

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Bishop Creek Technical Work Group (TWG) Members  
**FROM:** Bishop Creek Relicensing Team  
**DATE:** May 25, 2018  
**RE:** Materials for June TWG Meetings

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June's TWG meetings are the start of a lengthy relicensing process<sup>1</sup>, which Southern California Edison has initiated early in order to provide multiple opportunities for effective participation by all stakeholders. The enclosed materials represent the Bishop Creek Relicensing Team's effort to compile existing information regarding the Bishop Creek Hydroelectric Project and its relationship to existing resources in advance of our June TWG meetings. The material is divided into the following packets:

1. Project Description
  - a. General Description of the River Basin
  - b. Project Location, Facilities, and Operations
2. Terrestrial Resources, including:
  - a. Geology and Soils
  - b. Wildlife
  - c. Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species
3. Aquatic Resources, Including
  - a. Water Quality and Quantity
  - b. Fish and Aquatics
  - c. Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Species
4. Botanical Resources
5. Recreation, Land Use and Aesthetics
6. Cultural Resources

You will notice a number of gaps and information that still needs to be identified, which we will strive to fill (with your help). This includes relevant management objectives from each of the agencies, as well as data that you may have but which might not have been immediately available to the team.

Each of the TWG Packets also has an attachment at the end that outlines resource questions that SCE has flagged or which we have heard from Stakeholders in some form. Obviously, this list will be of great interest to everyone, so the following points should be emphasized:

- The list represents a starting point--not a culmination--of ideas, concerns, and questions. In the next period of time, we will be filling gaps and augmenting information.

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<sup>1</sup> As discussed, SCE is using a "Hybrid Integrated Licensing Process" which is intended to reach early agreement on study plans. These plans would be filed with the Preliminary Application Document. Normally study plans are developed following the PAD. This process is intended to provide iterative opportunities for stakeholder input and discussion.

- Beyond this meeting, we will continue to discuss and refine your questions, as well as foundational data that needs to be collected to satisfy FERC requirements. At some point, some hard decisions may need to be made about some studies, but we intend for this to be a collaborative and transparent process.
- The team has not ruled-out any particular question, study, or method. In most cases we will need help from stakeholders to clarify the questions, the appropriate nexus to the proposed project operations, and the correct methods necessary to address questions.
- We appreciate that FERC relicensing is new for many. At our meetings we can take some time to answer questions about the process: for example, FERC's study criteria and how these can help prioritize our efforts.

We have a great deal of information to cover over our few days together and it's likely that we won't get to everything. Part of our process will involve a robust action item and follow up process to ensure that your comments get logged, and your questions get addressed.