



Cultural Resources Technical Working Group Meeting

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Directions to SMUD's Customer Service Center

SMUD has two four-story buildings located adjacent to Highway 50 on the north side, between 59th Street exit and 65th Street exit. The Customer Service Center (CSC) is the newer building of the two located at 6301 S Street, and houses the Rubicon Room, Forestview 1,2, & 3, Sequoia 1,2,& 3, Timberline 1,2, & 3, and the HRL Conference Room located on the third floor (Northwest wing). The Headquarters building is located at 6201 S Street, directly west of the CSC. It houses the Headquarters' Customer Center (HCC), the Auditorium and several other conference rooms.

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Directions:

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**Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)
Upper American River Project (UARP) Hydro Relicensing Project**

**Cultural Resources
Technical Work Group (TWG) Meeting**

**SMUD Customer Service Center, 6301 "S" Street - Timberline 1
Sacramento, California**

**February 27, 2003
11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Agenda












Time	Topic
11:30 a.m.	Introductions
11:40 a.m.	Review draft Archaeological Inventory Report
3:15 p.m.	Set next meeting agenda
3:30 p.m.	Adjourn

Note: If parking is problematic, please go to any of the cross-armed gates and advise security via the phone that is located there that you are at SMUD for a Hydro Relicensing meeting. You are authorized to park on the north side of SMUD under the Light Rail overcrossing (in a parking spot that is not reserved for SMUD vehicles)

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**Upper American River Project (UARP)
Cultural Resources Technical Working Group (TWG)
Meeting Summary**

February 27, 2003; 11:30 – 3:30

**Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)
Customer Service Center (CSC), Timberline 1
6301 “S” Street, Sacramento, California**

Summary

The Cultural Resources Technical Working Group (TWG) met on February 27, 2003 at the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) Customer Service Center (CSC) in Sacramento, California. Participants in attendance included:

- Denise McLemore, US Forest Service (USFS)
- Steve Heipel, EDAW (consultant to SMUD)
- Richard Deis, EDAW
- Jennifer Darcangelo, Office of Historic Preservation (SHPO)
- Lonn Maier, SMUD
- Lysa Daniels, El Dorado County Indian Council – El Dorado Miwok
- Virginia Crespo, El Dorado County (EDC)

The Cultural Resources TWG met to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Review draft Archaeological Inventory Report as prepared by EDAW, Inc.
2. Set next meeting agenda.

Both agenda items were accomplished.

Discussion topics/questions

During the meeting, the following topics/questions were discussed.

1. Background review. As a review and for returning and new participants, background Upper American River Project (UARP) information was presented.
2. Native American consultation. SMUD had requested meetings with interested tribal members to review the project and Native American cultural resource interests. SMUD met with members of the Washoe and Miwok tribes last December. As a result of the updates given to these members and the interest generated, a field visit will be scheduled sometime in late May or early June 2003.
3. Review of ongoing discussions. Some ongoing discussions from the last Cultural TWG meeting were reviewed, which included:
 - a) transmission lines – The western end of the Area of Potential Effects (APE) ends at the Folsom Junction. SMUD will request

FERC to accept the exclusion of transmission lines below the junction within the new license application.

- b) roads – all roads within the FERC project boundary are in the APE and were to be surveyed for cultural resources. Some roads have not been used since completion of the project in the late 1960s and may not even be found in the field. SMUD may request that FERC review the necessity of maintaining these roads in the project boundary if they are not used.
- c) recreation areas – as noted in the last meeting summary, SMUD will not conduct cultural resource surveys within campgrounds that are located within the FERC project boundary and managed by USFS, since surveys would have been performed when the campground was built. Depending on recommendations of the Recreation TWG and the concurrence of the Cultural TWG, some surveys may be conducted on dispersed camping sites in close proximity to the project (e.g., Junction Reservoir dispersed camping area).

Review draft Archaeological Resources Inventory Report. Steve Heipel and Richard Deis from EDAW gave a summary of the cultural resource survey work completed last year. Steve noted that a goal of the work was to address the issue questions posed by the Plenary Group in June 2001 that relate to cultural resources in the project area and to prepare a submittal that would meet the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Subsequently, a work plan was prepared, permitted by the USFS and conducted in 2002. The draft Archaeological Resources Inventory Report is the culmination of this effort. The general FERC project boundary was described, which includes all roads, transmission lines, facilities and ancillary facilities within the boundary. Land above project tunnels and the transmission lines below Folsom Junction were noted as being excluded from the survey. Previous SMUD-identified and USFS-known sites were included in the reporting of the cultural resource sites. Potential National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) eligibility was also noted in evaluation of each site. All told, 73 archaeological sites have been identified within the project boundary. Of these 73, 15 sites have been identified by EDAW as having values that may make them eligible for inclusion in the NRHP. These assessments are based on observations made during the pedestrian inventory – test excavations and formal NRHP evaluations have not been undertaken.

USFS noted that reservoir fluctuation zones (e.g., Union Valley Reservoir) are of concern due to not only reservoir elevation fluctuation, but also drawdown and public access to the exposed surfaces of the reservoir. **Action Item:** Lonn Maier will get reservoir elevation fluctuation and drawdown information for review. USFS noted that FERC encourages early development of a Heritage Properties Management Plan. However, USFS staff contends that such an approach would be impractical since more thorough site investigation needs to be done first. Lysa Daniels noted that she would like to get information on other resource (terrestrial and aquatic) studies as well. **Action Item:** Lonn Maier will get aforementioned information to Lysa as it is developed.

A preference was also noted by the participants of avoidance and preservation of cultural resources rather than conducting subsurface testing and data recovery to assess significance and mitigate impacts, since ground disturbing activities would further impacts sites.

Other Action items: USFS and OHP will complete review of the draft Archaeological Resources Inventory Report and provide comments to SMUD and EDAW by April 21, 2003. EDAW will prepare a draft study plan to evaluate identified resources and potential project effects by mid-April for the TWG to review.

Future meeting dates

The next Cultural TWG meeting will be **April 30, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.**

Attachments with this Summary

None.

Other Items

None.

These summaries are not intended to be a transcript of the meeting, but only to serve as a brief synopsis. Please provide any comments you may have regarding these summaries to Imaier@smud.org.