



RECREATION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



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I. INTRODUCTION

The Recreation Implementation Plan is required by the U. S. Forest Service (USFS) 4(e) Condition No. 46 of the *Final Terms and Conditions Provided Under 18 CFR Section 4.34(b)(1) In Connection With the Application for Relicensing of the El Dorado Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 184)*, dated October 31, 2003. The requirements set forth in Condition No. 46 are based on Section 16 of the El Dorado Relicensing Settlement Agreement for Project 184, which was finalized on April 28, 2003.

Condition No. 46 states: “A recreation implementation plan shall be developed by the licensee in coordination with the USFS within 6 months of license issuance. The implementation plan shall include a construction schedule for the recreation facilities specified in Condition No. 50, as well as other details related to recreation resources, including but not limited to signing and sign placement, public information dissemination, a schedule for design of facilities to be reconstructed, and consideration of measures to improve efficiencies (such as in areas with joint operation or operation of adjacent facilities). The implementation plan shall be maintained and updated in conjunction with the review of recreation developments required in Condition No. 49.”

A. Agency Consultation

4(e) Condition No. 46 requires the Recreation Implementation Plan be jointly developed by the Forest Service and Licensee within 6 months of the license acceptance.

1. January 22, 2004 – Representatives of the USFS and the Licensee met to discuss the Plan along with other 4(e) requirements. Following this meeting the licensee prepared a draft Plan.
2. March 4, 2004 – Representatives of the USFS and the Licensee met to discuss the draft Plan.
3. May 5, 2004 – Representatives of the USFS and the Licensee met to further discuss the draft Plan.
4. June 23, 2004 – The Licensee and USFS conducted site visits to view and discuss Recreation Plan projects.
5. February 15/16 2005 – Representatives from the Ecological Resources Committee (ERC), Licensee, and USFS met and reviewed the draft plan.
6. May 6, 2005 – The Licensee delivered the draft Implementation Plan and Schedule to the USFS. USFS decided not to approve the plan until after license issuance.
7. November 16, 2006 – the Licensee met with USFS representatives from Eldorado National Forest Supervisors Office and Amador, Placerville, and Pacific Ranger Districts to revise and review the Implementation Plan and Schedule.

B. Scope of Plan

Project 184 Settlement Agreement USFS 4(e) Conditions address various aspects of recreation resource management, including recreation facility development and operations and maintenance. Each Condition pertaining to recreation will be addressed separately for the purposes of this Plan.

II. RECREATION RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Condition No. 47 – Recreation Survey

The licensee shall conduct a Recreational Survey and prepare a Report on Recreational Resources that is approved by the USFS every 6 years from the date of license issuance. The Recreational Survey shall include, but not be limited to, changes in kinds of use and use patterns, levels of use, user survey as to preferences in recreation activities, kinds and sizes of recreation vehicles, preference for day use versus overnight use, carry capacity information sufficient to indicate changes in capacity, and recreation user trends within the Project area. The Report on Recreational Resources shall comply with FERC's regulations at 18 CFR section 4.51 (f) (1996), or as amended, and shall be provided to USFS for review and comment prior to being filed with FERC. Within 1 year of submission of the Report on Recreation Resources, the USFS, ERC, and other interested parties will meet to discuss the results of the Report and make recommendations to address the findings. In accordance with Condition No. 4, the USFS reserves the authority to require changes in the Project and its operation to accomplish protection and utilization of National Forest resources identified as a result of these surveys.

Licensee Comments: The licensee will develop a survey, to be approved by the USFS, and will survey recreational users in the project area every 6 years.

Condition No. 48 – Forest Service Liaison

The USFS and the licensee shall each provide an individual for liaison whenever planning or construction of recreation facilities, other major Project improvements, and maintenance activities are taking place within the National Forest. The licensee agrees to cooperate with the USFS through this individual in contract review and work inspection.

Licensee Comments: The USFS and the licensee have each identified a liaison.

