

# **APPENDIX B**

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## **APPENDIX B-2**

**Stakeholder Announcement, March 11, 2021**

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Southern California Edison (SCE) is notifying agencies, Native American Tribes, non-governmental organizations, and members of the public of the upcoming relicensing for the Rush Creek Hydroelectric Project (Project) using the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Integrated Licensing Process (ILP). The relicensing process is formally initiated upon SCE's filing of a Notice of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD) with FERC (regulatory deadline is January 31, 2022).

### **Background**

SCE currently operates the Project under a 30-year FERC license that expires January 31, 2027. The Project is located on the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Mono County, California. The Project is situated approximately four miles southwest of the unincorporated community of June Lake. The majority of the Project occupies federal lands within the Inyo National Forest which is under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service (portions of the Project are located within the Ansel Adams Wilderness Area). The Project was constructed between 1915 and 1918, and later modified in 1924 and 1925, prior to the formation of the Wilderness.

The 13.01-megawatt Project includes three dams and associated reservoirs – Agnew Dam (Agnew Lake), Gem Dam (Gem Lake), and Rush Meadows Dam (Waugh Lake); a water conveyance system; the Rush Creek Powerhouse; and ancillary facilities. The three Project reservoirs historically provided storage for lake recreation during the summer and allowed for electricity generation at the Rush Creek Powerhouse in the fall/winter. Water exiting the powerhouse enters a short tailrace and is returned to Rush Creek upstream of Silver Lake.

Recently, SCE conducted fault studies, structural testing, and engineering analyses of Agnew, Gem, and Rush Meadows dams as a consequence of the Silver Lake Fault being identified as a potential safety concern in 2007. As a result of the analyses and subsequent consultation with FERC and the Division of Safety of Dams, SCE implemented storage restrictions at the three reservoirs beginning in 2012, as well as structural modifications at Agnew and Rush Meadows dams in 2017 and 2018 and Gem Dam in 2020 and 2021.

SCE is diligently evaluating various options for Agnew and Rush Meadows dams and retrofitting of Gem Dam in preparation for the relicensing. A detailed project description of all options under consideration will be included in the PAD to be filed with FERC by January 31, 2022.

## **Early Outreach Activities**

Prior to filing the NOI and PAD, SCE will complete the following early outreach activities:

- In March 2021, a questionnaire will be distributed to all stakeholders soliciting information on existing resources in the vicinity of the Project.
- In October 2021, SCE will convene a public meeting open to all stakeholders to discuss the relicensing process, describe resource information to be presented in the PAD, and provide a detailed overview of the Proposed Project under consideration. Additional information on the public meeting will be provided to stakeholders at a later date.

If you received this announcement via e-mail, you are on the relicensing distribution list. If you obtained this announcement by another means and want to be added to the distribution list, please send your contact information to David Moore, SCE Relicensing Project Manager, at [david.moore@sce.com](mailto:david.moore@sce.com), or visit the Project website at [www.sce.com/RushCreek](http://www.sce.com/RushCreek) and complete the contact registration form.

Register online at [www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview](http://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview) to be notified via e-mail of new FERC filings and issuances related to the Rush Creek Project. Follow the online instructions and subscribe to docket number P-1389.

After filing the NOI and PAD, SCE will conduct numerous stakeholder meetings during the formal relicensing proceeding to further define the Project; identify potential resource issues; develop technical studies; discuss study results; and evaluate potential protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures. SCE is aware of local community concerns regarding the Project and will strive during the stakeholder meetings to fully understand their issues/concerns and seek mutually acceptable solutions. SCE looks forward to working collaboratively with all stakeholders during the upcoming relicensing proceeding.

## **APPENDIX B-3**

### **Project Information Questionnaire, March 15, 2021 and Stakeholder Responses**

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March 15, 2021

**To: Project Stakeholder**

**Re: Rush Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1389  
Early Relicensing Outreach  
Project Information Questionnaire**

Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) operating license for the Rush Creek Project, FERC Project No. 1389 (Project) expires January 31, 2027. Consequently, SCE is taking the initial steps required by the Federal Power Act and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Integrated Licensing Process (ILP) to obtain a new license for the Project. The Project is located in Mono County, California and includes three dams and associated reservoirs – Agnew Dam (Agnew Lake), Gem Dam (Gem Lake), and Rush Meadows Dam (Waugh Lake); a water conveyance system; the Rush Creek Powerhouse; and ancillary facilities (**Map 1**). Complete information regarding the FERC's relicensing process and ILP is provided on FERC's website at:

<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/hydropower/licensing/licensing-processes/integrated-licensing-process-ilp>

The ILP requires that SCE prepare a Notice of Intent (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD) to be filed with FERC between five and five and one half years before the expiration of the existing license (i.e., January 31, 2022). The PAD identifies for FERC and other entities existing, relevant, and reasonably available information pertaining to the Project to help identify issues and related information needs, develop study requests and study plans, and provide the basis for analyzing potential Project impacts. To obtain information for the PAD, a license applicant uses information in its possession and relevant information obtained from others.

SCE would like your assistance identifying existing, relevant, and reasonably available information that describes the existing Project environment. You and/or your organization have been identified as a potential source of information for possible inclusion in the PAD. To facilitate the collection of existing, relevant, and reasonably available information attached is a Project Information Questionnaire (Questionnaire).

The Questionnaire seeks the identification of information regarding specific resource subject areas that are addressed in the PAD, including:

Aesthetic Resources	Rare, Threatened & Endangered Species
Botanical and Wildlife Resources	Recreation Resources
Cultural Resources	Riparian and Wetland Habitats
Fish and Aquatic Resources	Socio-economic Resources
Geology and Soils	Tribal Resources
Geomorphology	Water Quality
Land Use	Water Use/Water Supply
Power Generation	Other

To ensure relevant information you have is available for developing the PAD, **please fill out and return the enclosed Questionnaire on or before April 15, 2021**. Your timely response allows for follow-up by SCE or SCE's representative that may be needed and/or helpful. Not responding on or before April 15, 2021 will indicate that you are not aware of any existing, relevant, and reasonably available information describing the existing Project environment.

Please send your response via email (preferred method) or regular mail as indicated below.

**By Email:** Send a pdf of the completed questionnaire to Julie Smith at [julie.smith@cardno.com](mailto:julie.smith@cardno.com).

**By U.S. Mail:** Send a hardcopy of the completed questionnaire via U.S. mail to: Cardno, Attn: Julie Smith, 2890 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95833.

Thank you in advance for your help identifying information that meets FERC's criteria for inclusion in the PAD. If you have any questions about this request, please contact David Moore, SCE Relicensing Project Manager, at (626) 302-9494, or [david.moore@sce.com](mailto:david.moore@sce.com).

