

Rush Creek Project

FERC Project No. 1389

Relicensing Community Meeting

May 20, 2025
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Please hold, we will begin shortly. Thank you for your patience and for muting your microphone.

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

SCE would like to take a moment and recognize that the Rush Creek Project is located on the Mono Lake Kootzaduka'a Tribes' traditional lands which they have stewarded for generations.

Meeting Purpose

- Review the relicensing process and schedule, including key milestones completed and upcoming steps.
- Provide an opportunity for public participation and engagement on relicensing topics of interest.

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Meeting Tips
3. Safety Moment
4. Project Overview
5. FERC Relicensing Process and Schedule
6. Project Information
7. Questions and Discussion

Adjourn

Introductions

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Relicensing Team Introductions

Relicensing Team

Southern California Edison

Matthew Woodhall, Relicensing Manager

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Seth Carr, Senior Supervisor, Generation-Operations and Maintenance

Matthew Paruolo, Government Relations Manager

Matt Muto, Engineer, Dam Safety

Charles Sensiba, Kelly Henderson and Jessica Rankin – SCE's Legal Team

Consultants

Patricia Sussman, Stantec, Project Manager

Julie Smith, JNA Consulting, Relicensing Advisor

Consultant Team Technical Leads

| Name | Role/Resource |
|------------------------------|---|
| Craig Addley (Kleinschmidt) | Aquatics: AQ 1, AQ 2, AQ 3, AQ 4, AQ 5, AQ 6 Full Decommissioning Study: DEC 1 |
| Robyn Smith (JNA Consulting) | Aquatics: AQ 7 |
| Crystal West (Stantec) | Cultural and Tribal: CUL 1, CUL 2, TRI 1 |
| Patricia Sussman (Stantec) | Land: LAND 1 Environmental Justice: EJ 1 |
| Patrick Kester (Stantec-GSA) | Land: LAND 2 |
| Patricia Sussman (Stantec) | Recreation: REC-1 |
| Robyn Smith (JNA Consulting) | Terrestrial: TERR 1, TERR 2 |

Meeting Tips

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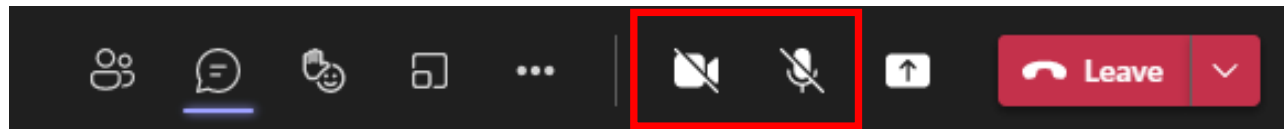


General Rules of Engagement

- Questions and comments are welcome, but please time your comment or question to end of the presentation for each agenda topic.
 - Additional questions and comments are welcome at the end of the meeting.
- Allow each person to speak before speaking a second time on an issue.
- Please silence your cell phone.
- Refrain from sidebar discussions.
- Assume positive intent.