Condition No. 49 – Review of Recreation Developments

The USFS and the Licensee shall meet at least every 6 years to review all recreation facilities and areas associated with the Project and to agree upon necessary maintenance, rehabilitation, construction, and reconstruction work needed and its timing, as described in Conditions No. 50 and 51. The criteria for project selection will be dependent on the amount and type of use, current recreation facility policy, condition of facilities, impacts to surrounding areas, and other factors. Following the review, the licensee shall develop a 6-year schedule for maintenance, rehabilitation, and reconstruction, which shall be approved by the USFS prior to being filed with FERC.

The following recreation facilities, which are associated with the Project, shall remain inside the Project boundary: 'Silver Lake East Campground, Caples Lake Campground, Caples Lake Dam Parking Area, Caples Lake Boat Ramp and Picnic Facility (when constructed), Echo Lakes Trailhead and Upper Parking Facility, and Pacific Crest Trail Crossing of the Echo Lake Conduit. If these facilities are not currently within the license boundary, the boundary shall be adjusted to include them.

Licensee Comments: The USFS and the licensee shall conduct a field review by August 2006 and every 6th year thereafter.

Condition No. 50 – Specific Recreation Conditions

The construction of the following recreation facilities are to be completed by the licensee at the recreation sites listed below. The construction schedule will be approved by the USFS. The USFS will be responsible for survey, design, contract preparation, and contract administration of the facilities; the licensee will be responsible for funding these items.

1. Silver Lake East Campground

Within 5 years of license issuance, the licensee shall reconstruct the paved surfaces, toilets, and water system at the 62-unit Silver Lake Campground; including upgrade of this facility to meet the current USFS design standards and the USDA Forest Service Region 5 accessibility standards requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The following describes the specific elements of this condition:

- a. Replace all toilets with accessible toilets relocated to reduce the distance from camp units to the toilets and to avoid the steeper road grades. Construct paved parking turnouts in front of each toilet with a paved access route to the toilet.*
- b. Replace and relocate adjacent to the roadway all faucet units with accessible ones. Construct a paved area at all the faucet units to the most current accessibility standards.*
- c. Widen spurs for units 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 19, 20, 29, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, and 53 to meet most current accessibility standards. Reconstruct and pave all spurs.*
- d. Prepare existing campground roads for resurfacing by patching, scarifying, or other methods, as determined by the USFS. Place asphalt overlay on campground road.*
- e. Replace all waterlines, including the distribution lines within the campground and the collection lines from the source to the facility.*

Licensee Comments: Land surveys were initiated in 2006. The licensee will collaborate with the USFS for design and construction.

2. Caples Lake Campground

Within 10 years of license issuance, the licensee shall reconstruct the paved surfaces, toilets, and water system at the 36-unit Caples Lake Campground, including upgrade of this facility to meet the most current USFS design standards and the USDA Forest Service Region 5 access standards and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The following describes the specific elements of this condition.

- a. Replace existing toilets with 4 single-unit accessible vault toilets. Relocate the new toilets to provide for easier access and less distance from the camp units. Also construct a paved parking turnout in front of each toilet for servicing and for parking access.*
- b. Replace and relocate all the faucet units adjacent to the roadway. Provide a level and paved pad in front and on the sides of the faucet unit.*
- c. For all pathways between camp units and spurs/roadway, remove ground protrusions, re-grade and widen the pathways, and compact the native surface where feasible and deemed appropriate by the USFS. Meet most current grade and cross-slope accessibility standards for access to units 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 23, 24, 33, 34, and 35.*

- d. *Widen spurs where feasible to meet most current accessibility standards. Reconstruct and pave all spurs.*
- e. *Prepare existing campground roads for resurfacing by patching, scarifying, or other methods, as determined by the USFS. Place asphalt overlay on campground road.*
- f. *Remove obstacles and protrusions, and level and compact the native surface at each camp unit. Enlarge the camp units to a minimum of 900 square feet where feasible and when deemed appropriate by the USFS. Grades of all the camp units shall be re-constructed to the most current accessibility standards including clear space around facilities.*
- g. *Replace all waterlines, including the distribution lines within the campground and the collection lines from the source to the facility.*

Licensee Comments: The licensee will collaborate with the USFS for design and construction.

