively).

The 2023 Initial Study Report and other Rush Creek Hydroelectric Project relicensing documents can be obtained from the FERC's website at <u>http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary</u> or SCE's Rush Creek Project relicensing website at <u>http://sce.com/rushcreek.</u>

SCE looks forward to working with FERC staff and interested stakeholders as the relicensing of the Rush Creek Project proceeds. If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact Matthew Woodhall, SCE Relicensing Project Manager, by phone at (909) 362-1764 or via e-mail at <u>matthew.woodhall@sce.com</u>.

Sincerely,

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Wayne P. Allen Principal Manager

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Attendance List
- Attachment B: Agenda and PowerPoint Presentation
- Attachment C: Distribution List

2023 Initial Study Report Meeting Summary Attachment A – List of Meeting Attendees

### **Attachment A**

List of Meeting Attendees

### 2023 Initial Study Report Meeting Summary Attachment A – List of Meeting Attendees

Name	Affiliation			
Quinn Emmering				
Evan Williams				
Everard Baker	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission			
Frank Winchell				
Ousmane Sidibe				
Graham Meese				
Beth Lawson	California Department of Fish and Wildlife			
Ashley Blythe Haverstock				
Tristan Leong	US Forest Service, Region 5			
Eric Rios-Bertado				
Jazzmyn Gegere (Brochini)	American Indian Council of Mariposa County			
Bartshe Miller	Mono Lake Committee			
Greg Reis	Mono Lake Committee			
Bob Gardner	Mono County Supervisor			
Ralph Lockhart	Double Eagle Resort			
Kent Dohnel	Frontier Pack Train			
Justin Dohnel				
Colleen McNally-Murphy	American Rivers			
Meghan Quinn	American Rivers			
Garrett Long	State Water Board			
Adam Cohen				
Marrina Nation	California Trout			
Dean Tonenna	Mono Lake Kukzadikaa Tribe			
Ann Marie Mahoney				
Jim Mahoney	East Shore Silver Lake Improvement Association (ESSLIA)			
Don Goffinet				
Daniel Mazmanian				
Allison Weber	Friends of the Inyo			
Robert Marks				
Andrew Zdon				
Rachel Maxwell				
Terry Plum				
Paul McFarland				
Jeff Yanez	Public			
Greg James				
Robert Nailon				
Karen Gardner				
David Rosky				
Sue Burak				

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Dorothy Burdette	
Phil Sutphin	
Martin Ostendorf	Southern California Edison (SCE)
Matthew Woodhall	
Seth Carr	
Matthew C Paruolo	
Audry Williams	
Elizabeth McCormick	
Patrick Le	
Ed Bianchi	Consultants to SCE
Patricia Sussman	
Jennifer Hammond	
Kelleigh Crowe	
Allyson Osborn	
Craig Addley	
Scott Thompson	
James Clark	
Robyn Smith	
Michael Lerch	
Patrick Kester	

## **Attachment B**

Agenda and PowerPoint Presentation



### Rush Creek Hydroelectric Project (P-1389) Initial Study Report Meeting

Thursday, November 9, 2023; 4:30 PM-7:00 PM, Pacific Time

Microsoft Teams: https://www.microsoft.com/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting

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Time	Item
4:30-4:40	<ul> <li>Welcome and Introductions</li> <li>Safety Moment</li> <li>Meeting Tips</li> </ul>
4:40-5:00	<ul><li>Meeting Purpose and Initial Study Report</li><li>Relicensing Process and Schedule</li></ul>
5:00-6:50 <sup>*</sup>	<ul> <li>Technical Study Plan Implementation <ul> <li>Aquatic Resources</li> <li>AQ-1 Instream Flow</li> <li>AQ-2 Hydrology</li> <li>AQ-3 Water Temperature</li> <li>AQ-4 Water Quality</li> <li>AC-5 Geomorphology</li> <li>AQ-6 Fish Population and Barriers</li> <li>AQ-7 Special-status Amphibians</li> </ul> </li> <li>BREAK (5 minutes) <ul> <li>Cultural and Tribal Resources</li> <li>CUL-1 Built Environment</li> <li>CUL-2 Archaeology</li> <li>TRI-1 Tribal Resources</li> <li>LAND-1 Aesthetics</li> <li>LAND-1 Noise</li> <li>Recreation Resources</li> <li>REC-1 Recreation</li> <li>TERR-1 Botanical</li> <li>TERR-2 Wildlife</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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7:00	Adjourn

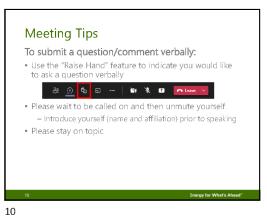
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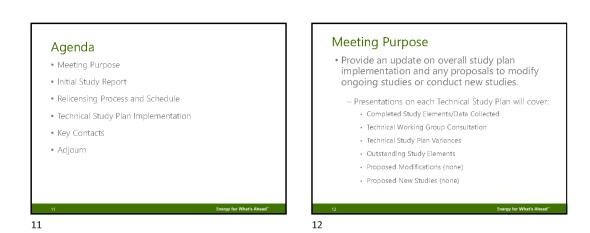