Meeting Tips – Virtual Attendees

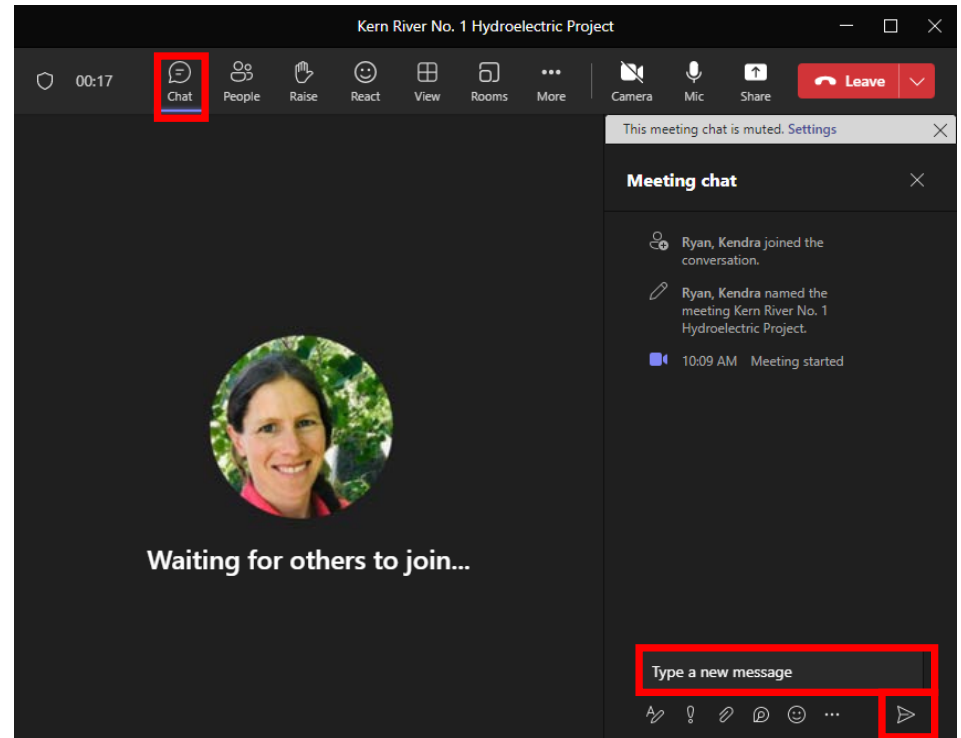
- Please remain on mute unless called on
- Turn off the camera



- Consider shutting down other background programs for the best meeting audio/viewing quality

Meeting Tips – Virtual Attendees

- Virtual – to submit in writing
 - Utilize the chat feature during the presentation to submit questions/comments
 - Questions submitted via the chat feature will be answered at the end of each agenda topic, as time allows



Meeting Tips – Virtual Attendees

Virtual: to submit a question/comment verbally:

- Use the “Raise Hand” feature to indicate you would like to ask a question verbally



- Please wait to be called on and then unmute yourself
- Introduce yourself (name and affiliation) before speaking

Safety Moment

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Safety Moment – A Safe Fishing Day

- Wear a life jacket to prevent drowning
- Supervise children around water—always designate a responsible adult
- Protect yourself from the sun: Wear a hat, long sleeves, pants, and sunglasses
- Avoid fishhook injuries:
 - Handle hooks carefully when baiting or removing your catch
 - Check your surroundings before casting
 - Always wear shoes in fishing areas
- Check the weather before heading out—summer storms can develop quickly
- Keep it clean: Use fish cleaning stations when available and follow disposal rules for remains