3. Caples Lake Dam Parking

Within 5 years, the Caples Lake Dam Parking area shall be reconstructed and upgraded to meet the current USFS design standards and the USDA Forest Service Region 5 access standards and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The licensee shall be responsible for one-half of the cost of reconstruction. The following describes the specific elements of this condition.

- a. *Replace the toilet seats with 18-inch high seats. Install approved accessible signing on the exterior of the toilet.*
- b. *Replace one garbage container with one that is bear proof and accessible.*
- c. *Construct a van-accessible parking space near the toilet, with required markings and signage.*

Licensee Comments: USFS and Licensee mutually agreed to divide the above tasks. The USFS has completed item a and Licensee has completed item b. Item c will be completed by Licensee.

4. Caples Lake Boat Launching Facility

Within 7 years of license issuance, the Licensee shall construct a new boat launching ramp, associated parking lot, toilet facilities, access road, and picnic area at Caples Lake on land designated by the USFS, located on the northeast end of the lake. The licensee shall be responsible for the construction of the ingress and egress from State Highway 88. The USFS shall be responsible for the access road from Highway 88 to the facility. The USFS shall make a good faith effort to assist the licensee in obtaining funding from other sources, including but not limited to California Department of Boating and Waterways, if the licensee decides to seek such funding. The licensee shall be responsible for the full cost of constructing this facility in the event that the USFS is unable to obtain funding prior to 7 years after license issuance. Construction of this facility will be delayed until 10 years after license issuance if the licensee is responsible for the full cost of construction. In the event that the facility site is totally, or a majority of the site is, on National Forest Service lands, the USFS shall be responsible for surveying, planning, and designing the boat launch ramp and associated picnic area and parking. In this event, the licensee shall be responsible for funding the survey, planning, design and construction of the facilities. The boat launching ramp, associated parking lot, toilet facilities, access road, and picnic area shall be owned by

the USFS but operated and maintained by the licensee. The licensee shall be responsible for funding the rehabilitation of paved surfaces at the facilities as further described in Condition No. 51. In the event that the facility site is situated totally, or a majority of the site is, on lands owned by the licensee, the licensee shall be responsible for survey, planning, a design approved by the USFS, and construction of the facilities, following USFS approval of the design.

Licensee Comments: The Licensee and USFS jointly applied for a grant from the California Department of Boating and Waterways (CDBW) on April 1, 2005. Grant funding was awarded in August 2006. An inter-agency implementation team is actively coordinating all aspects of the facility development. The facility is expected to be completed in 2010.

5. Information Kiosk on Highway 88

Within 5 years of license issuance, the licensee shall construct an information kiosk to USFS specifications, at a location agreed to by the USFS. After construction, the licensee shall maintain the kiosk structure to meet USFS Region 5 standards as set forth in Condition No. 51.

Licensee Comments: The licensee will collaborate with the USFS for design and construction.

6. Martin Meadow Overflow Camping Area

Within 5 years of license issuance, the licensee shall make the following improvement at the Martin Meadows Overflow Camping Area to address recreation impacts: Install barrier rocks to restrict uncontrolled vehicle travel. The USFS will make available the barrier rocks from a site identified by the USFS.

Licensee Comments: The licensee will collaborate with the USFS for design and construction.

8. Echo Lakes Upper Parking Facility

Within 10 years of license issuance, the licensee shall provide one-half of the cost of the following elements for the Echo Lakes Upper Parking Facility, unless the licensee is unable to acquire a grant to build the Caples Lake Boat Launching Facility, as described in Condition No. 50, Number 4, above, in which case the licensee is not responsible for one-half the cost of the following elements:

- a. Prepare existing parking facility for resurfacing by patching, scarifying, or other methods, as determined by the USFS.*
- b. Place asphalt overlay on parking area.*

Licensee Comments: The Licensee will complete the work described above at the Echo Lakes Upper Parking Facility. Since the Licensee has obtained a grant for the Caples Boat Launch Facility, references to the contingency for the boat launch should be disregarded.

9. Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Crossing

Within 5 years, the licensee shall construct a crossing for the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail across the Echo Conduit, to meet current USFS design standards, at a location agreed to by the USFS.

Licensee Comments: The licensee will collaborate with the USFS for design and construction.

Condition No. 51 – Operation and Maintenance of Recreation Facilities

1. Caples Lake Dam Parking

The licensee shall be responsible for one-half of the following annual maintenance items:

- a. Routine cleaning, repair, and maintenance of all constructed features within the developed site.*
- b. Toilet pumping.*
- c. Trash removal/litter pick-up within the site.*
- d. Maintenance of signboards and the information on those signboards to USFS standards.*
- e. Vegetation management.*

Licensee Comments: Licensee and USFS will alternate responsibility for these tasks every five years. The first 5 year period shall be the responsibility of the licensee.

2. Caples Lake Boat Launching Facility

At such time as facilities are constructed at this site, the licensee shall be responsible for operating and maintaining the boat launching ramp, associated parking lot, and other public facilities constructed at this site. The licensee shall also be responsible for maintenance of signboards. The USFS shall be responsible for maintaining the information on those signboards to USFS standards, in the event that this facility is totally, or a majority of the facility is on, National Forest System lands. Fees may be charged at the site, after consultation with the USFS, provided the collection of fees is permissible under the terms of other funding sources.

Licensee Comments: The licensee will maintain the boat launch after constructed. Launch fees are permissible by the grantor. Licensee will collect fees which will be used to offset cost of facility maintenance. Licensee and USFS will collaboratively set the launch fee.

3. Echo Lakes Trailhead

The licensee shall be responsible for the following annual maintenance items, unless the licensee is unable to acquire a grant to build the Caples Lake Boat Launching Facility, as described in Condition No. 50, Number 4, above, in which case the licensee is no longer responsible for these maintenance items. The licensee shall be responsible for the cost of

these items while a grant is pursued but shall be responsible no longer than 7 years unless a grant is acquired.

- a. Toilet pumping.
- b. Trash removal/litter pick-up within the site.

Licensee Comments: The licensee will begin this work Spring 2007 and continue throughout the life of the license. Since the Licensee has obtained a grant for the Caples Boat Launch Facility, references to the contingency for the boat launch should be disregarded.

4. Information Kiosk on Highway 88

The licensee shall maintain the kiosk structure, to meet USFS Region 5 standards.

Licensee Comments: The licensee will maintain after constructed.

5. Special Use Administration Funding

The licensee shall annually pay, by October 1, the amount of \$4,800 (year 2002 cost basis) to provide for performing monitoring and permit compliance assurance for the campground concessionaire special use permits at Caples Lake Campground and Silver Lake East Campground. The costs shall be escalated based on the U.S. Gross Domestic Product – Implicit Price Deflator (GDP-IDP).

Licensee Comments: The licensee began payments in 2006 and will continue throughout the life of the license.

6. Heavy Maintenance

- a. *The licensee will be responsible for the cost of the necessary maintenance, rehabilitation, and reconstruction, including the costs of design and administration, as determined through the Review of Recreation Developments (as described in Condition No. 49) [as described on Page 2 herein] for the following tasks or improvements at the following Project recreation facilities: Silver Lake East Campground and Caples Lake Campground: Licensee is responsible for roads, spurs, and other paved surfaces unless the licensee is unable to acquire a grant to build the Caples Lake Boat Launching Facility, as described in Condition No. 50, Number 4, above, in which case the licensee is not responsible for replacing the paved surfaces after the initial reconstruction described in Condition No. 50.1 and Condition 50.2.*
- b. *Caples Lake Boat Launching Facility: Licensee is responsible for all heavy maintenance. The USFS will make a good faith effort to assist the licensee in obtaining funding from other sources including, but not limited to California Department of Boating and Waterways, if the Licensee decides to seek such funding.*
- c. *Caples Lake Dam Trailhead: Licensee is responsible for 50 percent of the cost of heavy maintenance.*
- d. *Pyramid Creek Trailhead: Licensee is responsible for 18 percent of the cost of heavy maintenance.*

