

# AGENDA

**Devil Canyon Project Relicensing  
Draft License Application  
Protection, Mitigation and Enhancement and Studies Resolution Meeting  
FERC Project No. 14797**

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, August 22, 2019
<b>Time:</b>	9:30 am – 4:30 pm
<b>Location:</b>	TownePlace Suites San Bernardino/Loma Linda – 10336 Richardson Street, Loma Linda, California 92534
<b>Objective:</b>	The objective of this meeting is to satisfy the requirements of 18 CFR Section 16.8(c)(6) that states if a resource agency or Indian Tribe has a substantive disagreement with the applicant's conclusions regarding resource impacts or its proposed protection, mitigation and enhancement (PM&E) measures on its draft license application (DLA), the applicant will, in consultation with the agency or Indian tribe, schedule and hold a meeting with the disagreeing agency or tribe, and invite to the meeting other agencies or Indian tribes with an interest in the issue, no later than 60 days from the date of the comment letter to discuss and attempt to reach agreement of the applicant's plan for PM&E measures.

- **WELCOME**
- **INTRODUCTIONS AND OBJECTIVE**
- **SAFETY MOMENT**
- **COMMENT LETTERS ON DLA**

Excluding a letter from FERC, five comment letters were received from agencies and one comment letter was received from a non-governmental organization as follows. The FEMA letter did not include any recommended PM&E measures or studies. No comment letters were received from Indian tribes.

- USFS letter dated 7/8/19
- NPS letter dated 7/5/19
- FEMA letter dated 4/15/19
- CDFW letter dated 7/8/19
- SWRCB letter dated 7/8/19
- PCTA letter dated 7/8/19

- **PM&E MEASURES DIFFERENCES**

**1. DWR's Hazardous Material Management Plan**

- a. USFS – Include in the Glossary a definition for hazardous waste

**2. DWR's Integrated Vegetation Management Plan**

- a. CDFW – encourages use of non-chemical pest control methods and, if pesticides are used, follow all label directions

**3. DWR's AIS Plan**

- a. USFS – Discuss treatment of all AIS mentioned in the plan

b. USFS – Add in Glossary that non-native fishes are AIS

**4. Excluding AIS and Non-Native Fish from Tributaries on NFS Lands**

a. USFS – Contain AIS and non-native fish in Silverwood Lake

**5. Non-Native Invasive Species Management Plan to Prevent Predation on Southwestern Pond Turtle**

a. CDFW – Develop and implement a non-native invasive species management plan to address predation on Southwestern pond turtle

**6. Stream Flow Gages on West Fork Mojave River and on the East Fork of the West Fork Mojave River**

a. USFS – Provide funding to USGS to ensure gages are maintained

b. USFS – Provide gage data to the public in real-time

**7. Groundwater**

a. USFS – Mitigate or stop the loss of groundwater due to infiltration into the San Bernardino Tunnel

**8. Bat Management Plan**

a. CDFW – Develop and implement a bat management plan

**9. DWR's Fire Prevention and Response Plan**

a. USFS – Include emergency evacuation from Silverwood Lake SRA

**10. DWR's Visual Quality Plan**

a. PCTA – Treat the metal corral fence visible from the PCT with Natina

b. PCTA – Do not use interpretive signage on or near the PCT

c. PCTA – Include measures to reduce visual impacts of San Bernardino Intake structure and all Project facilities on PCT users

d. PCTA – Include DPR Administration buildings as Project facilities and address in plan

e. USFS – Include measures to assure the Devil Canyon penstocks and associated concrete conform to the SIOs in the SBNF's Land Management Plan

**11. Recreation Trail Plan**

a. USFS – Develop and implement a recreation trail management and maintenance plan

**12. Recreation Management Plan (To Be Developed)**

a. NPS – Include a litter control measure, including on PCT

b. NPS – Include a crosswalk with triggered lighting or pedestrian overpass on the PCT that crosses Highway 138 within the Project boundary

c. NPS – Include long term monitoring and consider ways to partner with the City of Hesperia, Cal Trans, and the USFS on PCT-related items

d. PCTA – Include management and mitigation for increase in recreation on adjacent and non-Project portions of Silverwood Lake SRA and the Tapestry Development

e. PCTA – Provide sufficient and safe access for equestrian users, including trails

f. PCTA – Consider realigning or relocating portions of the PCT, especially at the road/laydown yard

g. USFS – Include a 'call back' to the Hazardous Materials Management Plan and Erosion Control Plan

- h. USFS – Mitigate for recreation effects outside the Project boundary (i.e., ‘spill-over’ recreation use on NFS lands), including dispersed use impacts and user-created trails in Miller Canyon area
- i. USFS – Add mitigation to address that ‘current recreational opportunities [are] in insufficient for demand’
- j. USFS – Include all roads to access Project recreation facilities

- **RECOMMENDED STUDIES**

- 1. **Natural Inflow into Silverwood Lake**

- a. USFS and SWRCB – Conduct modelling to accurately determine natural inflow into Silverwood Lake
    - b. CDFW – Analyze algorithm/agreement used in existing license to ensure assumptions are still valid

- 2. **West Fork Mojave River from Cedar Springs Dam to Deep Creek**

- a. CDFW – Conduct surveys for AIS; protocol-level three-pass electrofishing sampling and identify potential fish spawning habitat; botanical surveys; and ESA-Listed species, including arroyo toad

- 3. **Tributaries to Silverwood Lake**

- a. CDFW – Conduct surveys for AIS and arroyo toad

- 4. **State Special-Status Terrestrial Species Study**

- a. CDFW – Conduct study for State Special-Status Terrestrial Species similar to those DWR conducted for Non-Native Invasive Plants, ESA-Listed Bird Species - Southwestern Willow Flycatcher and Least Bell's Vireo, and ESA-Listed Plant

- 5. **Recreation at Silverwood Lake**

- a. USFS – Conduct a study for zip codes of boaters
    - b. USFS – Expand study of daily use and carrying capacity

- 6. **PCT**

- a. PCTA – Conduct recreation use surveys of PCT during spring months and peak use periods

- **REVIEW AGREEMENTS**

- **ADJOURN**