

Rush Creek Project

FERC Project No. 1389

Study Plan Meeting

June 16, 2022

Please hold, we will begin shortly. Thank you for your patience and for muting your microphone.

Introductions

| SCE Team | Cardno Team |
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| Matt Woodhall, Relicensing PM | Ed Bianchi, Project Director |
| Martin Ostendorf, Senior Manager | Julie Smith, Project Manager |
| Seth Carr, Bishop Operations | |
| Lyle Laven, Bishop Operations | |
| Nicolas von Gersdorff, Dam Safety | |
| Audry Williams, Cultural Technical Lead | |

Safety Moment



Meeting Agenda/Objectives

- Development of SCE's Proposed Study Plan
- Discuss stakeholder study requests/comments
- Attempt to resolve any outstanding issues on the Proposed Study Plan
- Discuss next steps

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**Rush Creek Hydroelectric Project
FERC Project No. 1389**

PROPOSED STUDY PLAN



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Draft Study Plans

- The Pre-Application Document (PAD) included 15 Draft Technical Study Plans (TSP)

Aquatic Resources

AQ 1 – Instream Flow
AQ 2 – Hydrology
AQ 3 – Water Temperature
AQ 4 – Water Quality
AQ 5 – Geomorphology
AQ 6 – Fish Population and Barriers
AQ 7 – Special-status Amphibians

Cultural and Tribal Resources

CUL 1 – Built Environment
CUL 2 – Archaeology
TRI 1 – Tribal

Land Resources

LAND 1 – Aesthetics
LAND 2 – Noise

Recreation Resources

REC 1 – Recreation

Terrestrial Resources

TERR 1 – Botanical
TERR 2 – Wildlife

Draft Study Plans

- Draft TSPs were developed to address:
 - Continued O&M of the modified Project
 - Partial or full removal of Agnew and Rush Meadows dams
 - Modification and retrofitting of Gem Dam
 - Restoration of the former inundation zone of Waugh (Rush Meadows), Agnew, and Gem lakes
 - Potential enhancement of the Lower Rush Creek and South Rush Creek channels
 - Assessment of sediment deposition in Rush Creek near the Silver Lake inlet

Draft Study Plans

- Following filing of PAD, SCE convened a series of Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings
 - Conducted February, March, and April 2022
 - Purpose was to review and refine the Draft TSPs included in the PAD prior to filing of SCE's Proposed Study Plan
 - At the conclusion of the TWG meetings, SCE prepared Updated TSPs and distributed them to participants on April 5, 2022

Draft Study Plans

- In response to FERC's Notice of Commencement of Proceeding, the following entities filed comments with FERC:
 - U.S. Forest Service*
 - California Department of Fish and Wildlife*
 - Friends of the Inyo*
 - California State Water Resources Control Board*
 - American Rivers and California Sportfishing Protection Alliance
 - East Shore Silver Lake Improvement Association
 - Environmental Protection Agency
 - June Lake Regional Planning Advisory Committee

*Study Request/Study Comment

Proposed Study Plan

- The Proposed Study Plan only addressed stakeholder comments directly associated with study requests/study comments
- The Proposed Study Plan does not address:
 - Comments on SD 1
 - General comments on the PAD
 - Recommendations for license conditions, such as PM&E measures
 - Comments on impact analyses in SCE's license application
 - Comments on FERC's NEPA analysis
 - FERC issues that are administrative in nature

Proposed Study Plan

- Discuss PSP Table 2, Stakeholder Study Requests and Associated SCE Responses
- Discuss recent Forest Service comment related to AQ 6 – Fish Population and Barrier TSP (gillnetting)
- Discuss PSP Table 3, SCE-Initiated Revisions to Updated TSPs

Next Steps

- Stakeholders review PSP and file comments with FERC prior to August 28, 2022
- Obtain PSP from:
 - FERC’s eLibrary: <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>
 - Docket No. P-1389
 - SCE’s relicensing website: www.sce.com/rushcreek
- Submit comments via FERC’s eComment or eFiling System: <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview>

Next Steps

| Responsible Entity | Milestone | Date | FERC Regulation |
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| Stakeholders | File Comments on SCE's Proposed Study Plan | 8/28/2022 | 5.12 |
| SCE | File Revised Study Plan | 9/27/2022 | 5.13(a) |
| Stakeholders | File Comments on SCE's Revised Study Plan | 10/12/2022 | 5.13(b) |
| FERC | Issue Study Plan Determination | 10/27/2022 | 5.13(c) |
| Mandatory Conditioning Agencies and Tribes | File Study Disputes | 11/16/2022 | 5.14(a) |
| FERC | Study Plan Approved (if no study disputes filed) | 11/16/2022 | 5.14(d) |

Questions?

