

10.5 Reoperation Study Plan

The Reoperation Study will evaluate the constraints to El Dorado County of withdrawing the 17,000 acre-feet from Folsom Lake in drought years or other situations where drought conditions are implemented, and determine if UARP operations affects such constraints and whether reoperation could improve the situation, and at what cost.

10.5.1. Pertinent Issue Questions

On May 1, 2002, the Plenary Group directed the Socioeconomic TWG to address the following issue question, as recommended by the Socioeconomic Internal Focus Group:

60. How could operational changes to existing UARP facilities contribute to meeting demonstrated water supply and drought protection needs in El Dorado County? What would be the economic consequences to UARP?

10.5.2 Study Methods and Schedule

- a. The Reoperation Study Plan acknowledges that the JBIT may submit additional alternatives for consideration at a later date consistent with the MMOU and UARP relicensing protocols.
- b. Prepare a description of El Dorado County's existing water rights and determine the constraints to El Dorado County of withdrawing the 17,000 acre-feet from Folsom Lake in drought years or other situations where either: (1) Term 91 or (2) Water Forum drought conditions, are implemented. El Dorado County Water Agency will prepare this document.
- c. Determine whether UARP operations can mitigate the constraints identified in "b" above. Determine whether reoperation could help?
- d. If the answer to "c" is yes, determine the economic impacts to UARP.

10.5.3 Study Output

A presentation on the study will be made to the Socioeconomic TWG and Plenary Group. The ultimate study output will be a written report that includes the issue addressed, analysis, results, discussion and conclusions. The report will be prepared in a format so that it can easily be incorporated into the Licensee's draft environmental assessment that will be submitted to FERC with the Licensee's application for a new license.

10.5.4 TWG and Plenary Group Endorsement

The Socioeconomic TWG approved the draft study plan on November 25, 2002. The participants at the meeting who said they could "live with" the plan were Taxpayers' Association of El Dorado County, Friends of El Dorado County, American River Recreation Association & Camp Lotus, El Dorado County Water Agency, City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento and SMUD. None of the participants at the meeting said they could not "live with" the draft study plan.

The Plenary Group approved this plan on March 5, 2003. The participants at the meeting who said they could "live with" this study plan were the U.S. Forest Service, El Dorado Irrigation District, El Dorado County Citizens for Water, Georgetown Divide Public Utility District, National Park Service, Taxpayers' Association of El Dorado County, Friends of El Dorado County, American River Recreation Association & Camp Lotus, El Dorado County Water Agency, City of Sacramento and SMUD. None of the participants at the meeting said they could not "live with" this study plan.