

Lee Vining Hydroelectric Project

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RECREATION AND LAND USE RESOURCES

Technical Working Group Meeting

Safety Moment



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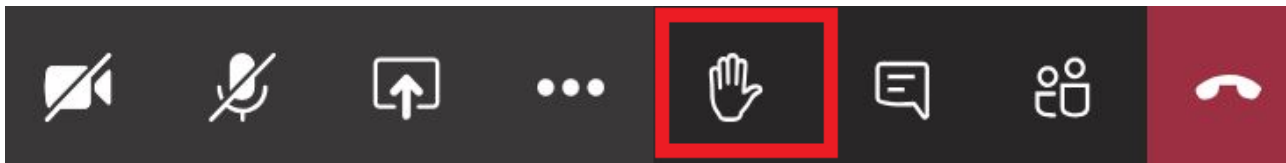
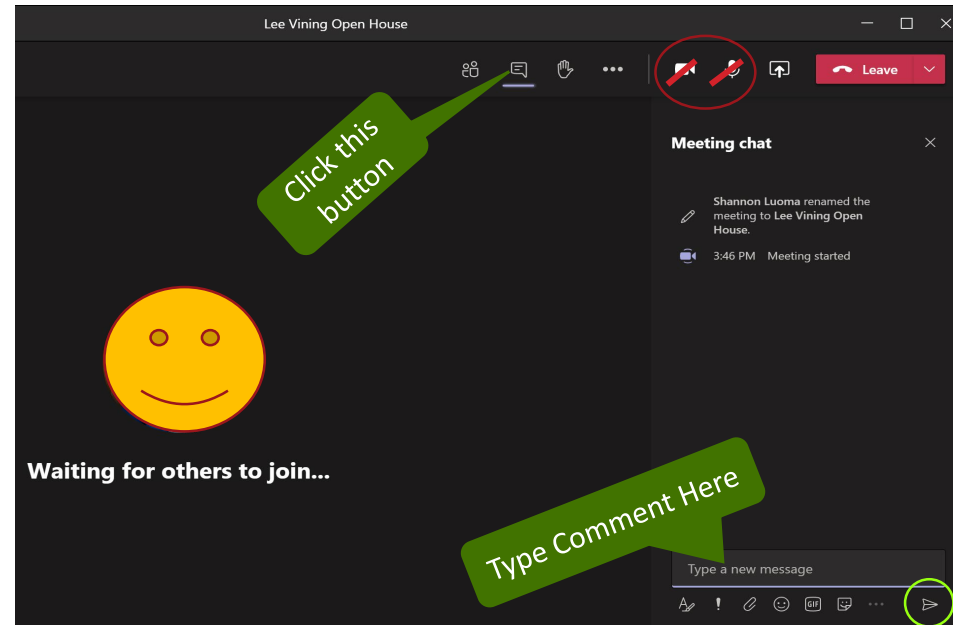
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Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
 - Safety Moment
 - Review of February TWG notes
 - Meeting goals
- Discussion of Study Plan Requests
 - Objectives
 - Rationale, Nexus
 - Study Area
 - Methods
- Schedule, Next Steps, Action Items
 - Next TWG date(s)
 - Study Plan Titles/Outlines
 - Other action items
- Final Questions

Meeting Tips and Guidelines

- Please wait to be called on and then unmute your line
 - Introduce yourself (name and affiliation) prior to speaking
- Listen and respect each other
- Stay on topic
- Ask a question by typing it into the chat box during the presentation or by using the raise your hand feature



Review of February TWG notes

- Creel census
 - Determine fishing pressure in reservoirs, creeks, and campground areas
- Standard Proposed Studies:
 - Recreation use evaluation
 - Condition assessment of existing facilities
- Dispersed recreational use
- Pullouts
 - Maintenance, management of camping
 - Non-point source pollution and runoff
- Ice climbing permits/usage numbers

Review of February TWG action items

- USFS and Mono Lake Committee will get the relicensing team their study requests as soon as possible.
 - Mono Lake Committee decided not to submit a Rec request
 - No other study requests have been received
- Relicensing team has requested recreational outfitter permit records (such as ice climbing guides) from USFS.

