



Recreation Resources / Aesthetics Technical Working Group Meeting

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Handouts, Attachments & Presentations

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

SMUD HEADQUARTERS AND CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER

Relicensing Parking Lot Locations



Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)
Upper American River Project (UARP) Hydro Relicensing Project
Recreation and Aesthetics Technical Work Group Meeting
March 24, 2004

Agenda

Meeting Location: SMUD's Customer Service Center, Sequoia 2&3
Time: 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

9:00 am

1. Approve February 25, 2004, Recreation TWG meeting summary

9:05 am

2. Discuss Project-wide flat-water boating

9:50 – 10:10 am **BREAK**

10:10 am

3. Address questions on technical reports issued in January and February

Goal: Step 1: Identify concerns related to the reports Step 2: Develop solutions to specific concerns.

12:15 pm

7. Next meeting agenda, date and location

12:30 pm

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Upper American River Project (UARP) Hydro Relicensing Project**

Recreation and Aesthetics TWG Meeting Summary

March 24, 2004

The Recreation and Aesthetics Technical Working Group (TWG) met on March 24, 2004, at SMUD's Customer Service Center. The participants were:

- Joe Davis, SMUD
- Carol Efir, The Louis Berger Group (SMUD Consultant)
- Ron Hancock, Eldorado National Forest
- Lester Lubetkin, Eldorado National Forest
- Jeff Marsolais, Eldorado National Forest
- Rich Platt, Eldorado National Forest
- Dave Steindorf, The Louis Berger Group (SMUD Consultant)
- Tami Zemel, El Dorado County Water Agency

The TWG met to: (1) discuss Project-wide flatwater boating, and (2) address questions on technical reports issued in January and February. At the beginning of the meeting, Rich Platt, Eldorado National Forest (ENF), proposed that the group hold off on discussing the technical reports since the agencies are in the process of developing a comprehensive review; the group agreed to this request. Also, Lester Lubetkin, ENF, asked if a status update on the creel survey and the stream angler focus group could be added to the agenda; the group agreed.

Approve February 25, 2004, Recreation TWG Meeting Summary

The group approved the draft summary of the February 25, 2004, Recreation TWG meeting.

Discuss Project-wide flatwater boating

The group discussed flatwater boating aspects at the Project. The ENF staff wants to make sure that we identify the flatwater recreation opportunities at the Project, including flatwater boating at Slab Creek Reservoir, and assess how Project operations affects these opportunities. The group drafted a list of aspects associated with this issue:

- Public safety/hazards (rocks, debris in reservoir, hazards develop as reservoir goes down)
- Access and put-ins
- Conflicts between users
- What are the key attributes people are looking for
- Management needs/opportunities
- Future trends
- Amenities/associated activities

Joe Davis, SMUD, noted that several existing studies provide information on this issue, including the soon to be issued technical reports on Recreation Supply, Visitor Use and Impact, and the Needs Analysis, and agreed that SMUD would expand the reports not issued yet, as needed, to adequately evaluate this issue. Carol Efir, The Louis Berger Group (SMUD Consultant), will consult with Ron Hancock, ENF, concerning flatwater opportunities at Slab Creek Reservoir as well as other reservoirs in the Canyonlands and how project operations affect access.

Status update on creel survey and the stream angler focus group

Joe Davis provided an update on the creel survey and the stream angler focus group. The spring sampling period for the creel survey has begun, and Justin Klaurens, with Devine Tarbell & Associates (SMUD Consultant), is coordinating the creel survey effort. The stream angler focus group is set for April 10; all interested participants are encouraged to attend. Dave Steindorf, with The Louis Berger Group (SMUD Consultant), is coordinating the focus group. Dave agreed to send the survey forms for the stream angler focus group to the Recreation TWG fishing subcommittee for review.

Status of Supply, Visitor Use and Impact and Needs Analysis Technical Reports

Joe Davis reported that the technical reports for the Supply and the Visitor Use and Impact studies, originally scheduled for issuance on March 24, are behind schedule. Given the additional efforts identified in the discussion on Project-wide flatwater boating above, these two reports are now scheduled for issuance on April 16. The Needs Analysis is scheduled for issuance on April 28.

Future schedule of recreation TWG meeting dates:

April 6, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, Forest Service Supervisor's Office, Placerville, small conference room upstairs, (1) review and approve two draft study plans: the Chili Bar Reservoir Flatwater Boating Study, and the Chili Bar Reservoir Incremental Storage Modification Study Plan, (2) follow-up on the action items to further assess whitewater boating below Camino Dam, and (3) discuss development of a potential flow regime for the reach downstream of Chili Bar Dam.