

On August 23, 2022, Southern California Edison (SCE) notified agencies, Native American Tribes, non-governmental organizations, and members of the public (herein referred to as "stakeholders") of the upcoming relicensing of the Kern No. 1 Hydroelectric Project (Project) using the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Integrated Licensing Process (ILP). The relicensing process is formally initiated upon SCE's filing of the Notice of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD) PAD with FERC (regulatory deadline of May 31, 2023).

In the August 2022 notice, SCE anticipated holding an early public outreach meeting, open to all stakeholders, in March/April 2023 to discuss relicensing process, Project facilities and operations, existing resource information, and draft technical studies in advance of distribution of the PAD.

This notice serves to inform stakeholders that SCE has rescheduled the public meeting to **June 13**, **2023**, to provide: (1) SCE time to complete the PAD, including the draft technical study plans; and (2) stakeholders time to review the PAD and draft technical studies and develop specific questions or comments, thereby, providing an opportunity for a productive discussion.

Background

SCE currently operates the Project under a 30-year FERC license that expires May 31, 2028. The Project is located on the Kern River approximately 15 miles east of the City of Bakersfield in Kern County, California and occupies federal lands within the Sequoia National Forest, which is under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service. The Project is operated in a run-of-river mode. Water from the Kern River is diverted at Democrat Dam into an approximately 8.5-mile-long flowline to the Project powerhouse with an installed capacity of 26.3 megawatts. Water exiting the powerhouse enters a short tailrace and is returned to the Kern River immediately upstream of the Kern Canyon Project (FERC Project No. 178) owned by Kern and Tule Hydro LLC.

Updated Public Meeting Information

On **June 13, 2023, from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm**, SCE will convene a meeting via Microsoft Teams, open to all stakeholders, to discuss the relicensing process, Project facilities and operations, existing resource information, and draft technical studies provide in the PAD.

Meeting details are as follows:

| Date: | June 13, 2023 |
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| Time: | 9:30 am –12:00 pm |

| Meeting Link: | Provided in Teams Meeting Invitation (to be sent separately) |
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| Dial-in (audio only): | Provided in Teams Meeting Invitation (to be sent separately) |

Materials discussed in the meeting will be posted to the Kern River No. 1 Hydroelectric Project website at <u>www.sce.com/kr1</u>.

SCE intends to conduct additional stakeholder meetings during the formal relicensing proceeding to further identify potential resource issues; refine draft technical studies; discuss study results; and evaluate future potential protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures.

If you received this announcement via e-mail, you are on SCE's relicensing distribution list. If you obtained this announcement by another means and want to be added to SCE's distribution list, please visit the Project website at <u>www.sce.com/kr1</u> and click on the link to complete the contact registration form.

To receive notifications from FERC via e-mail of new filings and issuances related to the Project, register online at <u>www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview</u>. Follow the online instructions and subscribe to docket number P-1930.

SCE looks forward to working collaboratively with stakeholders during the upcoming relicensing proceeding. Thank you for your help in identifying existing information and potential resource issues/concerns for inclusion in the PAD. If you have any questions, please contact David Moore, SCE Relicensing Project Manager, at (626) 302-9494, or <u>david.moore@sce.com</u>.