



Land Use

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.

The Field Reporting Facility (aka FRF) is located behind the SMUD Headquarters building: go under the Light Rail overpass, then to the left about 150 yards.

Directions:

Heading East: From downtown Sacramento, head east on Highway 50, exit at **59th Street**. This exit will take you up-and-over Highway 50. Go straight at the first intersection, travel about a half mile. On your left (north) is the SMUD Headquarters building, the next building is the Customer Service Center.

Heading West: From Placerville, take Highway 50 to Sacramento and exit at **65th Street**. Go straight about one block after the first intersection. The Customer Service Center is the four-story building on your right (north).

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If you need assistance to find the Rubicon Room, Timberline 1,2,& 3, Sequoia 1,2,& 3, Forestview 1,2, & 3, and the Hydro Relicensing's Conference Room located on the third floor of the Northwest wing, see the guard at the lobby desk. The Headquarters Customer Center (HCC) room is located in the Headquarters building opposite the board of directors Auditorium in the first floor. Drive Safely.

Note: *Downloadable maps can be found at hydrorelicensing.smud.org/meetings/meet_loc.htm*

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

**Land Resources
Technical Work Group Meeting**

**Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Customer Service Center (CSC)
6301 "S" Street Rubicon Room
Sacramento, California**



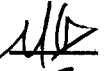

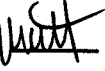

**March 17, 2003
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Agenda

Time	Topic
1:00 p.m.	Introductions
1:05	Review meeting agenda
1:10	Review and approve the draft meeting summary from the February 13, 2003 Land Use TWG meeting
1:15	Continue discussion of the draft Fire Risk and Protection Study Plan for approval
3:45	Next meeting date and agenda items
4:00	Adjourn

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

**March 17, 2003
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)
Customer Service Center (CSC), Rubicon Room
6301 "S" Street, Sacramento, California**

Summary

The Land Use Resources Technical Working Group (TWG) met on March 17, 2003 at SMUD's Customer Service Center (CSC). Participants included:

- Gary Bilyeu, US Forest Service (USFS)
- Sue Britting, citizen
- Marie Davis, Placer County Water Agency (PCWA)
- Dave Hanson, Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)
- Matt Johnson, USFS
- Lonn Maier, SMUD
- Rich Platt, USFS
- Marie Rainwater, TetraTech EM Inc. (facilitator)

The Land Use Resource TWG met to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Review and finalize the meeting agenda
2. Approve the previous meeting summary
3. Discuss and approve the draft Fire Risk and Protection Study Plan

Agenda items 1 and 2 were completed; the Draft Fire Risk and Protection Study Plan was not approved pending further discussions.

Discussion topics/questions

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

Agenda. There were no additions or other revisions to the agenda.

Approval of the meeting summary. The summary for the February 13, 2004 Land Use TWG meeting was approved.

Draft Fire Risk and Protection Study Plan discussion. This study plan was not approved. Some brief background information was presented by SMUD. This information was presented to the TWG to give historical perspective to elements that may be relevant in development of a revised Fire Risk and Protection Study Plan. Lonn Maier provided the following information primarily from two sources, the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment (SNFPA) and the current Exhibit "R" that is the current

recreation construction and maintenance agreement between SMUD and the USFS. This information included the following that could be considered in discussion of responsibilities within the plan:

- (All from the SNFPA) Forest fires in the Sierra Nevada are suppressed at a very small size; 1 percent of the fires in the last 25 years exceeded 100 acres, although the fires that exceeded 100 acres posed a significant risk of becoming a catastrophic stand placing fire (e.g., Cleveland Fire).
- Lightning fires cause a significant number of fires in the Sierra Nevada.
- Although cyclic in periodicity, human-caused fires have been declining; lightning fires increasing.
- The project area is in a low fire hazard risk, according to the Humboldt – Toiyabe Fire Risk Index.
- Funding for USFS fire-fighting use includes pre-suppression, brush disposal and fuel hazard reduction funds; additional sources may be available (severity funds, Knudsen-Vandenburg). About 81.5 million dollars is available to the USFS annually for the 11 national forests.
- (All from the Exhibit “R”, the existing recreation agreement between SMUD and USFS) The need for fire protection is seasonal (main recreational use is May through September).
- Costs of operation, administration, maintenance and replacement of facilities are paid for by SMUD in an annual 3 percent “cost of facilities” payment to USFS.
- USFS agreed to perform the operation, administration and maintenance associated with the facilities constructed.
- Entrance roads are a component of all campground facilities. SMUD is not responsible for clearing or maintaining roads for the safety and welfare of the public.

USFS expressed concerns regarding the relevance of the information presented relative to development of the study plan. It was agreed that past agreements between the USFS and SMUD are not necessarily a starting point for future agreements. Other discussion items were as follows.

- The need for an assessment addressing fire risk and protection of campground facilities (including dispersed recreation areas).
- Responsibility for developed and dispersed campgrounds.
- Fires that are caused by recreators of the UARP.
- Economic implications of fire risk and protection.
- Justification for agreement on actions taken relative to fire risk and protection.

Agreement: It was agreed that an analysis is necessary to 1) assess fire risk, 2) costs associated with risk and 3) what responsibility exists between USFS and SMUD. It was further suggested that using USFS fuel models should be incorporated into the analysis.

USFS noted that camp rangers do perform an assessment of developed campgrounds with Exhibit “R” money, but not dispersed areas, so those areas need to be examined as well. Other study parameters such as topography, vegetation, species protected

activity centers (“PACs”) and concentrated dispersed use areas need to be assessed as well. **Agreement:** It was agreed that since USFS has a significant amount of existing data that would assist in this study, they would prepare an analysis that addresses the following:

- Developed and dispersed camp sites
- Economic data
- Fuel loading
- Public access
- Access to water
- Response time
- Historic data (hazard/fuel maps, historic fire map)
- Developed, concentrated dispersed and “shotgun” dispersed recreation areas that have suppression and pre-suppression needs
- Treatment management for at least the next 30 years.

This effort will address risk analysis in terms of potential for recreators to start fires in different locations throughout the Forest as well as an economic analysis to demonstrate what needs exist that are not being presently met by SMUD’s maintenance agreement with the USFS, as well as future obligations that would need to be met.

Action Item: Lonn Maier will revise the Fire Risk and Protection Study Plan incorporating these changes and distribute to participants prior to April 25, 2003.

Future meetings and agenda: The next meeting of the Land Use TWG will be May 9, 2003. Meeting dates and locations may also be found on SMUD’s web page at <http://www.smud.org/relicensing/index.html>.

Ongoing commitments

⇒ Additional information may be found at the following web site:

<http://eurekasw.sharepoint.bcentral.com/uarp/>

⇒ SMUD will advise participants of any particular focus that an upcoming meeting may have, and develop an agenda for the meeting.

⇒ SMUD will commit to sending out draft study plans at least five working days before meeting to discuss the plans.

Attachments available with this summary:

1. “White board” discussion paper entitled “Considerations in Fire and Fuels Management for UARP”

If you would like copies of any past document, please e-mail hmaier@smud.org with your request or visit the SMUD relicensing web page at <http://www.smud.org/relicensing/index.html>.

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 hmaier@smud.org.