

**Lewis River Hydroelectric Projects Settlement Agreement
Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC)
DRAFT Meeting Agenda**

Date & Time: Wednesday, February 9, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Place: Merwin Hydro Facility
105 Merwin Village Court
Ariel, WA 98603

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Time	Discussion Item
9:00 a.m.	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Preview Agenda ➤ Review and comment on notes of 1/12/11 meeting ➤ Adopt 1/12/11 Meeting Notes
9:15 a.m.	Lands Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Columbia Land Trust Update
10:00 a.m.	➤ BPA Transmission Line Update
10:30 a.m.	➤ Discuss schedules for 2010 annual report and 2011 plan and work anticipated in first quarter.
10:45 a.m.	➤ Review safety issues for visiting the field Safety brief – all participants will participate and sign a form indicating they are aware of any safety issues discussed.
10:45 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ New topics/issues ➤ Next Meeting's Agenda ➤ Public Comment Opportunity Note: all meeting notes and the meeting schedule can be located at: http://www.pacificorp.com/es/hydro/hl/lr.html#
11:00 a.m.	➤ HCC bigleaf maple trees in WHMP area
11:15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Field Trip to Saddle Mountain (land acquisition) ➤ Potential BPA corridor site visits (Management Units 9 and 10) We will eat lunch in the field (please bring your own lunch) <i>Safety tips: Rain gear and sturdy shoes are a must.</i>
3:00 p.m.	Return to HCC and Adjourn meeting

Final Meeting Notes
Lewis River License Implementation
Terrestrial Coordination Committee (TCC) Meeting
February 9, 2011
MEETING AT MERWIN HCC & FIELD TRIP

TCC Participants Present: (13)

Diana McDonald, Cowlitz County PUD (On phone)
 Ray Crosswell, RMEF
 Bob Nelson, RMEF
 Bill Richardson, RMEF
 Peggy Miller, WDFW
 Eric Holman, WDFW
 Lou Ellyn Jones, USFWS
 Kendel Emmerson, PacifiCorp Energy
 Kirk Naylor, PacifiCorp Energy
 Mitch Wainwright, U.S. Forest Service
 Nathan Reynolds, Cowlitz Indian Tribe
 Cheri Kearney, Columbia Land Trust

Calendar:

February 9, 2011	TCC Meeting at Merwin HCC and Field trip	HCC
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Assignments from January 12, 2011 Meeting:	Status
Naylor: Meet with tree specialist to review hazard trees at Merwin HCC prior to next TCC meeting.	Completed 2/9/11

Assignments from January 13, 2010 Meeting:	Status
Naylor: Create a land acquisition spreadsheet to include type designations for the TCC review and approval as necessary.	Pending

Parking lot items from February 10, 2006 Meeting:	Status
Conservation Agreement – what is wanted?	Ongoing – 4/28/06

Parking lot items from October 13, 2010 Meeting	Status
Plan / discuss opportunities for future resource conference and field review of PacifiCorp WHMP implementation measures	Pending

Review of Agenda and Finalize Meeting Notes

Meeting convened at 9:10 AM

Peggy Miller was introduced as Susan Cierebiej's replacement at WDFW, followed by a round-table introduction of the entire group. Peggy has over four years experience with WDFW working on the east side of the Columbia River basin overseeing water management plans and is now

dedicated 50% to the FERC projects. She has a wildlife degree from UW College of Forestry and did her MS on reptiles at Utah State.

The group reviewed the agenda at 9:15 AM and added in a time for Cowlitz PUD to provide an overview of the 2011 Annual Plan. No other changes were made and the agenda was approved.

Meeting notes for the January 12, 2011 TCC conference call were reviewed and accepted without changes at 9:24 AM.

RMEF Professionals Meeting

Eric Holman (WDFW) asked about the dates for the “Professional’s Day Meeting”. Ray Crosswell explained that he thought it was the last weekend in June and it will be a Friday and Saturday [June 24th and 25th]. He said that Bill Richardson was organizing it and had reserved the Chilton facility. The first day would be a tour and the second day would be a BBQ and social event. Expected attendees will be media, foresters, biologists, etc. The focus of the meeting will be PacifiCorp properties (specifically forestry practices) with emphasis on early successional habitat.

Cowlitz County PUD Swift #2 Annual Plan

Diana MacDonald reviewed the Swift #2 Annual Plan. She provided the background on the project re-licensing process and WHMP to Peggy (WDFW). Money has been allocated in the 2011 budget to weed inventory and control, monitoring public access, and monitoring wetland plant survival. Comments should be submitted, preferably electronically, by the next TCC meeting on March 9, 2011.

PacifiCorp 2010 Annual Report and Plan for 2011

Draft Annual plan and report from PacifiCorp Energy will be sent for review on March 1 to allow for 30-day review and comments should be submitted by 3/30.

Kendel is gone for the next TCC meeting on 3/9/11, so send wetland, farm, or other non-forestry questions to her electronically (cc: Kirk) prior to the meeting. Also Kirk and Kendel are available to call with any questions.

