

ATTACHMENT 1

TO SSWD'S JANUARY 9, 2017 LETTER

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA FOR
NOVEMBER 21, 2016 MEETING

Camp Far West Hydroelectric Project

Public Meeting

(9:00 AM to 5:00 PM on November 21, 2016, at HDR in Sacramento, CA)

Agenda

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. PURPOSE OF MEETING: In their comments on South Sutter Water District’s (SSWD) February 2016 Pre-Application Document (PAD), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) and the United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife (FWS) each provided comments on some of SSWD’s proposed relicensing studies and/or requested new studies, and requested SSWD meet with them to discuss SSWD’s proposed studies and respond to questions regarding SSWD’s relicensing Water Balance/Operations Model that was included in the PAD.

In a letter dated October 13, 2016, SSWD filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) detailed plans of relicensing studies SSWD was initiating, and a matrix showing how SSWD modified the study plans in its PAD based on written comments. In that letter, SSWD stated it would hold a meeting with interested agencies to discuss the relicensing studies and respond to questions regarding SSWD’s relicensing Water Balance/Operations Model. The meeting was scheduled for November 21, 2016, at HDR in Sacramento, CA.

3. RELICENSING STUDIES STATUS: Table 1 lists the studies SSWD is performing¹ and shows SSWD’s general reply to requested changes to the study plans that were in the PAD.² Green-highlighted studies are those for which SSWD has initiated fieldwork. Table 2 lists new studies requested by parties in written comments on the PAD.

Table 1. Number of requested modifications that SSWD adopted without modification, adopted with modification and did not adopt by study as proposed by SSWD in its PAD.¹

SSWD Proposed Study	Adopted Without Modification	Adopted With Modification	Not Adopted	Total
2.1, <i>Water Temperature Monitoring</i>	2	2	0	4
2.2, <i>Water Temperature Modeling</i>	2	0	0	2
2.3, <i>Water Quality</i>	0	0	0	0
3.1, <i>Salmonid Redd Survey</i> ²	0	7	2	9
3.2, <i>Stream Fish Populations</i> ²	4	8	5	17

¹ At the end of each month, SSWD posts on its relicensing website an anticipated schedule for fieldwork in the next calendar month, and the name of a contact an interested party may call if it wishes to observe the fieldwork.

² The modifications shown in Tables 1 and 2 were made in the study plans that SSWD filed with FERC on October 13, 2016.

Table 1. (continued)

SSWD Proposed Study	Adopted Without Modification	Adopted With Modification	Not Adopted	Total
3.3, <i>Instream Flow</i> ²	0	8	2	10
4.1, <i>Special-Status Plants and Non-Native Invasive Plants</i>	0	0	1	1
4.2, <i>Special-Status Wildlife – Raptors</i> ²	6	1	5	12
5.1, <i>ESA-Listed Plants</i>	0	0	0	0
5.2, <i>ESA-Listed Wildlife – Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle</i>	0	0	0	0
5.3, <i>ESA-Listed Amphibians – California Red-Legged Frog</i>	0	0	0	0
6.1, <i>Recreation Use and Visitor Survey Study</i>	0	0	0	0
10.1, <i>Cultural Resources</i>	0	0	0	0
11.1, <i>Tribal Interests</i>	0	0	0	0
Total Comments	14	26	15	55
Total Studies	14			

¹ In its October 13, 2016, letter, SSWD advised FERC it withdrew Study 4.3, *Special-Status Wildlife – Bats*, that SSWD proposed in its PAD because SSWD concluded the study would provide no additional information that would inform license requirements. SSWD committed to including in its application for new license a *Bat Management Plan* that would require SSWD to inspect all Project facilities for bats in the first full calendar year after license issuance and to install and maintain bat exclusion devices where bats are found. CDFW provided eight comments on this study plan and reiterated its concern that the study is needed.

² In a letter dated November 17, 2016, CDFW repeated its request for modifications to this study plan.

Table 2. Elements of requested new studies that SSWD adopted.

Requested New Study	Adopted Elements
<i>Effects of the Camp Far West Project and Related Facilities on Fluvial Processes and Channel Morphology for Anadromous Fish</i>	SSWD modified Study 3.3, <i>Instream Flow</i> , to include: LWM count in Bear River downstream of non-Project diversion dam; and course sediment evaluation and gravel permeability in Bear River downstream of non-Project diversion dam
<i>Effects of the Camp Far West Project and Related Facilities on Coldwater Delivery Feasibility for Anadromous Fish</i>	SSWD modified Study 2.2, <i>Water Temperature Modeling</i> , to include user defined downstream release temperature targets
<i>Vegetation Mapping Study Plan</i> ¹	None
<i>Sturgeon Study Plan</i> ¹	SSWD modified Study 3.2, <i>Stream Fish Population</i> , to include eDNA, snorkel surveys and beach seining in the Bear River downstream of the non-Project diversion dam
<i>Benthic Macroinvertebrate Study Plan</i> ¹	None
<i>Algal Growth Study</i>	None
<i>Evaluation of Migration and Use of the Lower Bear River by Juvenile Chinook Salmon and Other Anadromous Fish Using Two Rotary Screw Traps</i>	None
<i>California Red-legged Frog Study</i>	SSWD modified Study 5.3, <i>ESA-Listed Amphibians – California Red-Legged Frog</i> , to include additional survey time to monitor for American bullfrog and two additional site visits
<i>Juvenile Chinook salmon survival Study</i>	None
<i>Large Woody Material and Sediment Transport Study</i>	SSWD said information regarding sediment accumulation in Camp Far West Reservoir was existing and readily available, and will be included in SSWD’s application for new license

¹ In a letter dated November 17, 2016, CDFW repeated its request for this new study.

4. DISCUSSION OF STUDY PLANS: Open discussion.

5 WATER BALANCE/OPERATIONS MODEL: SSWD respond to questions regarding the model.

6. IDENTIFY ACTION ITEMS

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