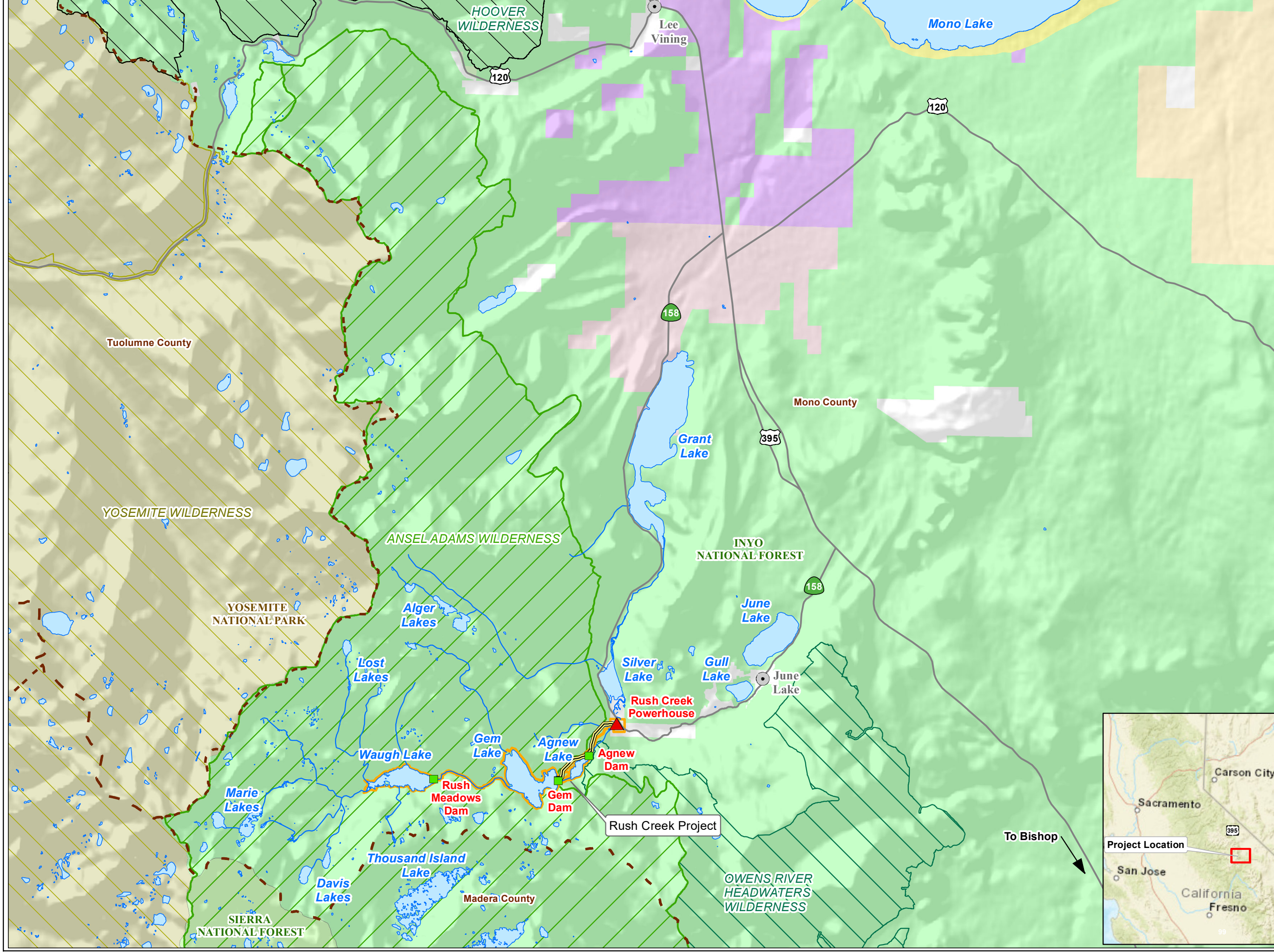
Sincerely,

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Attachments

1. Rush Creek Project Information Questionnaire
2. Rush Creek Project Vicinity Map





**SCE Facilities**

- Dam
- ▲ Powerhouse
- Flowline / Penstock
- FERC Boundary

**Other Features**

- Major City/Town
- Highway
- River/Stream
- Lake
- County Boundary

**Land Jurisdiction\***

- Local Government
- LADWP
- State Government
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Forest Service
- National Park Service
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Private (Blank)

\*SOURCE: BLM 2020

**National Wilderness Areas**

- Ansel Adams Wilderness
- Hoover Wilderness
- Owens River Headwaters Wilderness
- Yosemite Wilderness



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Rush Creek Project (FERC No. 1389)

**Map 1**

**Project Vicinity**

Date: 11/25/2020

Projection: UTM Zone 11  
Datum: NAD 83

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



**Project Information Questionnaire**

1. Information about person completing the questionnaire:

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a. Do you or your organization plan to participate in the Rush Creek Relicensing proceeding?

Yes  No

b. My preferred method of communication is:  Regular mail  Email  Phone

2. Do you or your organization know of existing, relevant, and reasonably available information that describes the existing Project environment?

Yes (If yes, complete 2a through 2c)  No (if no, go to Question 3)

a. If yes, please check the box(es) to indicate the specific resource area(s) that the information relates to:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic Resources              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rare, Threatened & Endangered Species |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Botanical and Wildlife Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Resources                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources               | <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian and Wetland Habitats                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish and Aquatic Resources       | <input type="checkbox"/> Socio-economic Resources                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology and Soils                | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Resources                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphology                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Use/Water Supply                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Power Generation                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |

b. Please briefly describe the information or list available documents (be specific): *(Additional information can be provided on page 4)*

**Information or Available Documents:**

We have recent information pertaining to species protected by the Endangered Species Act, namely Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog and Yosemite toads. In addition Lahontan cutthroat trout are stocked in nearby lakes.

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**Resource Area and Specific Concerns or Interests:**

4. Based on the resource area(s) identified in Question 3, are you aware of data gaps or additional information needs? (*Additional information can be provided on page 4*).

- Yes (*If yes, provide information below*)       No (*If no, go to Question 5*)

**Data Gaps or Additional Information Needs:**

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**Name (required):**

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**Title:**

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**Phone:**

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Thank you for your time. Please provide any additional information and/or comments below.

**Additional Information or Comments:**

California Department of Fish and Wildlife





**Project Information Questionnaire**

1. Information about person completing the questionnaire:

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**Title/Organization:** Environmental Scientist/California Department of Fish and Wildlife

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a. Do you or your organization plan to participate in the Rush Creek Relicensing proceeding?

Yes  No

b. My preferred method of communication is:  Regular mail  Email  Phone

2. Do you or your organization know of existing, relevant, and reasonably available information that describes the existing Project environment?

Yes (If yes, complete 2a through 2c)  No (if no, go to Question 3)

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**Data Gaps or Additional Information Needs:**

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**Additional Information or Comments:**

Project Information Questionnaire

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**2. Do you or your organization know of existing, relevant, and reasonably available information that describes the existing project environment?**

**2 b. Please briefly describe the information or list available documents.**

Fish and Aquatic resources: Get input from Fisheries

- CDFW Statewide Document library: <http://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/documents/>
- Special-status species report to CDFW: CDFW Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDDB>) and CDFW Biogeographic Information and Observations (BIOS) online mapping tool (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/BIOS>).
- Fish species distribution maps **attached in zip file**
- Herpetofauna species distribution maps attached in zip file
- Mono Basin clearinghouse (<https://www.monobasinresearch.org/onlinereports/index.php#HYDROLOGY>) – hydrology/Stream restoration

Recreation (Fish Stocking and Angling): get input from Fisheries

- Eastern Sierra Back Country Fishing Guide (2012, J. Erdman, CDFW)
- Fish Stocking record documents attached in zip file

Wildlife resources: Get input from Wildlife

- Incidental observations of birds by birders: Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society eBird checklist program ([www.ebird.org](http://www.ebird.org))
- Special-status species report to CDFW: CDFW Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDDB>) and CDFW Biogeographic Information and Observations (BIOS) online mapping tool (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/BIOS>).
- Potential occurrences of special status wildlife species based on habitat within and adjacent to the FERC boundary: CDFW California Wildlife Habitat Relationships (CWHR) database (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CWHR>).

Botanical resources:

- Special-status plants and natural communities reported to CDFW and CDFW vegetation mapping: CDFW CNDDDB: (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDDB>), CDFW BIOS online mapping tool (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/BIOS>) (BIOS = Vegetation - Yosemite [ds200]), CDFW vegetation Classification and Mapping Program (VegCAMP) (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/VegCAMP>).
- Special status and non-native plant observations: Calflora Database (<http://www.calflora.org/>), CalWeedMapper (<http://calweedmapper.cal-ipc.org/>), California Native Plant Society Rare and Endangered Plant Inventory (<http://www.rareplants.cnps.org/advanced.html>), and Calscape (<https://calscape.org/>).
- Mono Basin clearinghouse (<https://www.monobasinresearch.org/station/library.php>) - GIS Data sets to accompany the Checklist Flora of the Mono Basin

### Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species: Get input from Wildlife and Lands

- Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society eBird checklist program ([www.ebird.org](http://www.ebird.org))
- CDFW CNDDDB (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDDB>)
- CDWF BIOS online mapping tool (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/BIOS>)
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- Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep Annual Monitoring Reports **attached in zip file**
- Conservation Strategy for the Sierra Nevada red fox (in progress)

### Riparian and Wetland Habitats

- CDFW CNDDDB (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDDB>)
- CDWF BIOS online mapping tool (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/BIOS>)
- CDFW Vegetation Classification and Mapping Program (VegCAMP) (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/VegCAMP>)
  - *“Natural Communities with ranks of S1-S3 are considered Sensitive Natural Communities to be addressed in the environmental review processes of CEQA and its equivalents.”*
- Calflora Database (<http://www.calflora.org/>)
- California Native Plant Society Rare and Endangered Plant Inventory (<http://www.rareplants.cnps.org/advanced.html>)
- Mono Basin clearinghouse (<https://www.monobasinresearch.org/onlinereports/index.php#HYDROLOGY>) – hydrology/Stream restoration

### **3. Based on the resources addressed above, do you have any specific Project-related concerns or interests?**

SE = State Endangered; ST = State Threatened; FE = Federally Endangered; FT = Federally Threatened; SSC = CDFW Species of Special Concern; FP = Fully Protected

### Fish and aquatic resources:

Effects to water quantity and quality, including temperature, due to Project operations and maintenance may adversely affect fish and aquatic resources as follows:

- Benthic Macroinvertebrate diversity
- Amphibians and their habitat, including special status species such as Yosemite toad and Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog
- Diversity, quantity and composition of fish species
- Fish spawning and habitat
- Dewatering of fish spawning habitat
- Introduction, persistence and proliferation of aquatic invasive species
- Project effects on water quality and quantity may adversely affect the plant diversity, quantity, composition, and extent of wetland, riparian, and littoral habitats.

- Project operations may impact Large Woody Debris (LWD). LWD is often blocked or removed from streams with powerhouses. LWD should be maintained and not removed from the system entirely.

