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**Subject: Lundy Hydroelectric Project (FERC Project No. 1390) Initial Study Report Meeting Summary**

Dear Secretary Reese:

In accordance with Section 5.15(c) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) regulations,<sup>1</sup> Southern California Edison (SCE), licensee of the Lundy Hydroelectric Project No. 1390 (Project), hereby files the meeting summary, following the Initial Study Report (ISR) meeting held on January 15, 2026.

The ISR<sup>2</sup> was filed on January 5, 2026 and described SCE's progress in implementing the 12 technical study plans conducted pursuant to FERC's January 2, 2025, Study Plan Determination (SPD)<sup>3</sup> associated with Project relicensing. The ISR also noted any variances from the study plans and schedules and proposed modifications for the second study season, as appropriate.

The ISR meeting provided relicensing participants with an opportunity to discuss data collected to date and next steps. Additionally, the presentation included results from the fish tissue sampling conducted as part of the AQ-1 study. These data were not available at the time of the ISR filing; however, since the data were received and presented as part of the ISR meeting, SCE is including with this filing a brief memorandum describing the results of the mercury levels found in fish at the Project.

A copy of this submittal and the ISR has been posted to SCE's Lundy Project relicensing website at [www.sce.com/lundy](http://www.sce.com/lundy).

## Background

On February 23, 2024, SCE filed a Notice of Intent to seek a new license for the Project, together with a Pre-Application Document, which initiated the formal relicensing proceeding using

<sup>1</sup> 18 C.F.R. § 5.15(c).

<sup>2</sup> Initial Study Report, Project No. 1390-069, Accession No. [20260105-5178](#) (submitted Jan. 5, 2026).

<sup>3</sup> Study Plan Determination, Project No. 1390-069, Accession No. [20250102-3061](#) (issued Jan. 2, 2025).

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FERC's Integrated Licensing Process.<sup>4</sup> On August 5, 2024, SCE filed a Proposed Study Plan (PSP) which included 12 studies to support the relicensing process.<sup>5</sup> On December 4, 2024, SCE filed a Revised Study Plan that considered FERC's Scoping Documents and comments filed on the PSP.<sup>6</sup> On January 3, 2025, FERC issued its SPD.<sup>7</sup> The 12 study plans approved in the SPD and included in the ISR that were discussed during the January 15, 2026 meeting included:

- WQ-1 Lundy Lake and Mill Creek Water Quality Monitoring
- WQ-2 Lundy Lake and Mill Creek Water Temperature Monitoring
- AQ-1 Fish Community Survey
- AQ-2 Fish Stranding Study
- TERR-1 General Botanical Resources Survey
- TERR-2 General Wildlife Survey
- REC-1 Recreation Use and Needs Assessment
- REC-2 Recreation Facilities Condition Assessment
- CUL-1 Cultural Resources – Archeology
- CUL-2 Cultural Resources – Built Environment
- TRI-1 Tribal Resources
- LAND-1 Project Lands and Roads Study

### **Next Steps**

This meeting summary is being filed in accordance with the FERC-issued Process Plan and Schedule. Relicensing participants will have until March 4, 2026, to file comments, disagreements, and requests to amend the study plan. SCE has until April 3, 2026, to respond to such comments, and FERC's determination on these requests is expected by May 4, 2026.

SCE will continue with data collection for a second study season (2026) for ongoing/outstanding study elements and per FERC's resolution of any disagreements, if necessary. The results of

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<sup>4</sup> Notice of Intent and Pre-Application Document, Project No. 1390-069, Accession No. [20240223-5045](#) (filed Feb. 23, 2024).

<sup>5</sup> Proposed Study Plan, Project No. 1390-069, Accession No. [20240805-5082](#) (filed Aug. 5, 2024).

<sup>6</sup> Revised Study Plan, Project No. 1390-069, Accession No. [20241204-5139](#) (filed Dec. 4, 2024).

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the second study season will be provided in the Updated Study Report filed with FERC by January 4, 2027.

## Conclusion

SCE looks forward to continuing to work with FERC and other interested parties on the Lundy Hydroelectric Project relicensing. Should there be any questions or concerns regarding this filing, please contact Matthew Woodhall, Senior Relicensing Project Manager, by phone at 626-302-9596 or via email at [matthew.woodhall@sce.com](mailto:matthew.woodhall@sce.com).

We look forward to our continued work with Commission staff and all relicensing participants toward the goal of a successful completion of the relicensing process.

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**Attachments:** Distribution List  
Initial Study Report Meeting Summary  
Supplementary Memo on Fish Tissue Sampling Results for Mercury

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**SUPPLEMENTARY MEMO ON FISH TISSUE SAMPLING RESULTS FOR MERCURY**

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## **ADDENDUM: WQ-1 LUNDY LAKE AND MILL CREEK WATER QUALITY MONITORING**

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

On January 5, 2026, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed *the Lundy Hydroelectric Project Initial Study Report* (ISR) (SCE, 2026) that summarized the results of the 2025 Water Quality Study (WQ-1 Study) conducted pursuant to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Study Plan Determination from January 2, 2025. This addendum provides the results of the sampling and analysis of mercury in fish tissue that became available between preparation of the ISR and the ISR meeting.