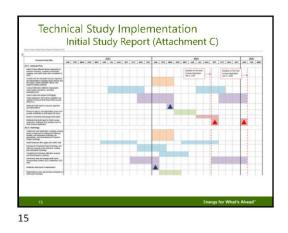


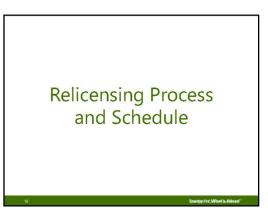








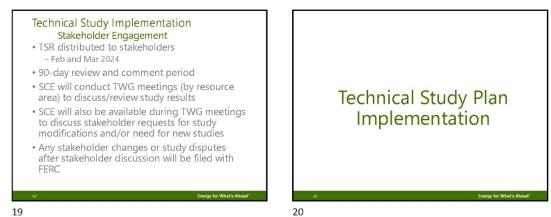


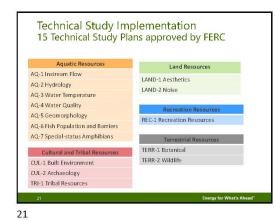


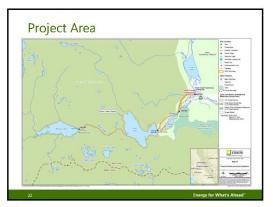
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FERC Regulation	Responsible Party	Action	Date Completed
5.11(a)	SCE	Filed Proposed Study Plan	May 26, 2022
5.13	FERC	Filed Revised Study Plan	5ep 23, 2022
5.13	FERC	Study Plan Determination	Uct 26, 2022
5.15(a)	SCE	Conducted First Study Season	summer/fall 2023
5.15(c)(1)	SCE	Filed Initial Study Report	Oct 26, 2023
5.15(c)(2)	SCE	Conduct Initial Study Report Meeting	Nov 9, 2023
5.15(c)(3)	SCE	File Initial Study Report Meeting Summary	Nov 26, 2023
5.15(c)(4)	Stakeholders/FERC	File Disagreements/Requests to Amend Study Plan	Dec 26, 2023
5.15(c)(6)	FERC	Issue Director's Determination on Disagreements/Amendments	Feb 24, 2024
		Conduct Second Study Season	summer/fall 2024







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#### Technical Study Implementation Data Collection

- Study Plan Determination October 2022 precluding field work until 2023 due to high elevation of the Project and limited road access.
- Field studies were delayed in 2023 due to record snowpack and prolonged high runoff.
  - Most studies were delayed until late July /early August 2023
  - Aquatic-related studies did not commence until mid-August/early September 2023 and are continuing into November
  - Waugh Lake did not drain sufficiently this year to commence most lakebed studies



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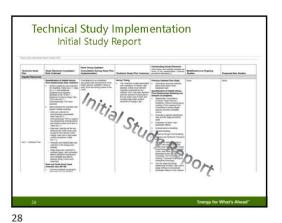
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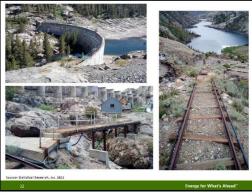
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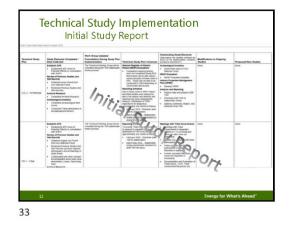


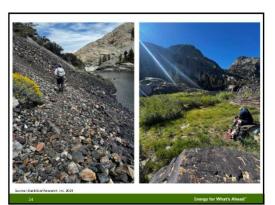




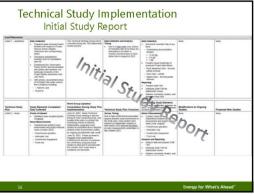


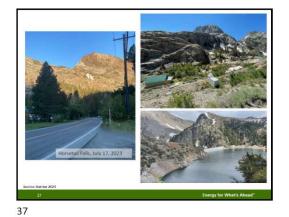












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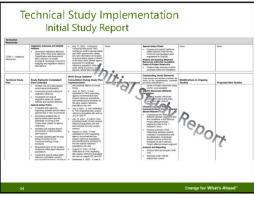




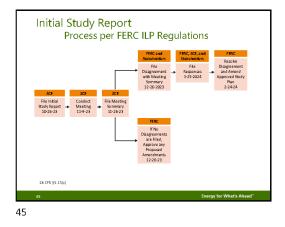
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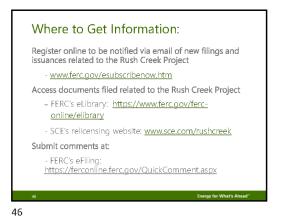


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