

Big Creek Collaborative Terrestrial Resources Working Group

January 13, 2005

Final Meeting Notes

Time:	10 AM – 12 PM	Moderator:	Bill Pistor, Kearns & West
Location:	Piccadilly Inn, Fresno	Coordinator:	Janelle Nolan-Summers, RBI
Teleconference No.:	1-800-556-4976	Recorder:	Janelle Nolan-Summers, RBI
Access code number:	271911	Participants:	Julie Means, CDFG
Teleconference Name:	Terrestrial Working Group		Joanna Clines, USFS
			Cindy Whelan, USFS
			Geoff Rabone, SCE
			Wayne Allen, SCE

Meeting Summary

The Group was provided copies of the Draft Vegetation Management Outline for review. Janelle presented a proposed approach for development of Management Plans and associated PM&Es.

Introduction

Bill reviewed the agenda and introduced the meeting participants.

Draft Meeting Notes Approval

The draft meeting notes from the December 7, 2004 meeting were approved.

Action Items Review

Bill reviewed the action items from the December 7, 2004 meeting. Two action items were carried forward for further work. These are listed below under Action Items.

Management Plan and PM&E Development Process

Janelle provided an overview of the Management Plan and PM&E Development Process. A copy of this presentation is attached.

- Stakeholders asked if the Management Plans developed for the Big Creek ALP may supersede plans that have been developed for the Big Creek 4 Hydroelectric Project or plans that will be developed for the Portal and Vermillion Projects. Bill explained that this was specifically addressed in the communications protocol, which states that SCE has the option to use the Big Creek ALP Management Plans for Portal and Vermillion if SCE and stakeholders agree that the ALP plans should supersede plans developed for other projects.
- Management Plans need to address any reoccurring maintenance or operations activities. These may be activities that do not occur annually, but occur on an infrequent basis (e.g., every 5 years).
- The Group requested that any reference to avoidance, protection, or mitigation measures be changed to PM&E. Consistency with nomenclature will avoid confusion in the future.
- The Group agreed that the Management Plans will include the Working Groups proposed PM&E measures.

Draft Vegetation Management Plan Outline

Janelle reviewed the proposed Draft Vegetation Management Plan Outline.

- Stakeholders suggested that the outline be split by Project (FERC License). This would avoid potential documentation issues if Settlement is not reached.
- Change the Avoidance and Protection Measures section to PM&E.
- Change the Mitigation and Resource Monitoring to Resource and Performance Monitoring.
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- Management Plans will include a monitoring schedule for resources and for updating the plans. This will be developed through the Working Group.

Schedule and Next Meeting

Comments on Draft Vegetation Management Plan Outline due to Kearns & West on January 28, 2005.

Potential Seed Bank Development Meeting from 1 PM – 3 PM on February 10, 2005.

The next Terrestrial Working Group meeting will be from 10 AM – 1 PM, on February 10, 2005.

Action Items

1. Julie will verify the status of SCE's Programmatic Streambed Alteration Agreement.
2. Janelle and Julie will schedule a conference call with Kathy Dunkle of SCE to discuss the status of the Programmatic Streambed Alteration Agreement. Part of this conversation will be to determine if this Agreement needs to be renewed.
3. Joanna will coordinate with the Cultural Resources Working Group and SCE Nursery Manager to schedule a meeting to discuss development of a seed bank. Potential participants include: Ron Goode, Joe Tanski, Cindy Whelan, Julie Means, Mark Newquist, Lou Beane, Geoff Rabone, and Janelle Nolan-Summers. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 10, 2005, from 1 PM – 3 PM.
4. Janelle will e-mail the Management Plan Development Process Presentation to Martin for distribution to the Land Working Group.
5. ENTRIX and RBI will coordinate between the Working Groups, to the extent possible, on the process for development of Management Plans and associated PM&Es.
6. Janelle will e-mail the outline for the Vegetation Management Plan to the Working Group.
7. Terrestrial Working Group will provide comments on the Vegetation Management Plan Outline to Kearns & West by January 28, 2005.
8. Janelle will e-mail the Terrestrial Working Group USFWS comments on the Big Creek ALP Preliminary Administrative Draft BA/BE.
9. Janelle will verify the date of the latest versions of the Resource Information Matrix (RIM), Potential Resource Issue Matrix (PRIM), PRIM Back-up, and Project Nexus Matrix. A copy of these documents will be provided to the Working Group via CD.