Wildlife Resources:

- Project operations and maintenance may impact the migration, foraging, and nesting of bird species including special status species such as: bald eagle (SE), northern harrier (SSC), loggerhead shrike (SSC), olive-sided flycatcher (SSC); and watch-list species such as osprey.
- Project operations and maintenance may impact the movement, foraging, and reproductive habits of amphibian and mammal species, including special status species such as: Yosemite toad (FT), Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog (ST, FE), Sierra Nevada Bighorn sheep (FP,SE,FE), and Sierra Nevada red fox.
- Project operations and maintenance may disturb any bat colonies roosting within Project structures.

Botanical Resources:

- Project operations and maintenance may facilitate the spread of invasive plant species
- Project operations and maintenance may impact S3 sensitive community types (e.g. aspen)

Rare, threatened and Endangered Species:

- Project may have impacts on reproduction, foraging, and movement/migration of ESA listed, CESA-listed, and State Fully Protected species as referenced above in the fish and aquatic, wildlife, and botanical resources sections

**4. Based on the resource area(s) addressed above, are you aware of data gaps or additional information needs?**

Fish and Aquatic resources:

- Assessment of reservoir fish populations, including mark; surveys and population estimates should be completed over multiple seasons
- Benthic Macroinvertebrate baseline assessment

Wildlife resources:

- Completion of a general biological inventory of the amphibian, reptile, bird, and mammal species that are present or have the potential to be present within each habitat type onsite and within adjacent areas that could be affected by the Project.
- Completion of a recent inventory of rare, threatened, endangered, and other sensitive species located within the Project footprint and within adjacent areas with the potential to be effected, including California Species of Special Concern and California Fully Protected Species (Fish and Game Code § 3511). The inventory should address seasonal variations in use of the project area and should not be limited to resident species. CDFW recommends that focused species-specific surveys be completed by a qualified biologist and conducted at the appropriate time of year and time of day when the sensitive species are active or otherwise identifiable. Acceptable species-

specific survey procedures should be developed in consultation with CDFW and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, where necessary.

- Identification of threats to wildlife resources from operations and maintenance activities

Botanical Resources:

- Completion of an assessment of the various habitat types located within the project footprint, and the creation of a map that identifies the location of each habitat type. CDFW recommends the VegCAMP layer (Vegetation - Yosemite [ds200]) in the BIOS online mapping tool (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/BIOS>) in conjunction with ground truthing. Adjoining habitat areas should also be included in this assessment where site activities could lead to direct or indirect impacts offsite.
- Completion of a thorough, recent, floristic-based assessment of special status plants and natural communities, following CDFW's *Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Natural Communities* (see <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=18959&inline>).
- Assessment of the occurrence and distribution of non-native invasive plants
- Assessment of the occurrence and distribution Seasonal wetlands

Coordination with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP):

- LADWP is restoring flow's downstream of the FREC Project boundary and SCE should coordinated with LADWP when consideration dam operations. Currently the Water Board orders SCE to implement flushing flows and a flow schedule were SCE impairs the hydrograph. Consequently, the flushing flows are being released at a time when LADWP has nowhere to put the water or SCE is impairing flows when LADWP needs the water for downstream flow restoration.

**5. Is there a representative other than yourself you would like to designate as an additional contact for potential follow-up by SCE or SCE's representative for the resource area(s) check above?**

Trisha A. Moyer

CDFW – Desert Inland Region 6  
Habitat Conservation Program Supervisor  
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Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams



**Project Information Questionnaire**

1. Information about person completing the questionnaire:

**Name (required):** Andrew Mangney

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- a. Do you or your organization plan to participate in the Rush Creek Relicensing proceeding?  
 Yes Only if relicensing involves altering, repairing, or removing dams
- b. My preferred method of communication is:    Regular mail    Email    Phone

2. Do you or your organization know of existing, relevant, and reasonably available information that describes the existing Project environment?

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b. Please briefly describe the information or list available documents (be specific): *(Additional information can be provided on page 4)*

**Information or Available Documents:**

DSOD has files related to design, construction, maintenance, and operation of Agnew, Gem, and Rush Meadows Dams. Our information is related to the dam safety aspects. Documents are primarily engineering/geologic studies and inspections related to the dams and their appurtenances. SCE may view this information by scheduling a file review visit at our office or the files can be given to SCE in pdf format if SCE pays the costs for scanning.

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**Resource Area and Specific Concerns or Interests:**

DSOD's concerns and interests are related to the safety of the dams and their appurtenances. Any work altering, repairing, or removing the dams or their appurtenances requires DSOD review and approval. An application, plans and specifications, and a filing fee will be required the work specific to the dams or their appurtenances. DSOD's involvement spans between the early-design phases through the end of construction for the project.

4. Based on the resource area(s) identified in Question 3, are you aware of data gaps or additional information needs? *(Additional information can be provided on page 4).*

- Yes *(If yes, provide information below)*       No *(If no, go to Question 5)*

**Data Gaps or Additional Information Needs:**

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For questions related to the application process for altering, repairing, or removing the dams contact:

**Name (required):** Erik Malvick  
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**Title:** Design Engineering Branch Chief, Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams  
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Sacramento, CA 95833  
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**Phone:** 916-565-7840  
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East Shore Silver Lake Improvement Association, Inc.





**Project Information Questionnaire**

1. Information about person completing the questionnaire:

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a. Do you or your organization plan to participate in the Rush Creek Relicensing proceeding?

Yes  No

b. My preferred method of communication is:  Regular mail  Email  Phone

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b. Please briefly describe the information or list available documents (be specific): (Additional information can be provided on page 4)

**Information or Available Documents:**

See attachments labeled:

- \* 2021 Project Description Silver Lake
- \* Silver Lake and Rush Creek Aerial Photographs 1940-2020
- \* California Department of Fish and Game Stream Alteration Agreement

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**Resource Area and Specific Concerns or Interests:**

Other concerns include severe sedimentation of Rush Creek and Silver Lake that directly affects fish and aquatic resources, endangered species, recreation and wetlands habitats.

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- Yes (If yes, provide information below)       No (If no, go to Question 5)

**Data Gaps or Additional Information Needs:**

SCE to provide explanation and data for the Rush Creek sedimentation build up and potential remediation plans, including but not limited to dredging.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission SCE Company Project No. 1389-001 Order Issuing New License (issued February 4, 1997) called for Certain Forest Service conditions be met as a condition of the license.

Specifically, the Forest Service's 4(e) conditions, as set forth in Appendix A of the original New License issued on February 4, 1997 are important data gaps ESSLIA would like detailed to better understand the original purpose and conditions of the SCE 1997 approved license.

Several of the Project Plan conditions imposed by the License are important data points we are requesting be provided by SCE for the community to better understand the measures SCE has taken since February 4, 1997 when the new license was issued.

The ESSLIA-requested data points from the February 4, 1997 License Forest Service 4(e) conditions include the following:

- 2) Minimum flow releases to protect project area fisheries and riparian resources;
- 3) Reporting demonstrating compliance with reservoir level requirements and minimum flow requirements;
- 4) Reporting demonstrating riparian and aquatic resources monitoring plan;
- 7) SCE implemented erosion control plan, and;
- 8) The SCE implemented spoil disposal plan.

ESSLIA would like to determine if the spoil disposal plan includes a plan for periodic removal of sediments from Rush Creek channel at the confluence with Silver Lake.

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**Additional Information or Comments:**

Since 1924, the ESSLIA has been the steward of the Rush Creek Delta and Silver Lake. In 2004, the ESSLIA and Silver Lake Resort paid for the dredging of the stream and lake to improve the entire aquatic environment. We have kept accurate records of the sediment deposits in the stream and lake that are evident on the attached document titled "Silver Lake and Rush Creek Aerial Photographs 1940-2020". The sedimentation clearly is filling the entire stream and a significant part of Silver Lake. It is particularly severe where it enters the lake. As Rush Creek and Silver Lake receive more sediment each year from the dam above, the sediment build up is negatively impacting the ecological balance, spawning cycles, fisheries, and the fishing economy of the entire county and Silver Lake.

The SCE dam activities are also impacting the recreational activities on Rush Creek and Silver Lake with sedimentation build up impacting the ability of boats, anglers, kayaks and paddle boards to navigate the waterways. A reduction in recreational activities will also impact the tourism which is a driver of our county's economic engine. Finally and very importantly, it is foreseeable that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's ability to access water for Los Angeles water needs would be significantly impacted.

Dredging is crucial to maintaining the ecological balance of the wetlands and lake habitat. With a SCE dredging project, there is an excellent opportunity for the company to partner with the surrounding community to enhance Rush Creek's natural beauty, its resources and its environs.

The bottom line is: Dredging needs to occur in the near future. In the SCE February 4, 1997 permit renewal there is no mention of SCE being required to meet mitigation issues that occur AFTER water and silt leave Agnew Dam via Rush Creek and enter Silver Lake. This omission needs to be addressed before the 2027 SCE permit is accepted by FERC.