Project Overview

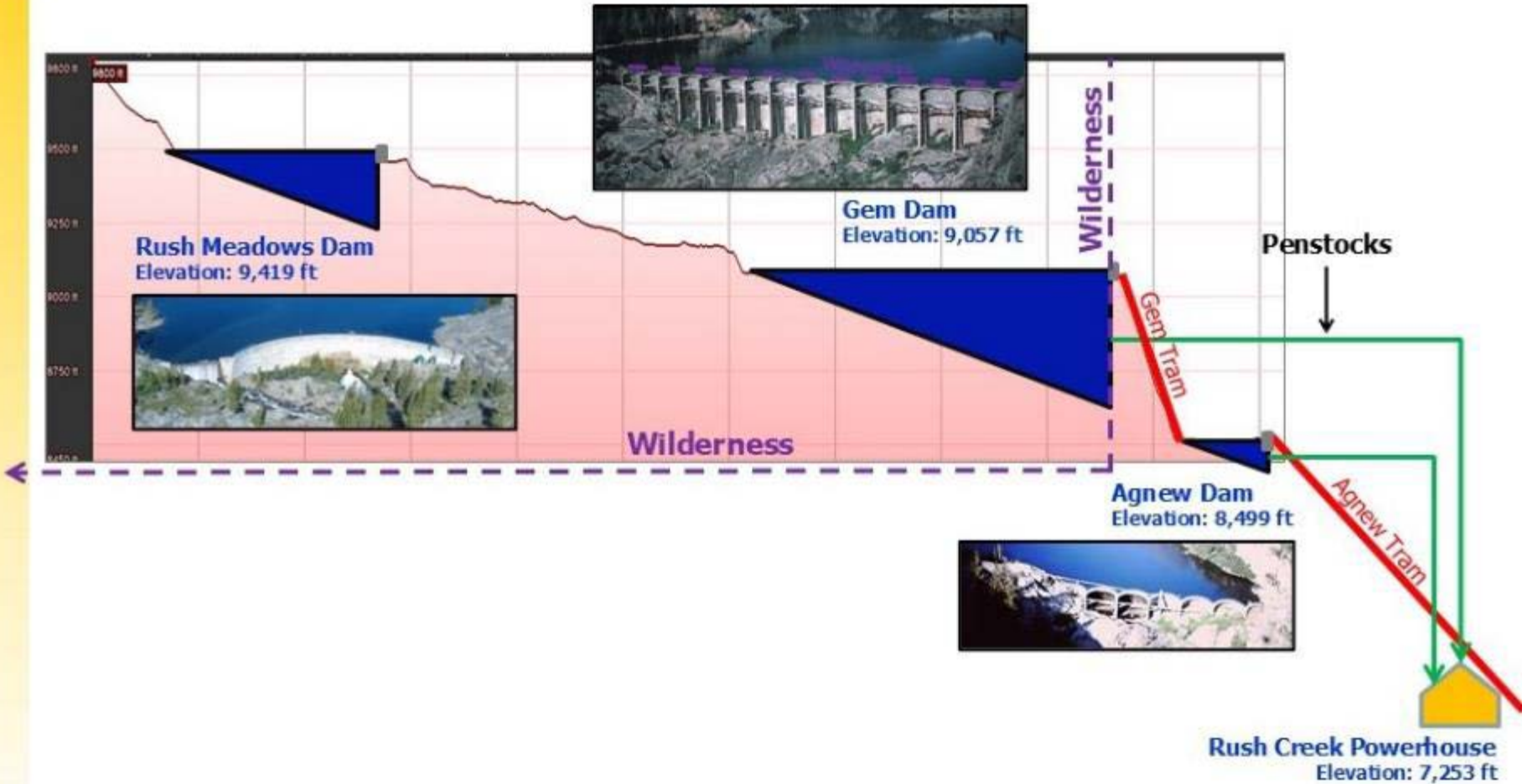
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Rush Creek Project Overview

- **Project Location:**
 - Eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada in Mono County near June Lake
- **Primary Project Facilities Include:**
 - Three dams and associated reservoirs
 - Water conveyance system
 - Powerhouse (total installed capacity of 13.01 megawatts)
 - Two trams
- **FERC License:**
 - Expires January 31, 2027

Rush Creek Project Overview



Local Power Benefits of the Project

- Casa Diablo line is the only source transmission line into Mono Basin from the greater grid
- When Casa Diablo is de-energized, the Project is used to meet local demand
- Absent the Project to serve as backup power to local communities, there would be significant impacts to customers
- Local generation assets have been critical to reducing customer minute interruptions during planned/unplanned outages and weather events



Regional Power Benefits of the Project

Energy produced from the Project is used to:

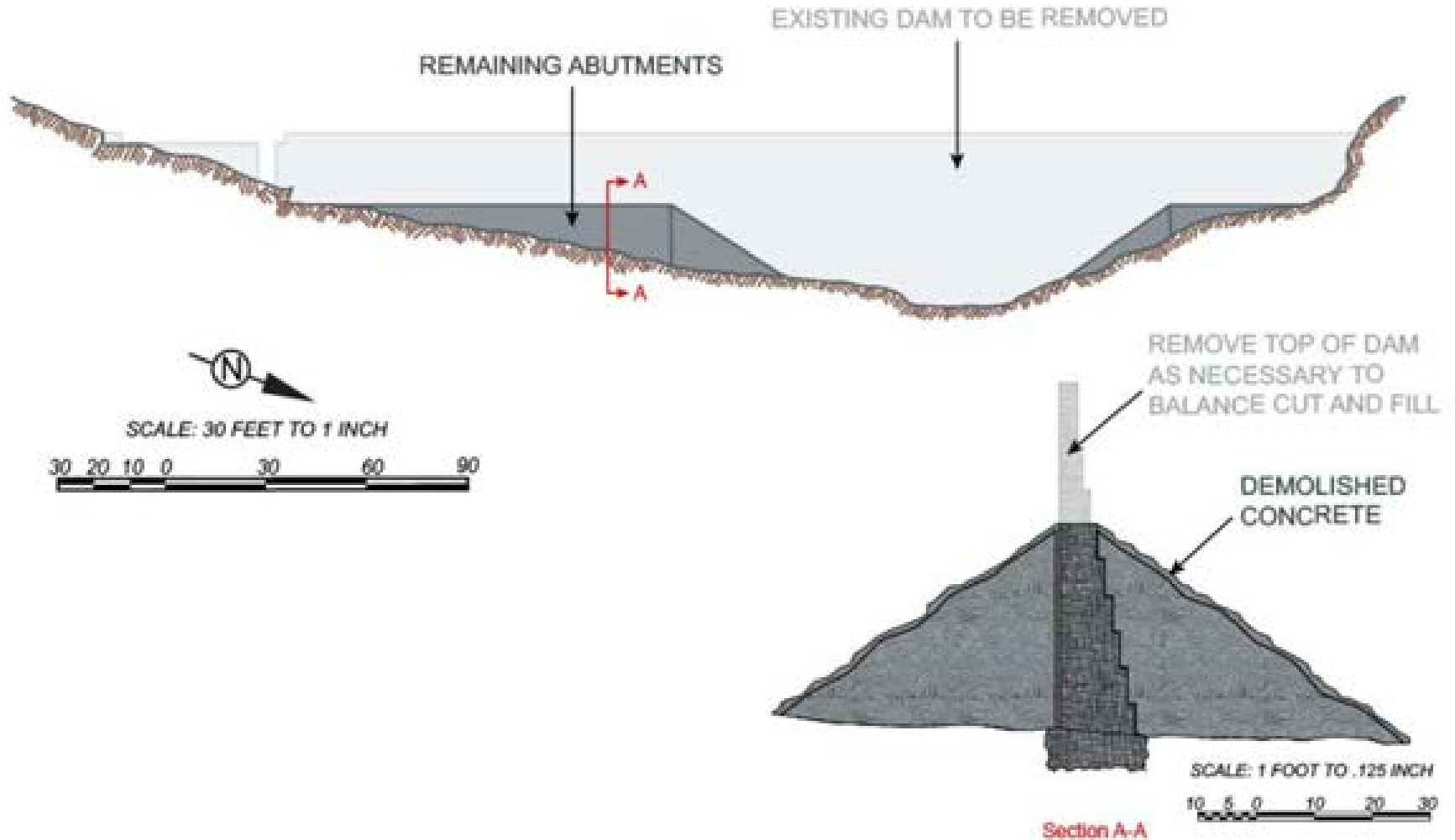
- Meet current demand for energy in SCE's service area
- Meet renewable energy goals
- Provide a source of energy with low-GHG emissions
- Enhance grid reliability and flexibility by ensuring a stable supply of electricity even when variable renewable sources falter
- Provides low-cost power that displaces nonrenewable, fossil-fired generation

Proposed Action

- SCE intends to relicense to the Project
- Proposed Action represents SCE's recommendations for continued O&M of the Project
 - Partial removal of Rush Meadows and Agnew dams
 - Retrofitting of Gem Dam
 - Continued operation of Gem Dam and Rush Creek Powerhouse
 - Restoration activities
 - Proposed measures to minimize construction effects
 - Environmental measures associated with continued O&M of the Project

