



DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY NOTES*

LEE VINING, FERC PROJECT NO. 1388

OPERATIONS MODEL TWG MEETING

JUNE 11, 2026 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

**These meeting notes are documentation of general discussions from the meeting held on the above-noted date and focus on stakeholder questions and comments. These notes are not a verbatim account of proceedings and do not represent any final decisions or official documentation for the project or participating agencies.*

AGENDA

- Continue review of State Water Board's questions on operations model
- Discuss PME-1 flows as needed

ATTENDEES

Relicensing Team Members

Matthew Woodhall, SCE
Carissa Shoemaker, Kleinschmidt
Bret Hoffman, Kleinschmidt

Technical Working Group Members & Interested Parties

Tristan Leong, US Forest Service (USFS)
Michael Wiese, USFS
Adam Cohen, State Water Board
Bryan Muro, State Water Board
Graham Meese, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
Beth Lawson, CDFW
Ashley Cooper, CDFW
Robbie Di Paolo, Mono Lake Committee

OPERATIONS MODEL DISCUSSION

- Bret and Adam shared screens and viewed the operations model. They made updates and refined metrics over the last week together. Notes section of the model has been updated to reflect the changes.
- Ops Mode 2 follows minimum flows and Ops Mode 4 follows minimum flows and also force-drains the reservoir. Adam is not using MINQ/Drain (Ops Mode 4) anymore because it seems to force drain the reservoir too early.
- Tristan asked if you make flows below Poole instantaneous, what are the limitations of the system.
- SCE would like to file updated PME-1 (Tables 1 and 2) with FERC as license application amendment as soon as possible, once everyone is in agreement.
- Tristan is editing footnotes in PME-1 Table 1 for clarification and simplification.
- Bret recommends the ops model dated today (6/11) be used by all from now on, and suggested Ops Mode 4.
- Discussion about if SCE could make Saddlebag and Tioga releases change/respond when Poole releases are changed, but this is not operationally possible and not proposed by SCE.
- Reservoir level requirements (PME-1 Table 2) discussion to simplify the language for Ellery operations. Carry over water is held in Ellery Lake, SCE may want to drain it over the winter if LADWP requests it. Generally, Ellery is managed within 2-feet of the spillway all year. Is this a requirement or a guideline, making it clear as a PME measure. Tristan has suggestions to change the language.
- Consideration of coordinating bigger releases from Saddlebag and Tioga lakes at the same time as Poole, trying to clarify that language and sync up the timing, Tristan editing footnote in PME-1 Table 1.

SCHEDULE AND ACTION ITEMS

- Adam and Bret will share screenshot inputs to make sure they are on same page.
- Relicensing team will distribute updated 6/11 model.
- Tristan will send the group an updated PME-1 Table with his modified footnotes.
- Stakeholders will run modeling scenarios.
- TWG will meet again Wed 6/17 @ 2 to look through proposed flows and review modeling results.