## **Background**

Rush Creek water releases from the Southern California Edison powerhouse, supplied from Agnew and Gem reservoirs upstream of Silver Lake, in combination with flows from tributary drainages appear sufficient to transport sediment from the steep upper portions of Rush Creek. However, as the gradient flattens near the confluence of Silver Lake the velocities are slower and not sufficient to transport the sediment bed-load, and maintain channel depth. Rush Creek, between its confluence with Reverse Creek and Silver Lake, has a very flat gradient dropping only 1.34 feet in 4,160 feet (0.0003). During heavy runoff events, the Rush Creek delta becomes part of Silver Lake. The primary locations of sediment deposition are in the Rush Creek delta and extreme southern portions of Silver Lake.

A change in the Rush Creek delta from sedimentation occurred dramatically over time from 1940 to current. The Rush Creek channel, as it existed in 1940, depicts a wider, single channel system in the general location of where it is today. East Shore Silver Lake Improvement Association, Inc (ESSLIA) agrees that it is part of a natural process that lakes eventually accrete with sediment over hundreds, if not thousands of years. However, acceleration of sedimentation in the Rush Creek delta occurred at a much higher rate during the last 50-60 years than would be expected from natural sedimentation rates and natural processes. Only during episodic high flow events do sediments actually mobilize significantly and travel into Silver Lake. During typical flow regimes, little mobilization is occurring. By confining the stream channel to the original configuration, water velocities would be sufficient to keep the sand scoured out for approximately 20 years, improving the sediment transport capability of Rush Creek in the Project Area.

Over the last twenty plus years, East Shore Silver Lake Improvement Association (ESSLIA) has entered into discussions with the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), Mono County, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), the California State Lands Commission, Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) concerning sedimentation in the Rush Creek delta. In 2004, the ESSLIA Project Team recommended a beneficial uses (BU) of dredge material plan in Rush Creek at the headwaters of Silver Lake. The BU Plan would have been required to re-establish a navigable channel in the lower portion of Rush Creek near the Silver Lake headwaters. The California State Lands Commission owns the property where the proposed project took place.

## **Approved California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Permit**

In 2004, ESSLIA received a CEQA permit to dredge the lower portions of Rush Creek to the confluence with Silver Lake. A Mud Cat <sup>TM</sup> A uger Model SP-815 was used in the Rush Creek channel. The 33.5-ft Mud Cat is a maneuverable dredge with a draft of 20 inches. The suction hose is 6-inches in diameter and the discharge hose is 6-inches in diameter. The pump operates at 1,000 gallons per minute against a 100-foot head of water at 1600 rpm.

Although regulatory agencies reviewing this CEQA action generally understood the concept of Beneficial Uses of dredge material in creating wetlands, the permit review committee decided to approve a dredging permit pumping the material to a dewatering area and hauling the material to an approved upland location for use in road fill material. The CEQA review team at the time in 2004 was more comfortable with a dredge and haul approach rather than a Beneficial Uses of dredge material approach.

See attached 2004 California Department of Fish and Game Stream Alteration Agreement regarding proposed Stream or Lake alteration. Please note – Mr. Robert Nailon continues to represent ESSLIA as a community member and representative. Mr. Nailon was formerly associated with ENTRIX and is now associated with CARDNO but does not have any knowledge of this SCE project application permit.

## **Recommended 2021-2026 Southern California Edison Dredging Plan**

The original ESSLIA proposed plan in 2004 was to pump dredge material into a pipe, with the pipe temporarily placed on the surface of the wetlands for a period of a few weeks. The pipe would be placed on inner tubes in the channel for flotation as well as on the existing wetlands. With the use of inner tubes in existing wetland areas, no long-term effects to wetlands were expected. **No excavation** of existing wetlands or fill material placement in existing wetlands is proposed in this project. No emergent or submergent wetland vegetation were present in the proposed 2.1-acre dredge material disposal area. Therefore, no impacts to submerged aquatic vegetation would be expected. Due to the sedimentation in the Rush Creek delta, resident trout are few in number in the Rush Creek channel. As discussed above a dredge and haul project was conducted.

Without dredging remediation, ongoing sedimentation build up will continue to slow the free flow of water from Rush Creek into Silver Lake. With unfettered sedimentation build up, and the absence of dredging, the natural deltaic process will stifle free water flow and impact water availability. It is foreseeable that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's ability to access water would be significantly impacted.

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Within the last 17 years since ESSLIA solely funded the permitted dredging project, sedimentation has re-occurred within the Rush Creek delta (See drone photographs). **The bottom line is that the stream requires dredging again in the near future.** See attached photographs.

#### **Anticipated Beneficial Uses Project Benefits**

By utilizing the concepts of beneficial uses of dredge material developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, it is thought that the project would result in:

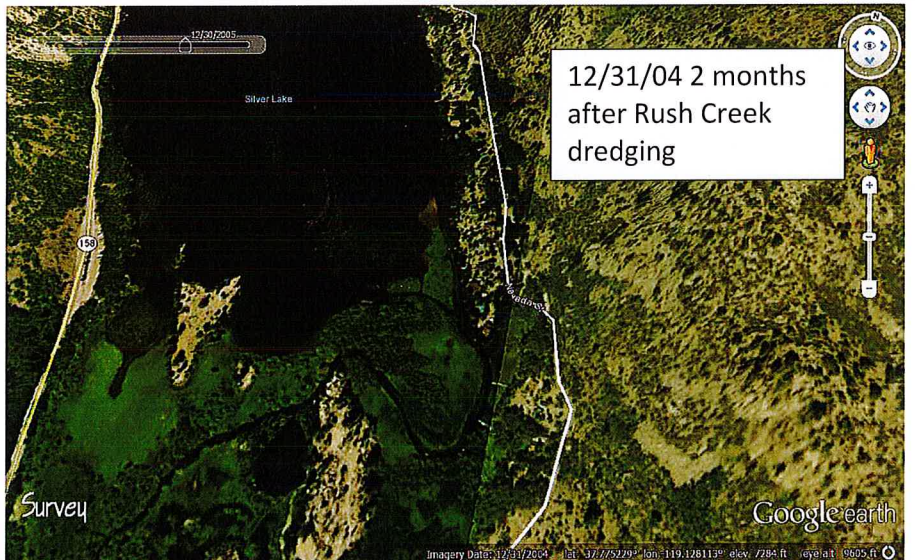
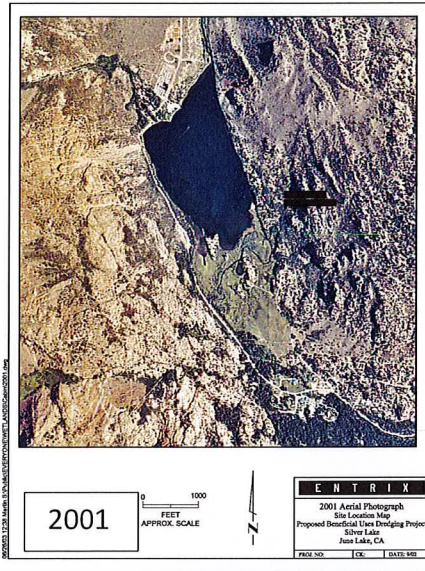
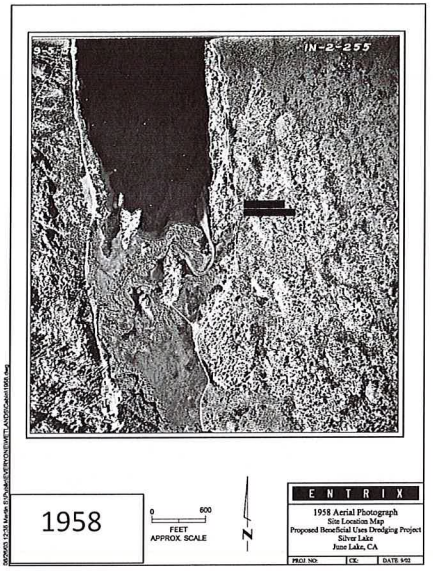
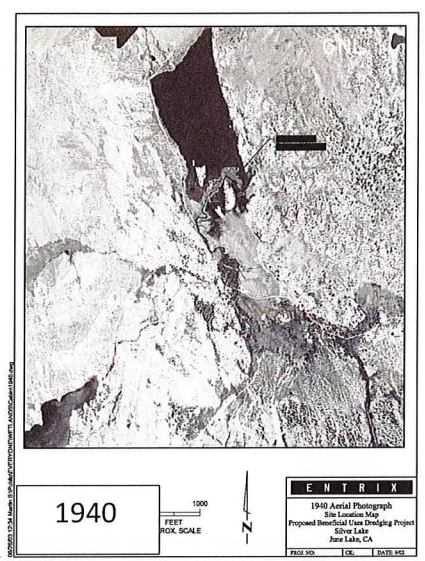
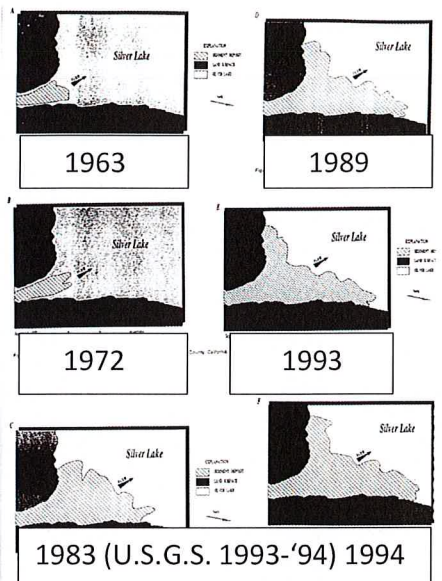
- Restoration of the single channel function of Rush Creek and improve the sediment transport capability of Rush Creek in the project area;
- The improvement of salmonid (trout) access to critical spawning and nursery habitat in Rush Creek, particularly brown trout and rainbow trout;
- Additional waterfowl brooding, nesting, and refuge habitat in wetlands adjacent to Rush Creek;
- Creation of important breeding and nursery habitat for various species of invertebrates and amphibians;
- Improved water quality in deltaic wetlands with the proposed additional created wetland acreage; and
- Improvement in the recreational use of Rush Creek upstream of Silver Lake.