- e. *Highway 88 Information Kiosk: Licensee is responsible for heavy maintenance of the kiosk structure.*

Heavy maintenance and rehabilitation for items b through d are defined as work that is necessary to keep existing facilities in serviceable condition to meet USFS standards and includes components of recreation facilities such as water systems, traffic control barriers, roads, spurs, and associated drainage structures, grills and firerings, picnic tables, toilets, and signboards. The USFS shall use USFS standards for the frequency of heavy maintenance as a guideline, but not a prescription, for licensee's performance of its heavy maintenance responsibilities. As determined through the Review of Recreation Developments (as described in Condition No. 49) [as described on Page 2 herein], heavy maintenance projects may be deferred that would otherwise be timely under USFS frequency standards, if the USFS determines that actual conditions indicate that the project is not yet necessary.

Licensee Comments: The Licensee will be responsible for the heavy maintenance at all of the sites described above. The Licensee will collaborate with the USFS on design, construction, USFS CIP budget and timelines. Since the Licensee has obtained a grant for the Caples Boat Launch Facility, references to the contingency for the boat launch should be disregarded.

7. Dispersed Area Patrol Funding on Lands Affected by the Project

The licensee shall annually pay, by October 1, \$25,000 (year 2002 cost basis). The cost shall be escalated based on the U.S. Gross Domestic Product – Implicit Price Deflator (GDP-IDP). These funds are to provide for patrol and operation on non-concessionaire developed and dispersed recreation facilities, as well as trails and other locations utilized by visitors to the Project, within and adjacent to the Project boundary. Work to be completed within these areas is separated into four units, each having different types and levels of associated work: Upcountry Highway 88 Unit, Silver Fork Unit, Pyramid Creek Unit, and Lake Aloha/Echo Lakes Unit. The licensee shall annually provide a boat and operator at least twice each season (time to be determined by mutual agreement between the licensee and the USFS) on Caples Lake and Silver Lake to share with the USFS in policing the shoreline along Silver Lake and Caples Lake, and to clean up litter.

Licensee Comments: The licensee began payments in 2006 and will continue throughout the life of the license.

8. Licensee Recreation Sites

Within 10 years of license issuance, the licensee shall bring the Ferguson Point, Sandy Cove, Woods Creek Fishing Access, and Silver Lake West recreation facilities or equivalent locations into compliance with accessibility standards for the Americans with Disabilities Act. These facilities, along with the Silver Lake Boat Ramp, shall continue to be operated and maintained by the licensee throughout the term of the license.

Licensee Comments: The licensee will work collaboratively with the USFS for facility operations and required facility re-construction.

Condition No. 53 – Public Information Services

1. Recreation Information

The licensee shall provide public information relating to recreation opportunities, restrictions, and responsibilities associated with Project-related facilities at a level approved by the USFS. The licensee has the option to fund the USFS for this work.

Licensee Comments: The licensee agrees to provide information on its website www.eid.org and review informational resources and update regularly. Licensee will work collaboratively with USFS to identify and fund dissemination of information to recreation users.

2. Project Recreation Brochure/Map

Within 5 years of issuance of the license, the Licensee shall develop and print a brochure and map that described the recreation opportunities, recreation facilities, rules, and responsibilities for the area of the Project, including lakes and streams. The brochure will be provided to the USFS for review and approval prior to completion. The Licensee shall make the brochure/map available to the public free of charge. The brochure/map shall be made available continuously throughout the remaining license period and shall be updated as conditions change.

Licensee Comments: The licensee will work collaboratively with the USFS and develop a brochure and map as stated above. Brochure will be posted on the Project website and distributed to recreation users via Camp Hosts and area kiosks.

3. Winter Safety Signs

The licensee shall annually install prominent signs at Caples Lake, Silver Lake, and Echo Lakes during the winter season that warn visitors of unstable snow and ice conditions. The licensee shall remove these signs annually after the winter season. Signs shall be installed in accordance with Condition No. 24.