Proposed Action maintains the Rush Creek Project as a local source of reliable electric power generation

Rush Meadows – Partial Dam Removal

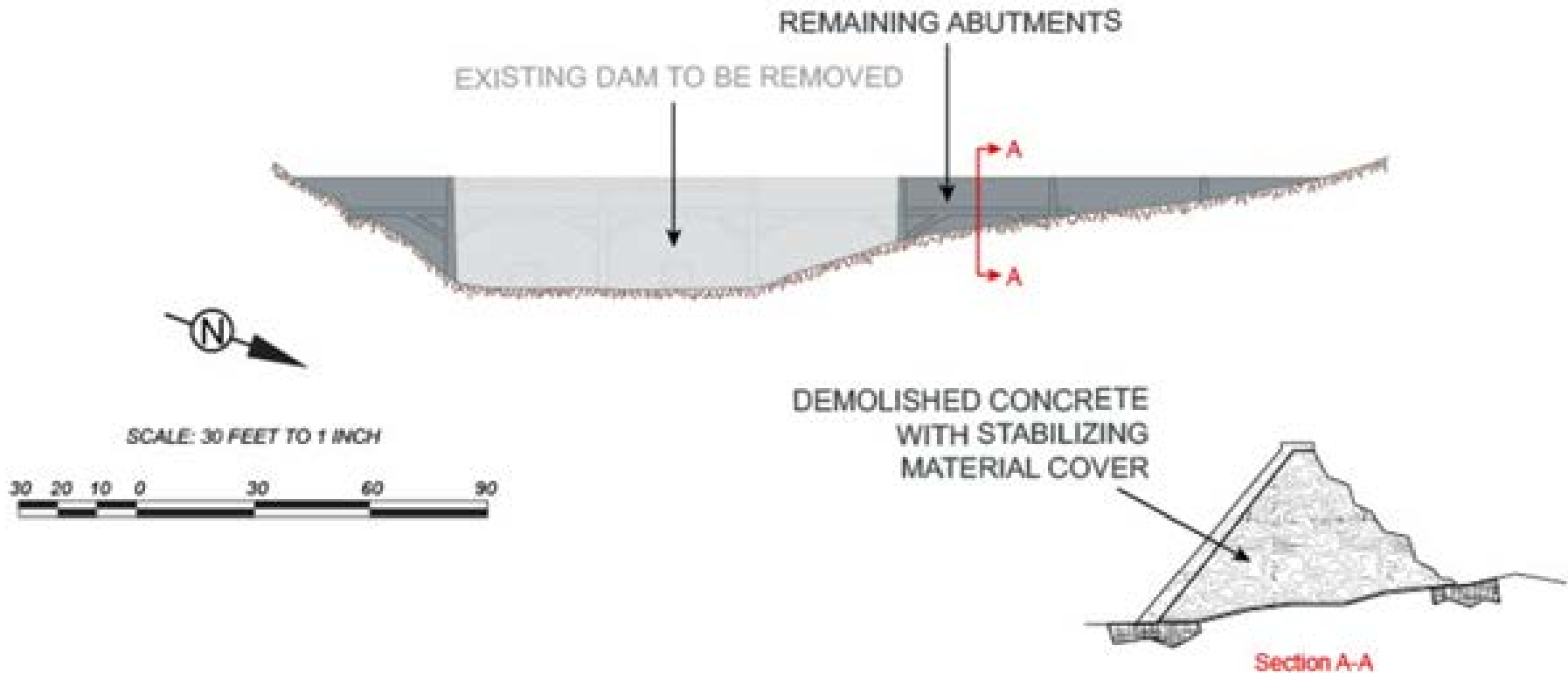


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Rush Meadows – Partial Dam Removal



