

North Fork Stanislaus River Hydroelectric Project (P-2409)



5th Relicensing Stakeholders Meeting

- Recreation, Visual, and Land Use Study Descriptions -

May 11, 2026

- Welcome & Introductions
- Terrestrial & Cultural Update
- Meeting Goal & Process
- Discuss & Attempt to Finalize Recreation, Visual, & Land Use Study Descriptions
- Review Schedule for Upcoming Meetings
- Review Action Items
- Adjourn



- **CCWD and Consultant Staff**
 - **Michael Minkler** (CCWD) General Manager
 - **Kelly Gerkenmeyer** (CCWD) External Affairs Manager
 - **Andrew Renshaw** (CCWD) Water Resources Manager
 - **Chuck Vertucci** (HDR) Project Manager
 - **Jim Lynch** (HDR) Senior FERC Regulatory Specialist
 - **Ben Onanian** (HDR) FERC Regulatory Specialist
 - **Randy Bowersox** (GFT) Senior Hydropower Operations Specialist

- **Participating Agencies, Native American Tribes, NGOs, and Others**



➤ Terrestrial

- During 4/18 meeting, we reviewed 3 Terrestrial Study Descriptions:
 - ✓ TR-1 – USFWS and USFWS provided comments prior to meeting: CCWD has addressed these and will target distribute by COB 5/12 a revised draft for review and discussion at a virtual meeting to be scheduled.
 - ✓ TR-2 – No comments prior to meeting, and USFS said it looked good and had no comments.
 - ✓ TR-3 – No comments prior to meeting, and USFS and CSERC said, if they had comments, they would provide them within a week. No comments have been received.



➤ Cultural

- On 4/9, CCWD distributed draft cultural (CR-1) and tribal (CR-2) study descriptions and requested comments by COB 5/22.
- On 4/24, CCWD met with Native American Tribes and USFS.
- Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed.



- Goal: Develop the best possible study descriptions through meaningful engagement with interested parties
- Process:
 - Review and discuss comments received by CCWD prior to the meeting on each study description distributed by CCWD on April 20, 2026
 - Discuss any other comments on each study description
 - Assess whether there is agreement on each study description and, if not identify remaining differences



- Concepts and Practices Applicable to All Relicensing Studies
 - Open Word version of 4/20/26 draft (revision to 4/13 draft based on comments during 4/13 meeting)



- Project Recreation Use and Visitor Surveys
 - Open Word version of 4/20/26 draft



- North Fork Stanislaus River Sourgrass Run
Whitewater Boating Use Evaluation
 - Open Word version of 4/20/26 draft with
CSERC's comments



- Fishing, Swimming and Wading Use Evaluation at Calaveras Big Trees State Park
 - Open Word version of 4/20/26 draft



- Visual Resource Evaluation at Project Facilities
 - Open Word version of 4/20/26 draft with CSERC's comments



- Project Roads and Trails Condition Assessment
 - Open Word version of 4/20/26 draft



- Upcoming Study Description Meetings
 - June 2, 2026 (noon) - Water and Aquatic Resources
 - ✓ CCWD would like to break this meeting into two given the number of study descriptions
 - ✓ June 2 Meeting would include AR-1, AR-2, AR-3, AR-4, and WR-2
 - ✓ CCWD is targeting 5/12 for those Study Descriptions to be available
 - ✓ NEW meeting would include AR-5, AR-6, AR-7, and WR-1
 - ✓ Proposed Dates (**Can we schedule the meeting now?**):
 - ✓ July 9: 9-12 or 1-4
 - ✓ July 10: 9-12 or 1-4
 - ✓ Schedule a virtual meeting to discuss TR-1. (**Can we schedule the meeting now?**)



- Process:
- CCWD will distribute applicable draft study descriptions 3 weeks prior to each meeting
 - Interested parties will target providing CCWD red-lined study descriptions 1 week prior to the meeting
 - At each meeting, we will follow the same process we followed for today's meeting



➤ **Review Action Items**



Thank You and Adjourn

<https://www.ccwd.org/p-2409-relicense-homepage>



Land Use and Rec

RR-1

- USFS - Additional undeveloped Shoreline access
- (Todd N.) - include dispersed camping - including outside FERC Boundary (PARs)
 - Transportation Management Plan (standard USFS conditions)
 - USFS to provide comments after meeting
 - Designated Wilderness shoreline assessment
- CSERC - #11 signage should be included in table (included in #17)

RR-2

- Use STF for FS
- Not expecting additional comments

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RR-3

- CSERC to distribute to State Parks
- not expecting additional comments

VR-1

USFS - Ammendments to Plans

- latest is 2017

LU-1

- Make sure study uses current version of Plan

USFS - Scope doesn't cover enough roads

- Bridge attached to Facilities
- USFS will provide a list of specific roads at a later point

General Concepts

- Not expecting additional comments

- USFS - Additional unreviewed
(Todd N.) - include dispersed camp
FERC Boundary (PARs)
- Transportation Management Plan
- USFS to provide comments after
- Designated Wilderness show

CSERC - #11 signage should be included
(included in #17)

RR-2

- Use STF for FS
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Aquatics

AR-1 Fish Sampling New Spicer

AR-2 Fish Sampling Project Affected Reaches

AR-3 BMI Project Affected Reaches

AR-4 Fish Entrainment (Desktop)

AR-5 Instream Flow (Highland, NFSR, McCays)

AR-6 eDNA

AR-7 ESA (SNYLF - FYLF) VES

July 10th - USFWS staff may be off
- 3rd date

- CSERC requests no Fridays

P-2409 Calaveras County Water District – Land Use/Rec Resources Study Discussion Sign-in Sheet

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