Licensee Comments: The Licensee will install winter signs no later than October 31 and remove them May 15 (or later if appropriate) each year.

Recreation Signing and Sign Placement

The licensee will coordinate with the USFS on sign style, content, color, and placement to facilitate consistent signage throughout the Forest.

Measures to Improve Efficiencies

The licensee and USFS Recreation staff will meet at least annually for the purpose improving efficiencies. Facility policies, conditions of facilities, joint operation, and recreation license condition implementation shall be reviewed at the meeting.

III. RECREATION IMPLEMENTATION/CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

Item	Description	Compliance Year
Recreation Implementation Plan	Submittal of USFS-approved Plan and Schedule to FERC.	2007
Caples Lake Dam Parking Condition No. 51.1	Licensee shall be responsible for one-half of the annual maintenance.	All Years
Collection Agreement Special Use Administration Funding Condition No. 51.5	To USFS to provide for performing monitoring and permit compliance assurance for the campground concessionaire special use permits at Caples Lake C.G and Silver Lake East C.G. The amount is \$4,800 per year (year 2002 cost basis) and shall be escalated based on the U.S. Gross Domestic Product – Implicit Price Deflator (CDP-IDP).	All Years
Collection Agreement Dispersed Area Patrol Funding on Lands Affected by the Project Condition No. 51.7	USFS to provide for patrol and operation on non-concessionaire developed and dispersed recreation facilities, trails, etc. The amount is \$25,000 (same cost basis as above).	All Years
Caples Lake Shoreline Cleanup Condition No. 51.7	The licensee shall annually provide a boat and operator at least twice each season (time to be determined by mutual agreement between the licensee and the FS) on Caples Lake and Silver Lake to share with the FS in policing the shoreline along Silver Lake and Caples Lake, and to clean up litter.	All Years
Echo Lakes Trailhead Condition No. 51.3	The licensee shall be responsible for the toilet pumping and trash/litter removal.	All Years
Recreation Information Condition No. 53.2	Licensee and USFS will review recreation information program.	2008
Silver Lake East Campground Condition No. 50.1	Re-construct the paved surfaces, toilets, and water system at the 62-unit Silver Lake Campground; including upgrade of this facility to meet the current FS design standards and the USDA Forest Service Region 5 accessibility standards requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).	2011
Hwy 88 Kiosk Condition No. 50.5 & No. 51.4	Licensee to construct and Install Kiosk, based on USFS plans at the agreed upon location.	2011

Martin Meadow Condition No. 50.6	Install the rock barriers at specified locations.	2011
Pacific Crest Trail Crossing Condition No. 50.8	Design and construct bridge for trail crossing to USFS specifications.	2011
Project Brochure Condition No. 53.3	Licensee will develop a Project Brochure, with USFS input and approval.	2011
Recreation Use Survey Condition No. 47	Licensee shall conduct a survey, prepare Report on Recreational Resources, file FERC Form 80, and any other work as specified in the condition.	2012 and every 6th year thereafter
Caples Lake Boat Ramp Condition No. 50.4	USFS to supply information to Licensee for grant submission.	2013
Caples Lake Campground Condition No. 50.2	Reconstruct the paved surfaces, toilets, and water system at the 36-unit Caples Lake Campground, including upgrade of this facility to meet the most current FS design standards and the USDA Forest Service Region 5 access standards and the Americans with Disabilities Act.	2016
Licensee Recreation Sites Condition No. 51.8	Licensee shall bring the Ferguson Point, Sandy Cove, Woods Creek Fishing Access, and Silver Lake West recreation facilities or equivalent locations into compliance with accessibility standards for the Americans with Disabilities Act. These facilities, along with the Silver Lake Boat Ramp, shall continue to be operated and maintained by the licensee throughout the term of the license.	2016

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

El Dorado Irrigation District

Project No. 184-121

ORDER APPROVING RECREATION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

(Issued September 25, 2007)

On April 18, 2007, El Dorado Irrigation District, licensee for the El Dorado Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 184), filed a recreation implementation plan (plan) pursuant to Condition 46 of the Settlement Agreement.¹ The project is located on the South Fork of the American River and its tributaries in El Dorado, Alpine, and Amador counties, California, and occupies federal lands administered by the U.S. Forest Service (FS).