Kendel discussed the upcoming orchard work and planting that needs to be completed before the budget can be approved. The TCC agreed the work could be completed. ROW 5/11 -6/11 has four orchard trees planted on the ROW on DNR lands (trees were planted as part of old Merwin WHMP). The trees were planted in a shaded riparian area and the road access to the orchard is owned by DNR and is in poor shape. Kendel proposed removing the exclosures from the trees and discontinuing any further management at this site. In exchange, four new trees would be planted at Saddle Dam Farm Orchard number 2 to replace these trees. The TCC agreed with discontinuing the management, but would prefer to see the new orchard trees planted in the area between Upper and Lower Winter Creek meadows.

Columbia Land Trust

Cheri Kearney communicated to the TCC attendees the current status of interests in certain Swift lands and funding. The detailed content of this portion of the meeting is considered confidential and proprietary and not for public viewing.

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Proposed Transmission line

Per PacifiCorp's request, the BPA contractors have completed mapping the vegetation cover types along potential line segments (routes) on WHMP managed lands and have completed the bald eagle roost surveys. BPA is expecting to release the Draft EIS late summer/fall of 2011. The TCC will have a meeting in May to review the contractors results, assess impacts and determine what, if any, mitigation would be required if the BPA lines cross WHMP lands. This would need to be documented and submitted to BPA as a comment to the Draft EIS by preferably mid-summer. Kirk Naylor discussed the License's articles on Use and Occupancy that give PacifiCorp the authority to deal with projects on FERC Project Lands directly without the FERC approval. However, the licensee may exercise the authority only if the proposed use and occupancy is consistent with the purposes of protecting and enhancing the scenic, recreational, and other environmental values of the project. Because of the potential impacts, PacifiCorp believes that the FERC would be consulted. Naylor proposed that the TCC needs to focus on the WHMP impacts and what mitigation would be acceptable for such a project.

HCC Hazard Trees

Naylor completed a hazard tree review with an arborist for trees that were requested to be removed by the company near the entrance to the Hydro Control Center. The TCC was shown the area on 2/9/11. The trees are technically within the WHMP boundary but are located along the road entrance to the Merwin Maintenance buildings in an operations area. Following a field review by the TCC, the TCC approved that only the necessary pruning and stem removal will be conducted to ensure safety. If feasible, any large trunks that are cut adjacent to the riparian area will be left as LWD. The TCC acknowledged that the WHMP boundary was drawn from aerial photos and this area (between the roads) was misrepresented. However, because the WHMP boundary is part of the Settlement Agreement, no changes to the boundary will be made.

Adjourned to the field to review newly acquired Saddle Mt. Property and portions of the proposed BPA line segments. Prior to going into the field Kirk Naylor reviewed the potential safety hazards and the pre-job brief.

Management Unit 10 (Saddle Mountain)

TCC stopped at an overlook to a wetland on Saddle mountain property. Naylor briefly discussed approximate property boundaries within view, adjacent DNR property, wetland history since 1987 and proposed BPA transmission line location if this route were chosen. The 490 acre property is all second growth Douglas-fir plantations between 30 and 45 years of age. The wetland is directly upstream of PacifiCorp's Saddle Dam Farm and several wetlands that the company developed under the previous Merwin hydroelectric license. PacifiCorp originally acquired an easement to the Saddle Mountain property in 1988 in order to reinforce the beaver dam for the purpose of protecting the downstream wetland developments.

The TCC next viewed the approximate center-line of the proposed BPA transmission line. The center line was flagged so that the TCC could evaluate the potential impacts of the proposal. The 150-foot clearing limits of the transmission ROW would directly impact about 60 acres of the newly acquired property and intersect about an acre of the WHMP buffer. General discussion followed regarding how the adjacent habitat to the potential ROW would also be affected due to restrictions on snags in the vicinity and potentially limiting other logging options on the property. The TCC also discussed mitigation options. The TCC next visited the outlet to the approximate 20-acre wetland.

Management Unit 9

The TCC traveled to Management Unit 9, south of the Saddle Mountain Unit in order to look at more of the potential ROW alignment impacts to the WHMP lands. A portion of an 8-year-old forest plantation and fringe of an old-growth stand where visited. The TCC next viewed the potential ROW alignment from PacifiCorp’s existing 115 kV transmission line. The TCC was shown the location of the Canyon Creek bald eagle roost in proximity to the proposed transmission line and discussed the results of recent roost observations that have confirmed the continued use of this roost site.

Next Meeting’s Agenda

- Review of 2/9/11 Meeting Notes
- Review PacifiCorp Agreement with the Columbia Land Trust and discuss what the future budget and expectations should be.
- Review Draft PacifiCorp’s 2010 Annual Report and 2011 Annual Plan.
- Review Draft Cowlitz PUD’s 2010 Annual Report and 2011 Annual Plan.

Public Comment Opportunity

No public comment was provided.

Next Scheduled Meetings

March 9 , 2011	April 13, 2011
Merwin Hydro Control Center	Merwin Hydro Control Center
Ariel, WA	Ariel, WA
9:00am – 3:00pm	9:00am – 3:00pm

Adjourn.