Agnew – Partial Dam Removal

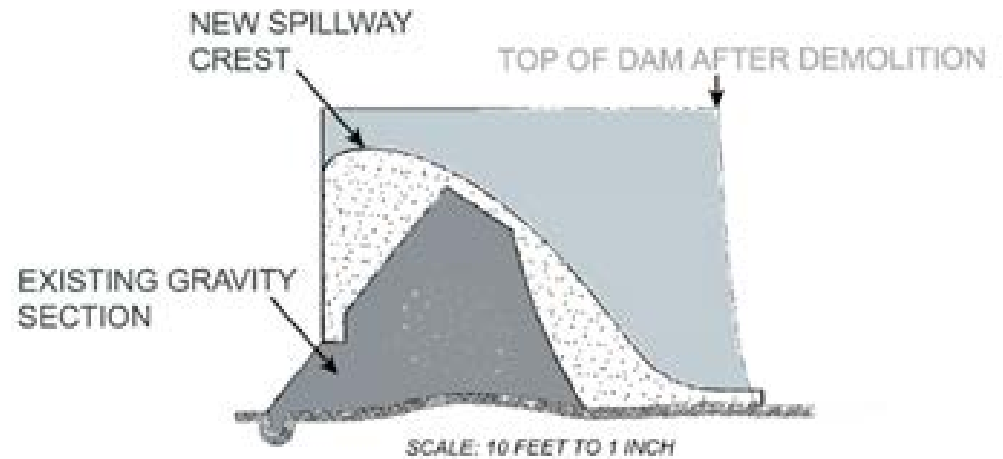
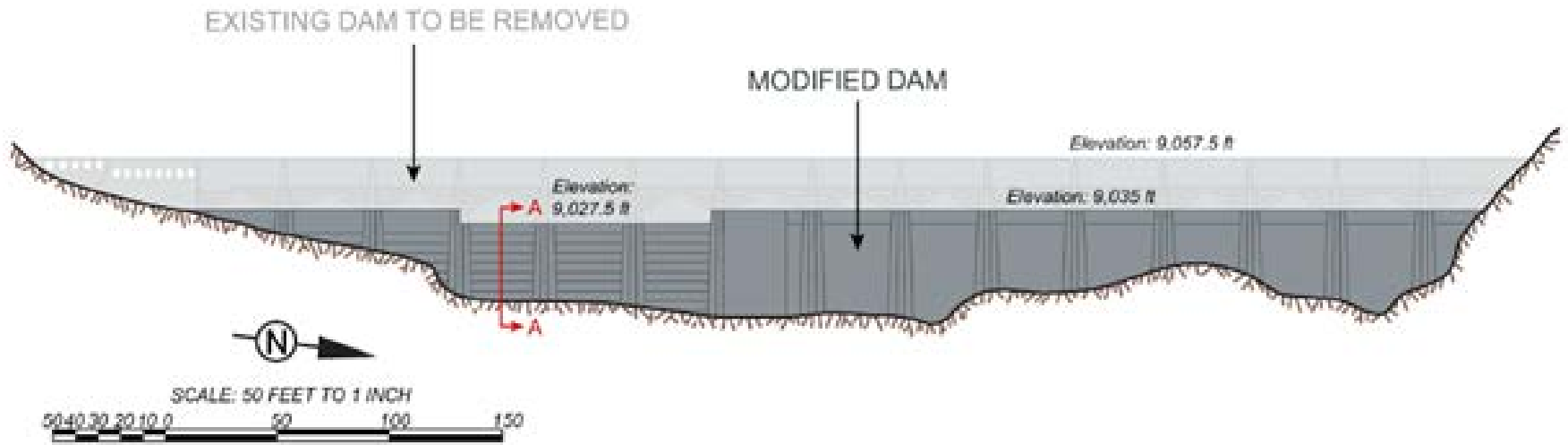