Furthermore, as the created wetlands begin to mature on de-watered dredge materials, they would begin to serve key ancillary wetland functions over time, including:

- Nutrient entrainment and release;
- Erosion control;
- Stabilization of the deltaic plain associated with Rush Creek.

The ESSLIA Project Team would be happy to collaborate with SCE in developing a Beneficial Uses project to create wetland from dredge material that would provide an environmental sound and cost-effective solution to the sedimentation issues in the Rush Creek delta, or would be happy to discuss a dredging project that hauled the material offsite to an upland location(s).





Aerial views of the enlarging sand plume due to sedimentation in the Rush Creek channel at the confluence with Silver Lake



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Notification No. 1600-2004-0096-R6

August 25, 2004

**AGREEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED STREAM OR LAKE ALTERATION**

THIS AGREEMENT, entered into between the State of California, Department of Fish and Game, hereinafter called the **Department**, and the East Shore Silver Lake Improvement Association, (ESSLIA), represented by Mr. Robert Nailon, ENTRIX, Inc., 5252 Westchester Suite 250; Houston, TX 77005, and Mr. Scott English of Northwest Biological Consultants, 324 Terrace Street; Ashland, OR 97520, here after called the **Operator**, is as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1602 of the California Fish and Game Code, the Operator, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004, notified the Department that they intend to divert or obstruct the natural flow of, or change the bed, channel, or bank of, or use material from the streambed(s) of the following water(s): the main channel of Rush Creek, from the confluence of Silver Lake, upstream for 1350 feet to remove sediment.

WHEREAS, the Department (represented by Dawne Becker) has determined that such construction may substantially adversely affect those existing fish and wildlife resources within Rush Creek, referenced above in paragraph 2 of this page, including songbirds, raptors, other birds, reptiles, mammals, amphibians, plants and all other fish and wildlife resources, including that riparian vegetation which provides habitat for such species, in the area.

THEREFORE, the Department hereby proposes measures to protect fish and wildlife resources during the Operator's work. The Applicant hereby agrees to accept the following measures/conditions as part of the proposed work.

If the Operator's work changes from that stated in the notification specified above, this Agreement is no longer valid and a new notification shall be submitted to the Department of Fish and Game. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Agreement and with other pertinent code sections, including but not limited to Fish and Game Code Sections 5650, 5652, 5937, and 5948, may result in prosecution.

Nothing in this Agreement authorizes the Operator to trespass on any land or property, nor does it relieve the Operator of responsibility for compliance with applicable federal, state, or local laws or ordinances. A consummated Agreement does not constitute Department of Fish and Game endorsement of the proposed operation, or assure the Department's concurrence with permits required from other agencies.

This Agreement becomes effective the date of Department's signature or September 15, whichever is latest, and terminates on November 30, 2004 for construction of the proposed project only. This Agreement shall remain in effect for that time necessary to satisfy the terms/conditions of this Agreement. Any provisions of the agreement may be amended at any time provided such amendment is agreed to in writing by both parties. Mutually approved amendments become part of the original agreement and are subject to all previously negotiated provisions. The Operator may request an extension of the agreement annually for a 12-month period if additional construction time is necessary. The extension shall be requested prior to the termination date of the agreement.



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1. The following provisions constitute the limit of activities agreed to and resolved by this Agreement. The signing of this Agreement does not imply that the Operator is precluded from doing other activities at the site. However, activities not specifically agreed to and resolved by this Agreement shall be subject to separate notification pursuant to Fish and Game Code Sections 1600 et seq.

Project/Site Description

2. The project site is located at the confluence of Rush Creek and Silver Lake and upstream for 1350 feet of the main channel of Rush Creek, near the community of June Lake, in Mono County; Township 2S, Range 26E, Section 16. The project will follow Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (LRWQCB) permit guidelines for dredging projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Best management procedures and other measures will be incorporated to insure that the return water from the dredging operation does not impact surface waters or wetlands of the state. The project will remove approximately 3,500 cubic yards of sand and sediment for upland disposal (estimated to be less than 3,000 cubic yards following water removal). Water will be drained on private property that requires no clearing of vegetation.

3. The Operator shall confirm that all equipment that enters the water is New Zealand mud snail-free. To avoid any interactions with endangered southwest willow flycatcher, the Operator shall not commence project activities until September 15, 2004. Hauling trucks will be sealed to prevent any spillage onto the roadway. BMPs, including the use of upland settling basins and filter boxes, will be in place to insure that the return water from the dredging operation does not impact surface waters or wetlands of the state. Geo-tubes, silt fencing and straw bale berms will be placed around the perimeter of the truck staging and dredge material dewatering area, and between the existing wetland and the inner perimeter of each identifies dredge material disposal cell. Turbidity curtains will be placed at five locations above and below the project area: 1) across the mouth of Rush Creek at the confluence with Silver Lake, 2) across the secondary channel at the confluence with Silver Lake, 3) immediately behind the dredge as it operates, 4) on Rush Creek to keep turbid water from the portions of Rush Creek above the Project Area, and 5) along the Rush Creek Channel as depicted ( see Figure 2, attached ). Coast Guard approved bio-degradeable hydraulic fluid and special fittings will be used in the dredge to minimize potential damage from leaking hydraulic hoses and equipment. Spill kits will be placed on board the dredge and other equipment to be utilized in case of a fuel leak. Bio-diesel fuel will be utilized in the dredge and booster pump to reduce engine emissions and toxicity from potential spills. A spill guard will be placed under the booster pump to contain potential fuel leaks. Additionally, the dredge has a sheet metal shroud that surrounds the auger head that is designed to help contain turbidity within the dredge zone.

2. Any upland area temporarily damaged by the storage of filter boxes will be seeded with native grass seed as needed. The Department recommends the use of native plants to the greatest extent feasible in areas affected by project activities. The Operator shall not plant, seed or otherwise introduce invasive exotic plant species. a.) All plantings shall have a minimum of 80% survival the first year and 100% survival thereafter and shall attain 80% cover after 3 years and 90% cover after 5 years. If the survival and cover requirements have not been met, the Operator is responsible for replacement planting to achieve these requirements. The Department recommends that all plantings occur between October 1 and April 30 to minimize the need for irrigation and maximize cover benefits.

3. The following additional mitigation measures will be implemented: Nets to block fish access from the work area will be placed at appropriate sites. Fish within the work area will be moved to areas outside the work area. Logs and other cover for fish will be left within the channel. Turbidity monitoring will take place at two-hour intervals during the time the dredging is taking place. Turbidity measurements that exceed 10% of background levels would trigger a suspension of dredging operations until the levels return to less than 10% of lake background readings.

