

# Lee Vining Hydroelectric System Relicensing

Aquatic Resources & Operations Technical Working Group February 22, 2021, 10 AM – 12:30 PM PDT via Microsoft Teams

#### **Objectives**

- Develop comprehensive list of study plan titles and rationale to be further developed in advance of next meeting

Time	Agenda Topic/Subtopic	Lead
10:05	Welcome & Introductions	
	<ul> <li>Safety moment</li> <li>Review of January TWG notes</li> <li>Meeting goals</li> <li>Discussion: Hydrology TWG vs Aquatics TWG</li> </ul>	Matthew Woodhall, Mike Harty
10:25	From Homework: Discussion of Study Plan Requests, including: Objectives Rationale, Nexus Study Area Methods	
	<ul> <li>Hydrology/Operations</li> <li>Geology &amp; soils</li> <li>Fish &amp; aquatics</li> <li>Water quality</li> </ul>	Mike Harty, All TWG members
12:10	Schedule, next steps, action items	
	<ul> <li>Next TWG meeting date(s)</li> <li>Study Plan Titles/Outlines</li> <li>Other action items</li> </ul>	Mike Harty
12:20	Final Q&A	
12:30	Adjourn	

## New Materials Provided Since January TWG

- February TWG Meeting Agenda
- Lee Vining Relicensing Study Titles (Bishop Creek Study Applicability Memo)
- Draft January TWG Meeting Summaries

#### Materials Available on Relicensing Website

- TWG Charter Document
- PAD References Cited
- List of Comprehensive Management Plans
- FERC Scoping Overview
  - o Attachment A: FERC Guide for Applying Study Plan Criteria
  - Attachment B: Blank Study Needs Matrix
- Select figures and tables for discussion
- Final Notes from November 2020 Initial TWG

### **Pre-meeting Homework for Participants**

We hope that this will be an interactive meeting. In addition to the Relicensing Team providing information on existing data and the FERC process, we are anticipating that TWG members come prepared to discuss areas of interest, questions you may have, and potential study ideas. We're also looking for confirmation from agencies that we have identified the relevant comprehensive management plans and guidance documents.

#### In advance of the meeting, please complete the following:

- 1. Review available information on <u>Project Website</u> with emphasis on Project Description and select tables and figures for describing resource information.
- 2. Review list of comprehensive plans and management guidelines and flag any omissions.
- 3. Review FERC Scoping Overview document and Attachment A (Guide to Applying FERC's Study Plan Criteria).
- 4. Use Attachment B in the FERC Scoping Overview to begin to build rationale for suggested studies. *Focus first on data gaps and nexus (connection) to the project.* We will work through the remaining portions of Attachment B during the meeting. <u>Updated with Bishop Creek Applicability template.</u>

### Proposed date & time for next Aquatic TWG

- Monday March 29, 10am-12:30pm
- April TBD
- May TBD