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Agnew– Partial Dam Removal



Gem – Dam Retrofit



Section A-A

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Gem – Dam Retrofit



Restoration

- Restoration activities will initiate the year following completion of construction
- Stabilize sediments within construction work areas and implement passive revegetation
- Detailed Restoration Plans to be developed in consultation with resource agencies and interested stakeholders
- Occur over a single season followed by 5-year monitoring period

Proposed Action Resources

- Final License Application
 - Section 5, Proposed Action
 - Appendix 5-A, Project Facility Modification Details
 - Appendix 5-B, Construction Measures
 - Appendix 5-C, Environmental Measures, Management, and Monitoring Plans
 - Appendix 5-D, Conceptual Restoration Plan

FERC Relicensing Process and Schedule

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Relicensing Process Milestones - Complete

| Milestone | Date | Public Meeting(s) | Public Comment Period |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| SCE Files NOI and PAD | 12/16/2021 | ✓ | |
| FERC Issues Scoping Document 1 | 2/14/2022 | ✓ (FERC Scoping) | ✓ |
| SCE Files Proposed Study Plan | 5/26/2022 | ✓ (PSP, TWGs) | ✓ |
| FERC Issues Scoping Document 2 | 5/27/2022 | | |
| SCE Files Revised Study Plan | 9/23/2022 | | ✓ |
| FERC Issues Study Plan Determination | 10/26/2022 | | |
| SCE Conducts First Year Studies | 2023 | | |
| SCE Files Initial Study Report | 10/26/2023 | ✓ | ✓ |
| SCE Conducts Second Year Studies | 2024 | | |
| SCE Files Draft License Application | 8/28/2024 | | ✓ |
| SCE Files Updated Study Report | 10/25/2024 | ✓ | ✓ |
| SCE Files License Application | 1/22/2025 | | |

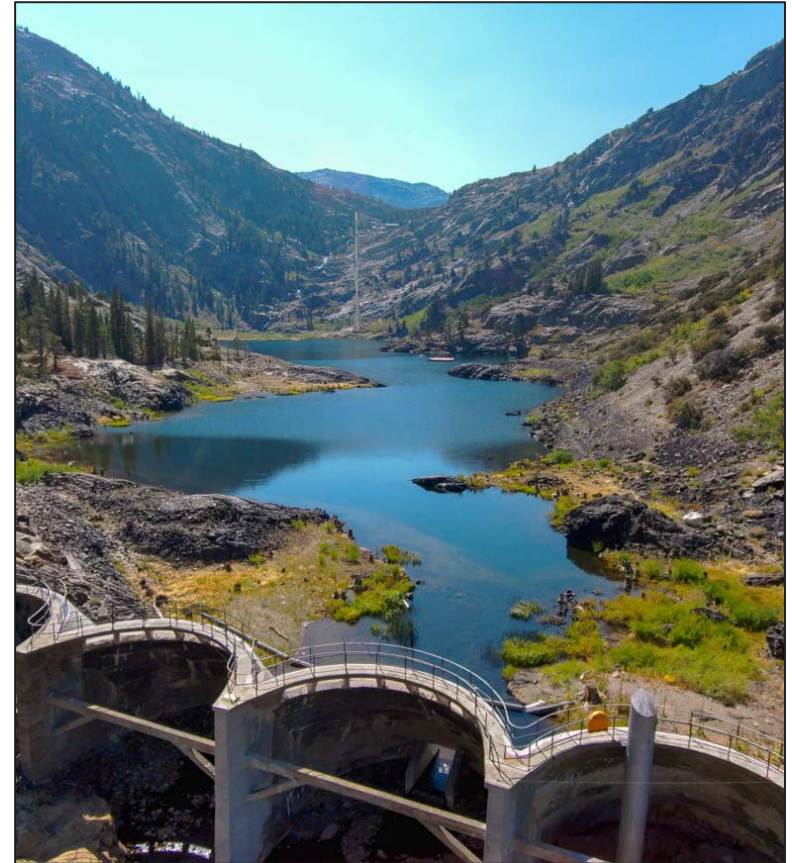
FERC Procedural Schedule - Preliminary

| Step | Date | Public Comment Period |
|--|----------------|-----------------------|
| Deficiency Letter (if necessary) | February 2025 | |
| Additional Information Request (if necessary) | April 2025 | |
| Notice of Acceptance | September 2025 | |
| Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis | September 2025 | ✓ |
| Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions | November 2025 | ✓ |
| FERC issues Draft EA | May 2026 | ✓ |
| Comments on Draft EA | June 2026 | |
| FERC issues Final EA | December 2026 | |
| License Order | | |