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Project Construction

4. The Operator shall not allow water containing mud, silt or other pollutants from aggregate washing or other activities to enter a lake or flowing stream or placed in locations that may be subjected to high storm flows.
5. The Operator shall comply with all litter and pollution laws. All contractors, subcontractors and employees shall also obey these laws and it shall be the responsibility of the operator to ensure compliance.
6. Spoil sites shall not be located within a stream/lake, where spoil shall be washed back into a stream/lake, or where it will cover aquatic or riparian vegetation.
7. Raw cement/concrete or washings thereof, asphalt, paint or other coating material, oil or other petroleum products, or any other substances which could be hazardous to aquatic life, resulting from project related activities shall be prevented from contaminating the soil and/or entering the waters of the state. These materials, placed within or where they may enter a stream/lake, by Operator or any party working under contract, or with the permission of the Operator shall be removed immediately.
8. No broken concrete, debris, soil, silt, sand, bark, slash, sawdust, rubbish, cement or concrete or washings thereof, oil or petroleum products or other organic or earthen material from any construction, or associated activity of whatever nature shall be allowed to enter into or placed where it may be washed by rainfall or runoff into, waters of the State. When operations are completed, any excess materials or debris shall be removed from the work area. No rubbish shall be deposited within 150 feet of the high water mark of any stream or lake.
9. No equipment maintenance shall be done within or near any stream channel where petroleum products or other pollutants from the equipment may enter these areas under any flow.
10. The Operator shall notify the Department, in writing, at least five (5) days prior to initiation of construction (project) activities and at least five (5) days prior to completion of construction (project) activities. Notification shall be sent to the Department at 407 West Line Street; Bishop, CA 93514; Attention 1600 Program or by FAX (760) 872-1284. Please reference SAA # 1600-2004-0096-R6.
11. The Operator shall **provide a copy of this Agreement to all contractors, subcontractors, and the Applicant's project supervisors. Copies of the Agreement shall be readily available at work sites at all times during periods of active work** and must be presented to any Department personnel, or personnel from another agency upon demand.
12. The Department reserves the right to enter the project site at any time to ensure compliance with terms/conditions of this Agreement.

Extension of Agreement

13. The Operator shall request an extension of this agreement prior to its termination. Extensions may be granted for up to 12 months from the date of termination of the agreement and are subject to Departmental approval. The extension request and fees shall be submitted to the Department's Region 6 Office at the above address. If the Operator fails to request the extension prior to the agreement's termination then the Operator shall submit a new notification with fees and required information to the Department. Any activities conducted under an expired agreement are a violation of Fish and Game Code Section 1600 et. seq.

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Suspension of Permit

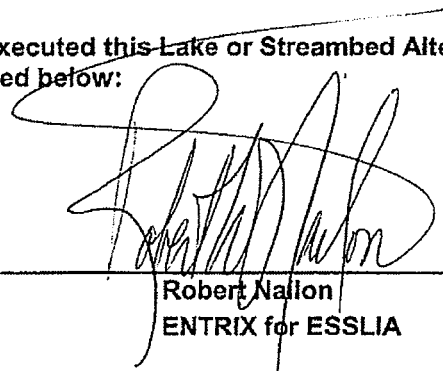
14. The Department reserves the right to suspend or cancel this Agreement, after giving notice to the Operator, if the Department determines that the Operator has breached any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement, or for other reasons, including but not limited to the following:

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- c. The project or project activities as described in the Notification/Agreement have changed;
- d. The conditions affecting fish and wildlife resources change or the Department determines that project activities will result in a substantial adverse effect on the environment.

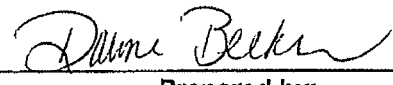
**Concurrence (1600-2004-0096-R6)**

In WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties below have executed this Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement Number 1600-2004-0096-R6 as indicated below:


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Date

  
Robert Nation  
ENTRIX for ESSLIA

9/16/2004  
Date

  
Prepared by:  
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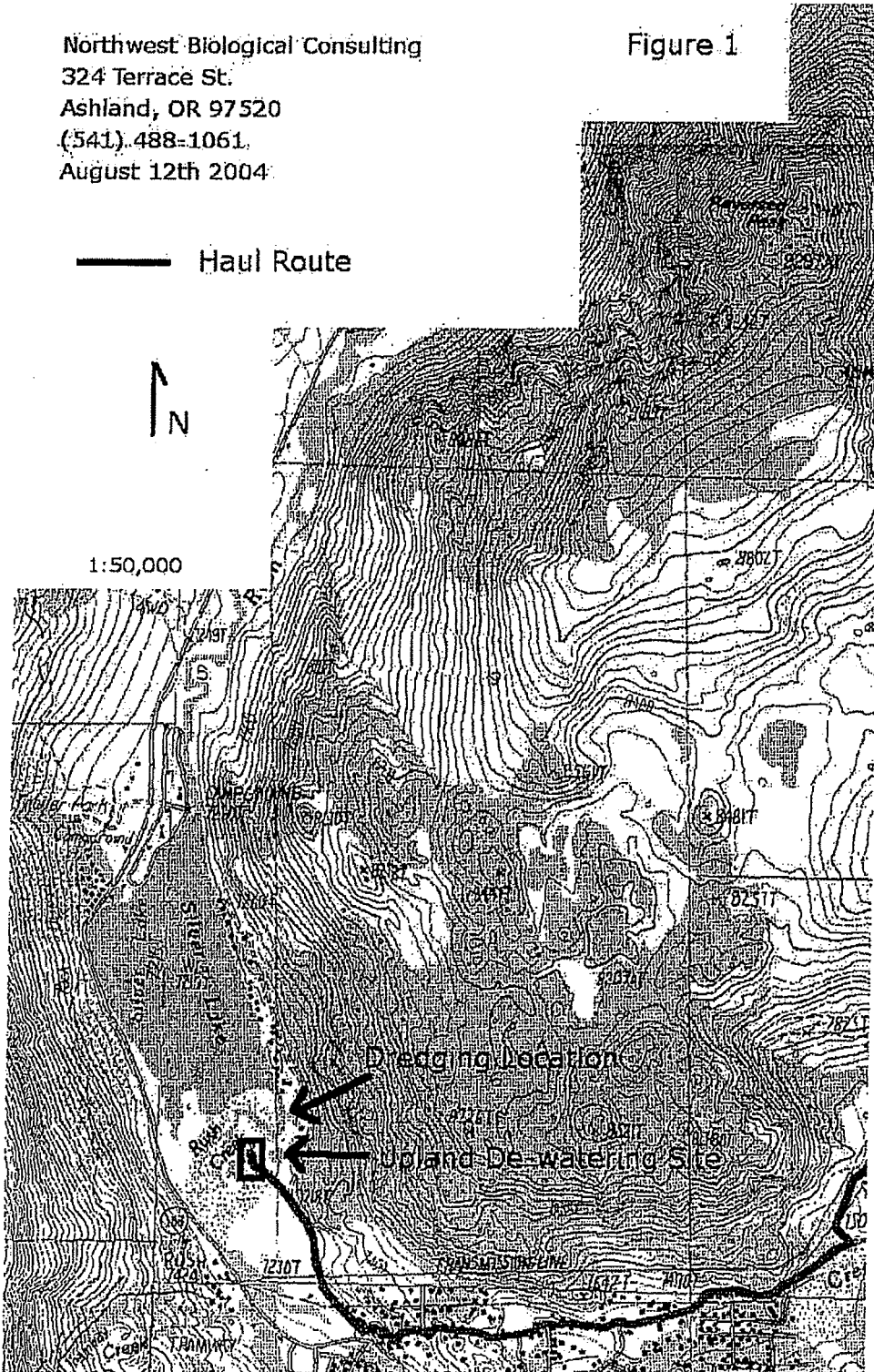
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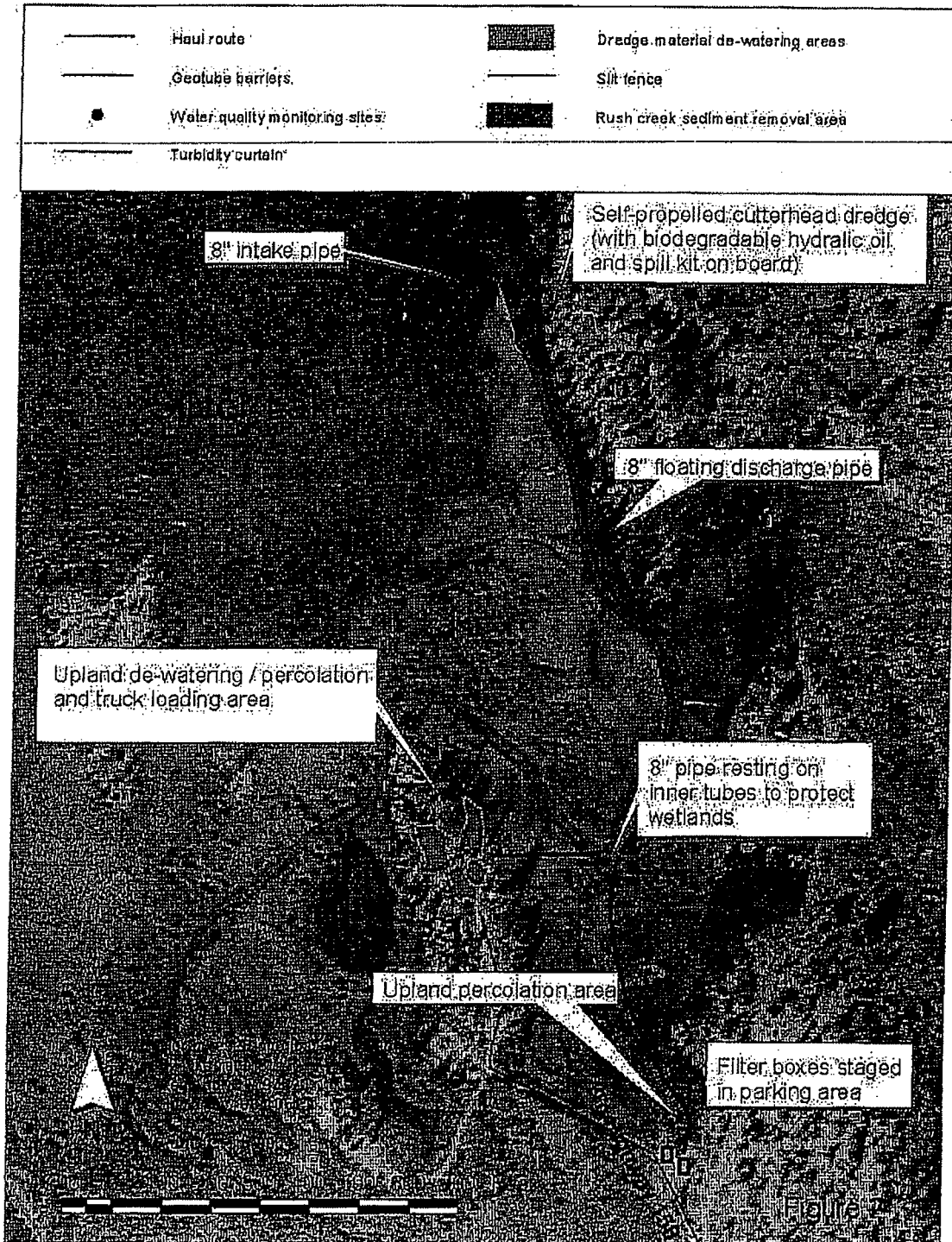
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## June Lake Regional Planning Advisory Committee No. 1