### **2.0 MERCURY IN FISH TISSUE**

#### **2.1.1. METHODS**

Fish were captured as part of the AQ-1 Fish Community Survey Study (SCE, 2026, Section 5.0, *AQ-1 Fish Community Survey*). Field processing and laboratory analysis methods are described in the ISR, Section 3.0, *WQ-1 Lundy Lake and Mill Creek Water Quality Monitoring* (SCE, 2026).

#### **2.1.2. RESULTS**

Two fish species, rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) and brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) were captured in Lundy Lake on August 25 and 26, 2025, for tissue analysis. The laboratory analysis of the fish tissue showed mercury concentrations to be lower in rainbow trout than in brown trout. No individual fish tissue contained methylmercury<sup>1</sup> concentrations that exceed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA's) tissue residue criterion, which is equivalent to 0.3 microgram per gram (USEPA, 2001). Mercury concentrations in fish tissue and physical characteristics of fish captured are summarized in Table 2-1. A comparison of total mercury concentrations in fish tissue and the total length of captured fish appears in Figure 2-1.

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<sup>1</sup> Total mercury concentrations in fish tissue are comparable to methylmercury.

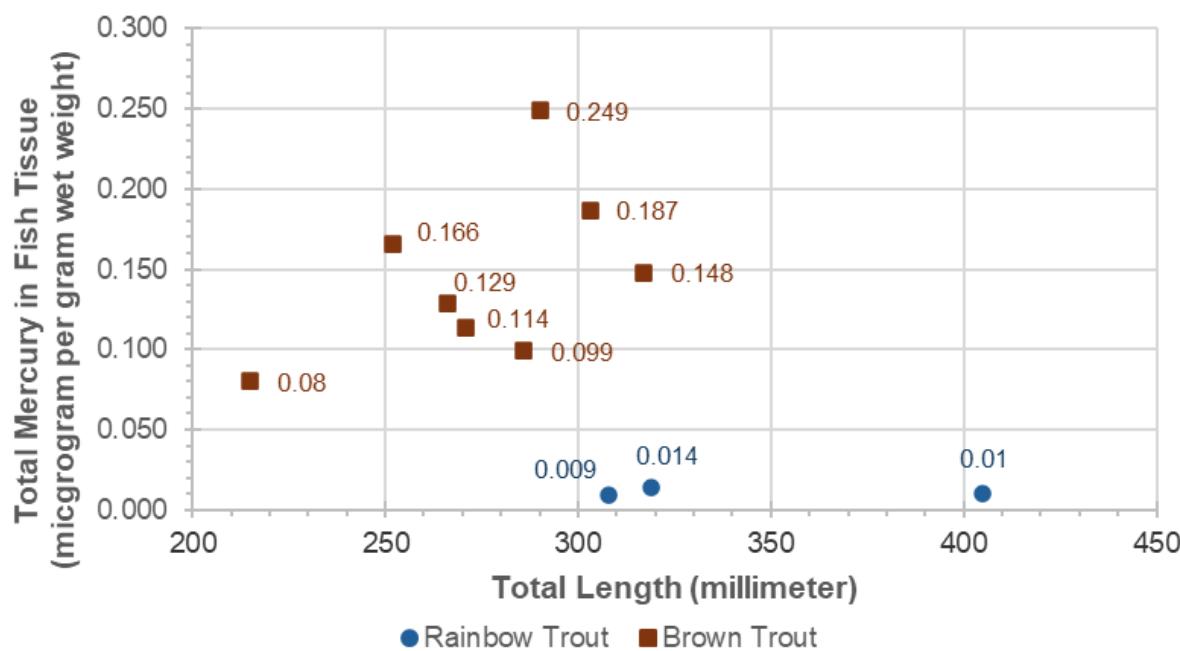
**Table 2-1. Summary of Mercury in Fish Tissue and Physical Characteristics of Fish Captured in Lundy Lake, August 2025**

Species	Trophic Level <sup>a</sup>	Total Number of Fish	Total Mercury in Fish Tissue ( $\mu\text{g/g ww}$ )		Total Length (mm)	
			Mean	Range	Mean	Range
Rainbow trout	3	3	0.011	0.009–0.014	344	308–405
Brown trout	4	9	0.134	0.038–0.249	264	179–317
All	--	12	0.104	0.009–0.249	284	179–405

-- = not applicable;  $\mu\text{g/g ww}$  = microgram per gram wet weight; mm = millimeter

Notes:

<sup>a</sup> Freshwater trophic level classifications as described in SWRCB (2017). Trophic Level 3 fish consume mainly zooplankton; benthic invertebrates; and small, phytoplankton-dependent fish. Trophic Level 4 fish consume Trophic Level 3 fish and other aquatic organisms.



Note: Total mercury concentrations in fish tissue for individual fish tissue are included for reference to the USEPA (2001) tissue residue criterion (0.3 microgram per gram).

**Figure 2-1. Mercury in Individual Fish Tissue by Total Length.**

### **3.0 REFERENCES**

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