Final amendments to the application must be filed with FERC no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Post FLA Meetings

- **March 20**
AQ 1 Instream Flow TSR
(Part 3) and AQ 5
Geomorphology TSR (Part C)
- **March 26**
DEC 1 Full Decommissioning
Study (Phase II)
- **May 20**
Relicensing Community
Meeting (today's meeting)



Endangered Species Act Consultation

Biological Assessment

- Initial Draft BA submitted with Final License Application
- Consultation with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is ongoing
- Final Draft BA anticipated to be submitted in May 2025



Whitebark pine

Outstanding Elements



Agnew Tram circa 1915 (Huntington Library)

Technical Study Reports

- CUL 1 – Built Environment
- CUL 2 – Archaeology
- TRI 1 – Tribal Resources
- Draft Historic Properties Management Plan (HPMP)

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Rush Creek Project Documentation

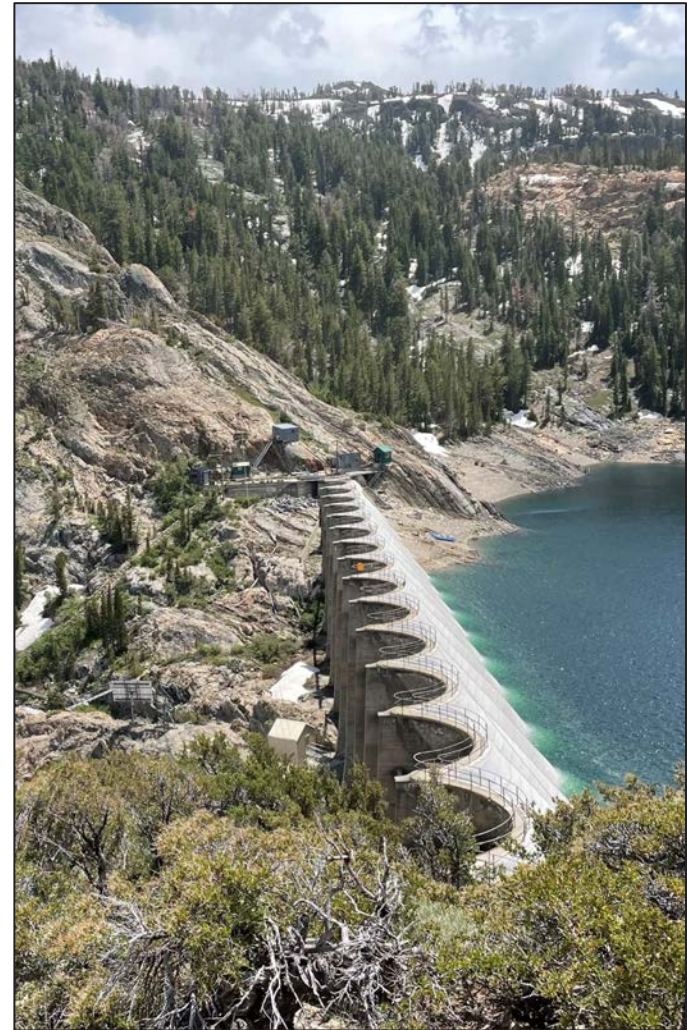
Project documents are available at the following locations:

- FERC's eLibrary:
<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>
Search under docket P-1389
- SCE's Relicensing Website:
<https://www.sce.com/regulatory/hydro-licensing/rush-creek>

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Questions and Discussion

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