**Project Information Questionnaire**

1. Information about person completing the questionnaire:

**Name (required):** David S. Rosky

**Title/Organization:** June Lake Regional Planning Advisory Committee

**Address:** P.O. Box 494  
June Lake, CA 93529

**Phone:** 530-320-0404

**Email Address (required):** dave.rosky@gmail.com

a. Do you or your organization plan to participate in the Rush Creek Relicensing proceeding?

Yes  No

b. My preferred method of communication is:  Regular mail  Email  Phone

2. Do you or your organization know of existing, relevant, and reasonably available information that describes the existing Project environment?

Yes (If yes, complete 2a through 2c)  No (if no, go to Question 3)

a. If yes, please check the box(es) to indicate the specific resource area(s) that the information relates to:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic Resources              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rare, Threatened & Endangered Species |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology and Soils                | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Resources                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphology                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Use/Water Supply                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Power Generation      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                 |

b. Please briefly describe the information or list available documents (be specific): *(Additional information can be provided on page 4)*

**Information or Available Documents:**

Power Generation: Consistent powerhouse noise (see additional comments on page 4)

Socioeconomic: Excessive helicopter usage (see p. 4)

c. Please transmit a copy of the information identified in 2b via email to Julie Smith at [julie.smith@cardno.com](mailto:julie.smith@cardno.com). Information can also be submitted via U.S. Mail to: Cardno, Attn: Julie Smith, 2890 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95833. If you are unable to provide the materials, please specify where SCE can obtain the information above.

3. Based on the resources listed below, do you have any specific Project-related concerns or interests? Check all box(es) that may apply. *(Additional information can be provided on page 4).*

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**Resource Area and Specific Concerns or Interests:**

Power Generation: Consistent powerhouse noise (see additional comments on page 4)

Aesthetic/recreation/economic Resources: Increased in-stream flows (see additional info p. 4)

Recreation Resources: Improved recreational access to ice climbing areas (see additional comments p.4)

Geology/hydrology: Silting and flood potential (see comments p. 4)

Socio-economic: Effects of excessive numbers of helicopter flights (see p. 4)

4. Based on the resource area(s) identified in Question 3, are you aware of data gaps or additional information needs? *(Additional information can be provided on page 4).*

- Yes *(If yes, provide information below)*       No *(If no, go to Question 5)*

**Data Gaps or Additional Information Needs:**

5. Is there a representative other than yourself you would like to designate as an additional contact for potential follow-up by SCE or SCE's representative for the resource area(s) checked above? Please indicate their contact information below: *(Additional information can be provided on page 4).*

**Name (required):**

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**Title:**

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**Address:**

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**Phone:**

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**Email Address (required):**

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Thank you for your time. Please provide any additional information and/or comments below.

**Additional Information or Comments:**

**Power Generation:**

Consistent powerhouse noise. The powerhouse is located at the edge of significant residential development in the down-canyon area of June Lake. The powerhouse emits tonal noise in the form of buzzing and humming noise that is always present but varies with the flow rate through the powerhouse, and can be heard throughout much of the down-canyon residential area. The noise has been documented in several public community meetings and in email communication between Mono County supervisors and others and employees of SCE. It has been observed that the noise was negligible prior to generator upgrades approximately seven years ago, and has been a problem since then. The noise appears to emanate from the exit channel/tailrace area and is generally worse at lower flows. Some efforts have been made by SCE to reduce this noise, however these efforts have had only limited effect. This noise, which occurs 24 hours per day, is detrimental to residents who are affected by it. This should be fully addressed as part of the relicensing process.

**Aesthetic/economic Resources:**

Increased in-stream flow. The June Lake area is now a significant tourism destination and residential area, with a resulting tourism-based economy. Horsetail Falls, which is largely dewatered by the project most of the time, is a significant tourist draw during the rare times when it contains significant flow. It is one of the largest waterfalls in the eastern Sierra that is visible from a paved highway. Most of the time, and all of the time during drier years, the current minimum allowed in-stream flow results in little more than a black stain on the rock, even during spring runoff of drier years. Project relicensing should restore reasonable instream flows that track better with seasonal reservoir inflows and restore an aesthetically acceptable appearance to the waterfall which would enhance the tourism and residential economy of the June Lake area

**Recreation Resources:**

Winter recreation is an important economic activity in the June Lake area, as well as being popular among locals. There are popular ice climbing areas near the powerhouse that are either on SCE land, or require crossing SCE land to access. As part of relicensing, it would be desirable to legitimize access to these recreational areas.

**Geology/hydrology/recreation:**

Silting and flood potential. Silting in the creek channel and alluvial plain between the powerhouse and Silver Lake has accelerated to greater than natural rates in recent decades, likely due to a reduction in the number of years where high total flows (powerhouse + instream) make it past the dams during peak runoff. This is causing increased flood potential of down-canyon residential areas and degraded recreation in the river between the powerhouse and Silver Lake. Relicensing should include modifications of total flows in the delta/river channel to more closely mimic natural flows to return sedimentation rates to near-natural levels. Furthermore, should license surrender be contemplated by SCE at some point during the process, a study should be conducted to determine whether dredging or any other restoration measures are needed to manage increased flood potential due to returning the river to full natural flows with the increased sedimentation that is present.

**Large numbers of helicopter flights:**

In recent years, excessive numbers of helicopter flights, both normal and heavy-lift, have become a significant problem for all residents of June Lake Loop, but especially for down-canyon residents. Some limited helicopter usage is understandable, but it has often reached excessive and unacceptable levels for a residential community. It is anticipated that dam retrofitting will generate an even larger number of flights over a longer period of time. SCE should mitigate this to the greatest extent possible, for example by upgrading and relying much more heavily on the existing tram system.

## June Lake Regional Planning Advisory Committee No. 2



## Julie Smith

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**From:** David Rosky <dave.rosky@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 2:54 PM  
**To:** Julie Smith  
**Subject:** Re: Rush Creek Project, Ice Climbing  
**Attachments:** June Lake Ice Climbing Area.kmz

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Julie Smith,

Once again, thanks for your patience. I wanted to get a chance to go out to the area and make sure I have the correct location on the map.

First, some brief background. I'm not personally an ice climber, but the Regional Planning Advisory Committee has heard input from ice climbers regarding the issue of access to a popular local high-quality ice climbing area. The climbers have pointed out that the climbing area is on SCE property, something you should probably verify based on the map, and they are concerned about the legality of using it. Local climbers continue to use the area regardless, but if there wasn't a cloud of concern over the legality of its usage, and if its usage can be legitimized, then it could be promoted as a recreational opportunity for the June Lake area, which could benefit the local economy during the winter season.

Here is a link to a map where the approximate area is shown by a red polygon:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=15bl8EQ0tawSPwcV8RX8CvW-XnmkOSrKd&usp=sharing>

I have also attached a KMZ file, though I haven't tried re-importing it yet. Let me know if you have any issues.

