



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:

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

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Relicensing Parking Lot Locations



**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 - Sequoia 3
Sacramento, California**






**April 21, 2004
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Agenda

Time	Topic
10:00 a.m.	Introductions
10:05	Review agenda
10:10	Discussion and approval of revised background section of draft Archaeological Resources Inventory Report
11:00	Discuss Ethnography report
12:00 p.m.	Lunch (on your own)
1:00	Discuss Iowa Hill Archaeological Resources Inventory Report
2:00	Initiate PM&E discussion
2:55	Next meeting date and agenda
3:00	Adjourn

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

April 21, 2004; 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)
Customer Service Center (CSC), Sequoia 3
6301 “S” Street, Sacramento, California**

Summary

The Cultural Resources Technical Working Group (TWG) met on April 21, 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)
- Frank Winchell, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)
- John Russell, consultant to EDAW
- Lonn Maier, SMUD
- Richard Deis, EDAW
- Steve Heipel, EDAW
- Virginia Crespo

The Cultural Resources TWG met to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Discuss additional comments on the draft Archaeological Inventory Report as prepared by EDAW
2. Discuss progress on the Ethnography Study
3. Discuss Iowa Hill Archaeological Resources Inventory Report
4. Initiate PM&E discussion
5. Set next meeting agenda.

All agenda items were accomplished.

Discussion topics/questions

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

Comments on the draft Archaeological Inventory Report. The draft Archaeological Inventory Report has undergone revision, primarily the background section (“Expanded Cultural Resources Context”) USFS, FERC and others had a small number of comments regarding the re-write of the section, and it was well accepted overall. (Note: since this meeting, The California State Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) has comments via letter dated May 10, 2004. This letter will be made available as via the UARP relicensing bulletin board at <http://eurekasw.sharepoint.bcentral.com/UARP/Cultural%20TWG/Forms/AllItems1.aspx> . No substantive comments were received from OHP)

Action Item: It was requested of USFS and FERC that any outstanding comments regarding the draft be received by May 10, 2004.

Ethnography Study Report Progress. John Russell reported that a significant effort has been expended in searching the literature and making tribal contacts to complete the ethnography report. Three meetings have commenced with Washoe tribe members; more will transpire in the near future; oral interviews will be completed by late May. Meetings are also being pursued with historical ranching families as well. John mentioned that water use is a recurring theme in discussions with local ranchers. USFS and FERC had minor comments on the draft, which were noted, and will be incorporated into the final draft (expected sometime late 2004). Comments included the following items:

- No individuals of Basque heritage have been found to date
- No known gathering areas have been discovered to date
- Native American/Hawaiian descendents have been located in El Dorado County
- More Washoe tribe historic information will be forthcoming
- Final report is expected to be issued in late June

Action Item: It was requested of USFS and FERC that any outstanding comments regarding the draft be received by May 21, 2004.

Iowa Hill Archaeological Resources Inventory Report. The Placerville USFS District Office archaeologist (Judy Rood) reviewed the Iowa Hill Archaeological Inventory Report. A request was made to include a map that shows federal ownership/management in the project area. Agreement: SMUD will contact the North Central Information Center (NCIC) for records that may not be in either USFS or EDAW's record set. **Action Item:** It was requested of USFS and FERC that any outstanding comments regarding the draft be received by May 21, 2004. **Action Item:** A draft schedule will be made available within a few weeks outlining the different tasks and anticipated timeline for completion.

PM&E discussion. Frank Winchell initiated a discussion on the steps of heritage resource eligibility and subsequent management objectives. These are:

1. Perform inventory
2. Identification of "obviously" eligible sites
3. Identify priority list for eligible sites
4. Identify project-related effects
 - a. Recreational
 - b. Shoreline erosion
5. Testing is performed (without excavation)
6. Develop management plan considering future project actions that may affect resources

Denise recommended looking at potential effects first and developing a hierarchy based on degree of effects and resources. Then evaluation could be based on sites that are being affected. An agreement document for sites under transmission lines could be

developed outside the management plan. A management plan addresses all potential sites but does not address values of sites; a monitoring plan would be useful for long-term, but is not appropriate for near-term protection. Other discussion included:

- Programmatic agreements can be incorporated into management plans
- Management plan review by FERC—plans can be made overly general to incorporate new information that may arise
- Monitoring rather than evaluating may be a more cost-effective approach and be consistent with USFS practices (step-wise approach)
- Monitoring may be less if evaluation was done at the outset

Agreement: Given this discussion, SMUD/EDAW will prepare a plan and schedule to address 1) Reaching agreement on sites being affected by project-related activities (e.g., reservoir fluctuation, operations/maintenance activities such as transmission line maintenance, and impacts from recreational uses); 2) Reaching resolution on site evaluations; 3) Deciding on preparation of the Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP).

Other Action items (Long-term item). Frank Winchell stated that a draft Historic Properties Management Plan needs to be submitted to FERC by July 31, 2005.

Future meeting dates

Not yet determined.

Attachments with this Summary (all confidential; contact Lon Maier for further information):

- Expanded Cultural Resources Context for the Cultural Resources Inventory
- Draft Technical Report on Ethnographic and Ethnohistoric Resources
- Archaeological Resources for the Iowa Hill Pumped Storage Facility

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 lmaier@smud.org.