

FERC Project 184
Resource Agency Annual Meeting Notes
March 12, 2009

1. Welcome and Introductions

Peg Campbell (EID), Dan Corcoran (EID) Karen Cross (EID), Brian Deason (EID), Dan Downey (EID), Jake Eymann (EID), Cheri Jagers (EID), Steve Lindstrom (EID), MaryLisa Lynch (F&G), Dena McCann (EID), Cindy Megerdigian (EID), Kim Morales (FS), Brian Mueller (EID), Jim Murphy (EID), Beth Paulson (FS), Bob Pretzer (EID), Roger Ross (FS), Megan Sizelove (EID), Jann Williams (FS), Jennifer Watts (SWRCB)

Resource Agency Annual Meeting commenced 9:05 a.m.

2. 2009 Hydro Construction and Operations Plan

The projects listed on the 2009 Hydro Construction and Operations Plan were discussed in detail. The projects and any significant highlights are described below:

Oyster Creek Geomorphology Monitoring: EID submitted a Geomorphology Sensitive Site Monitoring Plan to FERC on August 1, 2008. FERC is reviewing it with the knowledge that EID would like to begin monitoring this spring. The gaging station is installed and EIS is ready to begin monitoring as soon as we receive FERC approval and the snow melts.

Esmeralda Creek Restoration: EID submitted a plan in August to the Forest Service (FS). They are reviewing it and are planning a field trip in April. EID is in the process of preparing an application for a grant to submit to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for additional restoration beyond what is required by the license. The submission date for the grant is September 2, 2009.

Geomorphology Sensitive Site Monitoring: Currently with FERC, pending their approval.

Water Temperature Monitoring: Two temperature probes will be installed at 25 locations in March 2008. EID will start the monitoring process per the Temperature Monitoring Plan in April and continue through October.

Caples Feasibility Study: Last year, EID requested FERC approval of time extensions for the Caples Feasibility Study, Caples Spillway Stabilization Plan, and the Oyster Creek Stabilization Plan. FERC granted an extension through October 2009 for the Feasibility Study. Before EID could begin the study there were two precursors to complete. The first was the emergency repairs to Caples Dam which are now complete, and secondly, the construction of a gaging station to measure the high flows on Caples Creek. The current gaging station is rated up to 160 cfs and this new one will be designed to measure the pulse flows. The new cableway gaging station is scheduled to be installed in 2009.

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Spillway Stabilization: The status is the same as for Oyster - pending Geomorphology Sensitive Site Monitoring Plan approval from FERC.

Alder Fish Screen: Currently EID is reviewing design and determining what the permitting requirements will be for installing the fish screen.

Canal Fencing: This summer EID plans to complete Phase 3, 4 and 5 pending budget approval. EID has revised the specifications and drawings based off what was learned last year during construction. These updates will be provided to the FS.

Silver Lake East Campground: In 2006, EID entered into a collection agreement with the FS for the initial surveys to be completed. The initial surveys were completed in 2008. In 2007, EID entered into a collection agreement with the FS for the FS to complete the design for both the FS and EID campgrounds. Since ownership is mixed up right now the FS was able to work on both sites. The designs are not yet completed and we are now in 2009. The FS campground is to be done by 2011. There may have to be an extension for 1 year due to the delay on the design because once the design is completed the CEQA process begins. The EID campground is to be done by 2016. Since the designs are being completed at the same time, EID and the FS is hopeful, should funding become available, that the two campgrounds can be completed at the same time.

Caples Lake Dam Parking: FS and EID share the operations and maintenance requirement. EID and the FS have determined that that each agency will fulfill this requirement for 5 years. EID will go first, and in 2011 FS will take over the requirement. In addition, there is some maintenance that needs to occur at the Caples Auxiliary Dam parking lot including slurry work, paint striping, and delineation of a handicapped parking space. This work will also be split 50/50 between EID and the FS. As soon as FS has the parking lot slurry work within their CIP plan, EID will pay their half of the cost.

Caples Lake Boat Launching Facility: Construction on the boat launch pad started in 2008. EID and FS have been pursuing an encroachment permit with Caltrans actively for two years. The FS met with the Deputy Director of Caltrans for District 10 to help facilitate issuance of the encroachment permit. This permit is required to construct the exit and turn lanes on Highway 88. If everything continues as planned, the only remaining task in 2010 would be landscaping, which will be done by the FS.

Silver Lake Info Kiosk: After several team meetings, EID and the FS have decided the kiosk will be located at the Silver Lake Boat Launch area. Kay's Resort is schedule to be removed in the summer 2008 and EID will be re-designing that site. The kiosk is currently on schedule to be completed by the due date in 2011.

Martin Meadows: EID is to place barrier rocks supplied by the FS for grounds protection. The rocks are available and may be hauled in and stock piled by the FS, but there is still some question as to where EID will actually place the rocks due to the spur

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roads going through the area. FS is planning to come up with a final plan this summer and the project should be complete in 2010.

Echo Lakes Trailhead: EID is working with Tahoe Basin Unit of the FS. EID is required to pump toilets and some general trash pick-up which the Echo Lake Chalet employees have always done. EID will replace the locks on all of the four restrooms as soon as standard locks are received from the FS.