Here is a photo of the general area taken from the highway:





I have a few other items that may be of interest, but they aren't related to the ice climbing area, so I think I'll send them in a different email.

Regards,  
-David



June Lake Regional Planning Advisory Committee No. 3



## Julie Smith

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**From:** David Rosky <dave.rosky@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 29, 2021 3:11 PM  
**To:** Julie Smith  
**Subject:** Addendum to Rush Creek relicensing questionnaire  
**Attachments:** rush\_creek\_powerhouse\_noise\_2021-01-18 13-59-39.mp3;  
powerhouse\_noise\_spectrum.png

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Dear Julie Smith,

If possible, I would like to add a few additional items to the Rush Creek relicensing file, so to speak. One of the significant issues I pointed out in the questionnaire is the issue of tonal powerhouse noise. I have made some representative recordings of this noise in the past and I have attached a relatively recent recording file here (rush\_creek\_powerhouse\_noise\_2021-01-18 13-59-39.mp3). The recording was made from Highway 158 approximately 240 feet from the powerhouse building. This noise, which is present 24-7, travels far, especially at night, and is audible from various residential locations in the down-canyon area. In some cases it is intrusive enough that people have issues opening their windows at night in the summer. There has been a significant amount of communication with SCE regarding this issue, yet despite some attempts at mitigation on the part of SCE, the issue remains. An effective and long-term solution has not been implemented. The attached recording was made subsequent to these partial mitigation measures.

It should be noted that the recording is designed to provide a qualitative idea of the noise. The level is not calibrated, so the recorded sound level should not be used as an absolute sound level. I have also included a plot of the audio spectrum obtained from the recording, which shows a sharp tonal noise peak.

Thank you very much.  
Best regards,  
-David Rosky  
[dave.rosky@gmail.com](mailto:dave.rosky@gmail.com)



National Park Service



**Project Information Questionnaire**

1. Information about person completing the questionnaire:

**Name (required):** Stephen bowes

**Title/Organization:** National park service

**Address:** 333 bush street, san Francisco, ca 94104

**Phone:** 415-623-2321

**Email Address (required):** Stephen\_bowes@nps.gov

- a. Do you or your organization plan to participate in the Rush Creek Relicensing proceeding?  
 Yes  No
- b. My preferred method of communication is:  Regular mail  Email  Phone

2. Do you or your organization know of existing, relevant, and reasonably available information that describes the existing Project environment?

Yes (If yes, complete 2a through 2c)  No (if no, go to Question 3)

a. If yes, please check the box(es) to indicate the specific resource area(s) that the information relates to:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic Resources              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rare, Threatened & Endangered Species |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Botanical and Wildlife Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Resources                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources               | <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian and Wetland Habitats         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish and Aquatic Resources       | <input type="checkbox"/> Socio-economic Resources              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology and Soils                | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Resources                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphology                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Use/Water Supply                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Power Generation                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                 |

b. Please briefly describe the information or list available documents (be specific): *(Additional information can be provided on page 4)*

**Information or Available Documents:**

c. Please transmit a copy of the information identified in 2b via email to Julie Smith at [julie.smith@cardno.com](mailto:julie.smith@cardno.com). Information can also be submitted via U.S. Mail to: Cardno, Attn: Julie Smith, 2890 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95833. If you are unable to provide the materials, please specify where SCE can obtain the information above.

3. Based on the resources listed below, do you have any specific Project-related concerns or interests? Check all box(es) that may apply. (*Additional information can be provided on page 4*).

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic Resources              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rare, Threatened & Endangered Species |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Botanical and Wildlife Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Resources                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources               | <input type="checkbox"/> Riparian and Wetland Habitats         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish and Aquatic Resources       | <input type="checkbox"/> Socio-economic Resources              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology and Soils                | <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Resources                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphology                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Use/Water Supply                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Power Generation                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                 |

**Resource Area and Specific Concerns or Interests:**

4. Based on the resource area(s) identified in Question 3, are you aware of data gaps or additional information needs? (*Additional information can be provided on page 4*).

- Yes (*If yes, provide information below*)       No (*If no, go to Question 5*)

**Data Gaps or Additional Information Needs:**



5. Is there a representative other than yourself you would like to designate as an additional contact for potential follow-up by SCE or SCE's representative for the resource area(s) checked above? Please indicate their contact information below: *(Additional information can be provided on page 4).*

**Name (required):**

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**Title:**

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**Address:**

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**Phone:**

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**Email Address (required):**

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**Please return this Questionnaire to SCE on or before April 15, 2021.** Your timely response allows for follow-up by SCE or SCE's representative that may be needed and/or helpful. Not responding on or before April 15, 2021 will indicate you are not aware of existing, relevant, and reasonably available information describing the existing Project environment.

**Respond by Email (Preferred Method):** Send a pdf of the completed questionnaire to Julie Smith at [julie.smith@cardno.com](mailto:julie.smith@cardno.com).

**If you are unable to Respond by Email, you can Respond by U.S. Mail:** A hardcopy of the completed questionnaire can be submitted via U.S. mail to: Cardno, Attn: Julie Smith, 2890 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95833.

**Follow-up Questions for SCE:** If you have questions for SCE about this request, please contact David Moore, SCE Relicensing Project Manager, at (626) 302-9494 or [david.moore@sce.com](mailto:david.moore@sce.com).

Thank you for your time. Please provide any additional information and/or comments below.

**Additional Information or Comments:**

## Advisory Council on Historic Preservation



## Julie Smith

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**From:** John Eddins <jeddins@achp.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 4:18 PM  
**To:** Julie Smith  
**Subject:** Rush Creek Relicensing Project (FERC Project No 1389), Project Information Questionnaire

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**Categories:** ARWR

Ms. Smith

The email you submitted to ACHP regarding Rush Creek Relicensing was forwarded to me.

I am the staffer at the ACHP who handles all FERC related cases.

Please direct any future submissions to me and remove other ACHP staff from your email recipient list, particularly John Fowler and Reid Nelson.

ACHP won't be submitting any info on the Project Info Questionnaire. It's a bit too early for us to get involved in the process.

Thanks

John

### John T. Eddins PhD

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## **APPENDIX B-4**

**Relicensing Kick-off Webinar Announcement, October 19, 2021**

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# Rush Creek Project Relicensing Kick-Off Webinar



You are invited to attend the relicensing kick-off webinar for Southern California Edison Company's (SCE) Rush Creek Project (FERC Project No. 1389) on October 19, 2021. The Project is located in Mono County, California near the Town of June Lake primarily in the Inyo National Forest; a portion of the Project is located within the Ansel Adams Wilderness. The Project generates electricity from the diversion of water from Rush Creek. The current Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) hydroelectric license expires on January 31, 2027. SCE intends to relicense the Project using the Integrated Licensing Process (ILP). The formal FERC relicensing process is initiated with submittal of the Notice of Intent and Pre-Application Document by SCE within 5 to 5 1/2 years of the license expiration.

SCE will convene two public webinars (Microsoft Teams Meetings) on October 19, 2021 to discuss the upcoming relicensing process. The two webinars will have identical agendas (see below), but are provided during both the day and night to provide greater opportunity for participation by federal and state resource agencies, local governments, Native American Tribes, non-governmental organizations, and other interested parties.

The purpose of these webinars is to acquaint interested parties with FERC's ILP, including key milestones and opportunities for stakeholder participation. SCE will also provide an overview of the existing Project; the proposed Project under consideration in the relicensing proceeding; and the Pre-Application Document that SCE intends to file with FERC, no later than January 31, 2022.

Specific webinar details are as follows:

Date:	October 19, 2021
Time (afternoon):	1:00 – 4:00 PM
Time (evening):	6:00 – 9:00 PM
Webinar Link:	Provided in Teams Meeting Invitation (to be sent separately)
Dial-in (audio only):	Provided in Teams Meeting Invitation (to be sent separately)
Agenda:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• FERC Relicensing Process Overview</li><li>• Existing Project Description</li><li>• Proposed Project Alternatives</li><li>• Participation Opportunities</li></ul>

For additional information on the webinar or the Project, please contact Matthew Woodhall, SCE Relicensing Project Manager, at [matthew.woodhall@sce.com](mailto:matthew.woodhall@sce.com); visit [www.sce.com/RushCreek](http://www.sce.com/RushCreek); or FERC's eLibrary at <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>.

If you received this announcement via e-mail, you are on the relicensing distribution list. If you obtained this announcement by another means and want to be added to the distribution list, please visit the Project website at [www.sce.com/RushCreek](http://www.sce.com/RushCreek) and complete the contact registration form.

Register online at [www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview](http://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview) to be notified via e-mail of new FERC filings and issuances related to the Rush Creek Project. Follow the online instructions and subscribe to docket number P-1389.

If you wish to be removed from future communication regarding this Project, please reply to this e-mail ([julie.smith@cardno.com](mailto:julie.smith@cardno.com)).



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