



Terrestrial Resources Technical Working Group Meeting

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Upper American River Project (UARP) Meeting Summary

December 15, 2003 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

California Department of Fish and Game Region 2 Headquarters

Summary

A meeting was held on December 15 by SMUD with the US Forest Service (USFS) and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG). Participants included:

- Beth Paulson, USFS
- Dawn Lipton, USFS
- Jason Holley, CDFG
- Lon Maier, SMUD
- Rick Williams, DTA
- Stafford Lehr, CDFG

The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss mule deer study methodologies and other requirements of CDFG relative to the proposed Iowa Hill Pumped Storage project. A secondary discussion was the issue of bear management (attractive nuisance of dumpsters/foodlockers and recreationalists) at campgrounds in the UARP.

Discussion items included the following:

- Yellow Jacket and Loon Lake campgrounds are a major attraction for bears. Education of campers is needed as an adjunct to any other action taken.
- Collection schedules need to be established and adhered to by the campground managers/vendors.
- A full inventory of nesting raptors needs to be conducted (red-tailed and red-shouldered hawks, other accipiters).
- Surveys need to be done within a reasonable timeframe but close to beginning of construction of project.
- US Fish and Wildlife Service need to be consulted regarding Endangered Species Act issues.
- The need for updated deer herd information, including
 - Two years of monitoring data
 - Aerial reconnaissance information
 - Wildlife Habitat Relationship (WHR) data
 - Ground-truthing of WHR data
 - Deer collaring/tagging studies
 - Monitoring frequency
 - Microhabitat analysis (fawning habitat, resident status, wintering range, migratory conditions).

Action Items:

1. Jason Holley will investigate protocol for spotted owl and northern goshawk
2. Lonni Maier will secure information relative to noise output and if available, noise contours of the completed and operating Iowa Hill Pumped storage project
3. Lonni will ensure that the bear management issue is agendaized and addressed in the Recreation TWG, perhaps on the January 28, 2004 agenda.
4. Rick Williams will provide a compilation of observation data for California spotted owl, northern goshawk and wildlife habitat characterization to date to CDFG and USFS.
5. Jason will provide Lonni with preliminary data needs and estimated costs relative to mule deer study methodologies in the Iowa Hill canyon.
6. Jason will review the existing issue questions compiled and addressed for the UARP prior to the January meeting.
7. Lonni will send out an inquiry as to project issue questions that respondents feel need to be addressed in consideration of the Iowa Hill Project.
8. Rick Williams will contact Kevin Roberts at SPI for input regarding spotted owl populations on adjacent land owned by SPI. Rick will also document all call points used.