Special Use Administrative Funding: Jagers has not seen agreement (amendment to existing agreement) or invoice for 2009. Jagers and Ross will check with their agencies on the status of the agreement.

Heavy Maintenance: Pyramid Creek Trailhead bottom of Horsetail Falls. As soon as FS has it on their CIP plan to complete any construction, then EID will pay their 18%.

Dispersed Area Patrol Funding on Lands Affected by the Project

Woods Creek: EID is required to pick up trash pump the toilets at Woods Creek as well as Oyster Creek Rest Stop and EID's day use facilities at Silver Lake, and the EID is continuing to complete those requirements. Oyster Creek Rest Stop may drop off of EID's list in 2009 due to the land exchange.

Visual Resource Plan Implementation: This appeared in the license under the Recreation Area, in the plan, was a requirement for the painting of the railing at the different dams to be reviewed every two years and be repainted if necessary in a flat black. The railings at Silver Lake, Caples Lake and Echo Lake were painted this year in flat black.

Heritage Resource Management Plan: EID and FS entered into a collection agreement to complete the Plan. There are two remaining tasks: 1) defining what sites are being adversely affected by project operations and 2) come up with implementation schedule. This should be completed this spring.

Transportation Plan Implementation: EID has completed most of the work with the exception of a few culverts that are not installed. There are some roads that need to be inspected, but as of now EID is three years ahead of schedule. EID brought up a bridge crossing Plum Creek that is in need of replacement. EID will contact the FS. EID has people crossing that bridge and is very concerned about their safety. FS had it scheduled last year for they didn't make it. EID wanted to be sure it was on the FS list of projects for this year.

Trails Management Plan Implementation: During recent downsizing of EID, the Recreation Division lost about half of their staff so could not keep up the trail work. The Hydro Division is now completing trail maintenance on Hwy 88 as well as Hwy 50. On Hwy 88 trash was picked up on the Woods Creek Trail. Because of the land exchange,

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the Woods Creek Trail was not remarked because EID is required to remove the bridge that trail leads to, so a decision has to be made as to what to do with the trail.

Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Crossing: EID met with Tahoe Basin Unit and they prefer not to have a bridge to inspect and maintain. EID has discussed with them the option to realign the trail a few hundred feet along the road and then crossing at the top of the exit portal of the echo tunnel rather than building the bridge. The main reason noting has gone foreword on this is because FS is working with other agencies to determine where the Pacific Crest Trail is going to cross Hwy 50. This may not be settled until 2011. Because of this, there is a good possibility this will have to have an extension.

Land Adjustment Proposal: Appraisals are complete, the Federal budget is in place, EID hopes to meet internally and develop a final list within the next two weeks which would then go to the FS. Big issue continues to revolve around potential hazardous materials on several of the EID parcels and whether the FS is willing to accept them "as is." Primary parcel is the Treasure Island site. EID should have a viable proposal in about a month.

Canal Bench Slope Stability Analysis: Still waiting for approval from FERC on what EID submitted November 2008.

Seeps and Springs Monitoring Plan: Carlton Engineering is contracted to do the monitoring in 2009.

Noxious Weed Monitoring/IPMP Implementation: Completed first year Weed Monitoring last year and submitted annual report.

Licensee Recreation Sites: EID is considering using the same concessionaire that the FS uses on the Highway 88 corridor. Under the concessionaire's proposal an additional host will be added for Silver Lake Boat Launch site. The FS host at Caples Lake Boat Launch will take care of the Woods Creek fishing access until 2010 when EID will have the replacement host at the launch site.

Flume 51 Replacement: Located near Camp 5 and is entirely on EID property on approximately 160 acres. EID is planning on awarding the construction contract in June with an October/November construction date.

Flume 31& 31A: Construction substantially completed last year. EID and the contractor are waiting for the snow to melt in April or May so they can go back to the site to complete. .

South Fork American River Fish Ladder Improvement Project: Design is being reviewed by DFG. EID will meet with DFG and FS next month to review design. EID has received permits on the conceptual design and will go back for the final design permits as soon as DFG approves the design.

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Caples Cableway Installation: Pending FERC approval, EID plans to install the cableway this summer and begin measuring high flows in Caples Creek in spring 2010.

Complete Monitoring Associated with Caples Emergency Repairs: EID plans to complete the monitoring associated with the repairs this year. The monitoring includes water quality, riparian, and fisheries.

Road Maintenance and Improvements: Lindstrom to work with FS.

Upgrades to Canal SCADA System: No planned updates this year.

Water Conveyance Structure Repairs: Repairs will occur during O&M outage.

Flume 42- 43 Replace Lower Transition: These are old wooden flumes and the lower transition is wood. EID is planning on replacing the lower transition with concrete.

Spillway 5 Rebuild Spillway: EID will replace in kind

Spillway 42 Rebuild Spillway and Replace Transition: Upgrading gates.

3. Staff Contact List

The El Dorado Irrigation District Project 184 Contact list was distributed to the group.

4. Meeting Adjournment – 10:00 a.m.