

Southern California Edison Big Creek Collaborative Land Management Working Group

February 8, 2005

Approved Meeting Minutes

Time:	2:00 – 4:00 PM	Moderator:	Bill Pistor
Location:	Piccadilly Inn Fresno, CA	Technical Coordinator:	Teresa Fung
Teleconference No.:	1-800-556-4976	Recorder:	Ryan Bicker, Teresa Fung
Teleconference Name:	Land Management Working Group		

Participants:	Bill Pistor	Kearns & West
	Geoff Rabone	SCE
	Cindy Whelan	Sierra National Forest
	Roger Robb	Friant Water Users Authority
	Katie Horst	SAMS
	Mark Newquist	SCE
	Toby Horst	Sierra RCD
	Martin Ostendorf	ENTRIX
	Ryan Bicker	Kearns & West

By Phone:	Teresa Fung	ENTRIX
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1. Approve Minutes for January 11, 2005 LMWG Meeting

The LMWG approved the minutes from the January 11, 2005 meeting.

2. Review Action Items from January 11, 2005 LMWG Meeting

1. Add the FERC Project # to all PRIM and Backup lists. This is already complete for Land, but will be communicated to other WG Coordinators for inclusion in their respective PRIM and Backup lists. – This was communicated to the Coordinators. Martin will follow-up on its implementation. (see AI)
2. Check to determine if the Hooper diversion piping is in the wilderness on the Land 8 table. – Hooper diversion piping is outside the wilderness. This has been completed.
3. Teresa and Mark will discuss the correct permitting process for the snow survey courses. – Teresa and Mark did talk. Mark will have a follow-up phone call with Annette Lambert, USFS on the topic (see AI).
4. Send a copy of the CAWG 2 report and highlight the sections that evaluate the condition of Project related roads to Toby Horst. This has been completed.
5. Send out a revised version of the Land PRIM and Backup to the WG. – The Land PRIM and Backup was distributed to the WG on 2/7/2005.

3. Overview of the Draft Land 4 – Fire Prevention and Protection Adequacy Evaluation report

A brief overview of the content of the draft Land 4 – Fire Prevention and Protection Adequacy Evaluation report was presented. The draft was distributed on February 2, 2005. Comments are due on March 3, 2005.

4. Discuss Resource Management Plans

Martin gave a presentation to the group on the management plan development process. He began by discussing the goals for the management plans, whose content would include avoidance, protection, and mitigation measures and their implementation. Under a traditional licensing process, FERC issues a license that lists the management plans to be developed. Under the alternative licensing process (ALP), stakeholders work collaboratively to develop the management plans before the license application is submitted.

For the Big Creek No. 4 management plan development process, SCE consulted with agencies for guidance on the plan development. A draft of each management plan was developed and submitted to the agencies for comments. Agency comments were resolved through additional consultation. Finally, the agency-approved plan was submitted to the FERC. Based on this experience, there will at minimum be four potential management plans in Land under the ALP. The WG also mentioned the possibility of adding a facilities related Management Plan.

For the ALP, the draft management plans would be circulated to other WGs for review and comment. Each management plan will include an evaluation and implementation plan for operations and maintenance activities, will seek agency consultation, and provide for resource monitoring. After the WG have identified the plans needed to protect their resources and how the plans will be bundled, they will distribute them to the other WG for review. The purpose of the review is to assess for potential cross-resource conflicts or potential opportunities for synergy. The WGs will resolve conflicts as best they can and submit the plans to the Plenary for integration in the Settlement Agreement and the Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment.

The next steps for the Land WG are to review the PRIM for possible PM&E measures, develop the PM&Es in a matrix format like the PRIM, and develop the potential Management Plan list. Over the next month, PM&Es will be added to the PRIM and Backup matrix and sent out to the WG for review and discussion.

5. Other

Bill reminded the group that an economics meeting had been scheduled for February 23rd. The WG briefly reviewed the schedule for the completion of outstanding study reports. The next meeting is set for Tuesday March 8th.

Meeting adjourned.

6. Review Action Items from Meeting:

1. Martin will follow-up with the other WG Coordinators on adding FERC Project # to all PRIM and Backup lists.
2. Mark will have a follow-up phone call with Annette Lambert, USFS regarding the snow survey course permitting.