TWG Materials Provided via Email and Website

- Email
 - Agenda and Homework
 - FERC Scoping Overview Memo
 - Draft Feb 2021 TWG Meeting Notes
 - Study Plan Template
- Website www.sce.com/leevining
 - TWG Charter Document
 - Select parts of PAD
 - PAD References List
 - Comprehensive Management Plans List
 - FERC NEPA overview
 - FERC Study Criteria

Stakeholder “Homework”: Discussion of Resource Management Objectives

- Desired Future Conditions
- Data Gaps
- Potential Study Requests
 - Study Area
 - Project Nexus
 - Goals and Objectives

Potential Studies for Other Resource Areas

- Aquatics
 - Aquatic Habitat Assessment and Sediment Characterization
 - Operations Model / Peaking Flow Study
 - Stream Fish Populations
 - Reservoir Fish Populations
 - *Didymo* and other Aquatic Invasive Plants
 - Water quality assessment

Potential Studies for Other Resource Areas (continued)

- Terrestrial and Botanical
 - General Wildlife and Rare, Threatened, and Endangered (RTE) Species
 - Botanical (RTE and invasive)
 - Assessment of Riparian Community
- Cultural and Tribal
 - Cultural study
 - Tribal study

Cross-over: Will coordinate to assess the impact of Project-induced recreation to tribally significant trails.

Recreation and Land Use Resources: Potential Studies

Requested by Stakeholders

- Creel census
 - Included in Recreation Use Assessment
- Road pullouts (Cal Trans jurisdiction)
 - Non-point source impacts are not a Project effect
 - Lack of Project nexus
- Trail history, effects on archaeological sites, sensitive species, and overlap with tribal trails
 - Included in Cultural/Tribal Resources studies

Recreation and Land Use Resources: Potential Studies

Recreation Use Evaluation

- Objectives
 - Characterize existing recreational use, both for general recreators and anglers specifically
 - Evaluate existing recreation opportunities
- Rationale/Nexus
 - Existing Project facilities and operations have the potential to promote incremental use of the Project area for recreation purposes.
- Study Area
 - General recreation study: Developed USFS sites adjacent to Saddlebag, Tioga, and Ellery Lakes
 - Creel study: Saddlebag, Tioga, and Ellery Lakes and at developed USFS campgrounds adjacent to the Project boundary along Lee Vining and Glacier Creeks

Recreation and Land Use Resources: Potential Studies

Existing Facilities Condition Assessment

- Objectives
 - Facility condition assessment and inventory
 - Assess the condition and potential for universal accessibility, where feasible
 - Assess the condition of access roads and parking areas
- Rationale/Nexus
 - Existing Project facilities and operations have the potential to promote incremental use of the Project area for recreation purposes.
- Study Area
 - Developed USFS sites adjacent to Saddlebag, Tioga, and Ellery Lakes

Recreation and Land Use Resources: Potential Studies

Project Boundary and Roads

- Objectives
 - Work with SCE and USFS to determine which roads or access trails are used predominantly for access to and maintenance of the Project.
 - Work with SCE to determine what additional lands may be needed for operation of the Project, including lay down and spoil areas.
 - Determine if any Project facilities will be removed or abandoned under the term of a new license.
 - Confirm land ownership and amount of federal lands are accurately represented.
 - Identify existing agreements related to maintenance of those roads and trails
- Rationale/Nexus
 - Under 18 CFR §4.41, ensure that the Project boundary encompass all lands necessary for Project purposes, including the O&M of the Project over the term of the FERC license.
- Study Area
 - Current Project boundary and all lands proposed as necessary for Project operations in a new license.

Recreation and Land Use Resources

- Questions
- Do you have information you want to share with us?
- Proposed next TWG date: May 27

RELICENSING SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

Relicensing Process Schedule

(subject to change depending on relicensing process)

Date	Activity
August 2, 2021	SCE Files Notice of Intent/Pre-Application Document (NOI/PAD)
September 2021	FERC initiates Tribal consultation
September – October 2021	<i>If ILP:</i> FERC issues Notice of Commencement and Scoping Document 1 (SD1) and hosts scoping meeting/site visit <i>If TLP:</i> FERC approves use of TLP
October 2021	Public Meeting to discuss PAD and NOI
October/November 2021	Stakeholders file comments on NOI/PAD and request studies
November 13, 2021	SCE files proposed Study Plans
January 2022	SCE hosts Study Plan Meeting
April 2022	Revise Study Plans as appropriate
Spring/Summer 2022-2023	Conduct field studies
September 3, 2024	SCE Files Draft License Application
January 31, 2025	SCE Files Final License Application

Tentative TWG Meeting Schedule

Date		Activity
Week of May 24, 2021	Monday, May 24	Aquatic Resources TWG 4
	Wednesday AM, May 26	Terrestrial and Botanical TWG 4
	Wednesday PM, May 26	Cultural and Tribal TWG 4
	Thursday, May 27	Recreation and Land Use TWG 4

How to Stay Involved

- Check the Project website for updates/news at www.sce.com/leevining
- You can view other SCE relicensing Projects at www.sce.com/regulatory/hydro-licensing
- Sign-up to receive Project-related emails through the Contact Registration Form/Project Questionnaire on the Project website
- Participate in an ongoing TWG
- Sign up for FERC's for e-subscription (docket number "P-1388") at www.ferc.gov
- Email Carissa Shoemaker with questions carissa.shoemaker@erm.com



Thank you!