BACKGROUND

Condition 46 of the Settlement Agreement requires that, within six months of the effective date of the license, a recreation implementation plan should be developed by the licensee in coordination with the FS. The implementation plan shall include a construction schedule for the following recreation facilities: (1) Silver Lake East Campground; (2) Caples Lake Campground; (3) Caples Lake Dam Parking; (4) Caples Lake Boat Launching Facility; (5) an Information Kiosk on Highway 88; (6) Martin Meadow Overflow Camping Area; (7) Echo Lakes Upper Parking Facility; and (8) Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Crossing. The plan should also include, but not limited to, signage, public information dissemination, a schedule for design of facilities to be reconstructed, and consideration of measures to improve efficiency, in such areas as joint operation or operation of adjacent facilities.

DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The licensee's plan provides a description of the implementation and construction schedule for the required recreation facilities and resources.

Silver Lake East: The licensee states that land surveys were initiated in 2006. Improvements include reconstruction of the paved surfaces, toilets, and water system at the 62-unit campground. Improvements would be completed at this facility by 2011.

¹ 117 FERC ¶ 62, 044 (2006).

Caples Lake Campgrounds: The licensee plans to reconstruct the paved surfaces, toilets, and water system at the 36-unit campground. The improvements would include upgrading the facilities to meet current FS design standards as well as American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards by 2016.

Caples Lake Dam Parking: The licensee states it has mutually agreed with the FS to divide the tasks for this facility. The FS has replaced the toilet seats with 10-inch high seats and improved the accessible signing on the exterior of the toilets. The licensee states it has replaced one garbage container with one that is bear-proof and accessible. The licensee plans to construct a van-accessible parking space near the toilets with required markings and signage. In addition, the licensee and FS have agreed to divide responsibility of the annual maintenance for the parking at this facility.

Caples Lake Boat Launching Facility: The licensee and FS jointly applied for a grant from the California Department of Boating and Waterways on April 1, 2005. Grant funding was awarded in August 2006. The licensee states that an inter-agency implementation team is actively coordinating all aspects of the facility development and the facility is expected to be completed in 2010.

Information Kiosk on Highway 88: The licensee is planning to collaborate with FS for design and construction of the information kiosk by 2011.

Martin Meadow Overflow Camping Area: The licensee is planning to collaborate with FS for design and construction of this facility to be completed by 2011.

Echo Lakes Upper Parking Facility: The licensee will be responsible for the toilet pumping and trash/litter removal.

Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Crossing: The licensee will collaborate with the FS for design and construction of the trail crossing, which will be completed by 2011.

AGENCY CONSULTATION

The licensee was required to develop the implementation plan in coordination with the FS. The licensee states that seven meetings were scheduled to develop the plan. Representatives from the FS and licensee attended all seven meetings to jointly develop the plan.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The recreation implementation plan adequately addresses the requirements of Condition 46 of the Settlement Agreement. The licensee adequately collaborated with the FS and has divided the responsibility of maintenance of the facilities which should

allow for adequate upkeep. The plan clearly states the construction and implementation schedule for the required facilities.

The construction schedule for proposed recreational facilities is reasonable. The licensee is reminded that it is ultimately responsible for all maintenance of the recreational facilities. Within 90 days of completion of any constructed recreational facilities, the licensee will be required to file, for Commission approval, as-built drawings for the recreational facilities constructed, showing the location and layout of the completed facilities in relation to the project boundary.

The licensee's recreation implementation plan provides for the maintenance and improvement of recreation facilities at the El Dorado Hydroelectric Project. The plan should be approved.

The Director's orders:

(A) The licensee's recreation plan, filed April 18, 2007, pursuant to Condition 46 of the Settlement Agreement, is approved.

(B) This order constitutes final agency action. Requests for rehearing by the Commission may be filed within 30 days of the date of this order, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. ' 385.713.

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