

**10-21-09 Meeting Summary * Approved 11-25-09 *
RESOURCE COORDINATION COMMITTEE (RCC)
NORTH UMPQUA HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT- FERC #1927-008**

RCC Members or Alternates Present

Ariel Hiller (BLM)
Stephanie Burchfield (NMFS)
Monte Garrett (PacifiCorp Energy)
Chris Stine (ODEQ)
Rob Burns (USFWS)
Pam Sichting (USDA-FS)
Jim Thraikill (USFWS)

Also Present

Beth Bendickson (PacifiCorp Energy)
Rich Grost (PacifiCorp Energy)

RCC Members Absent

Craig Kohanek (OWRD)
Dave Harris (ODFW – proxy to ODEQ)

INTRODUCTIONS, AGENDA, OLD BUSINESS

Member Updates – none at this time.

RCC Action: Review and approve 9/16/09 draft meeting summary. Approved 10-21-09

Public Information Opportunities

Public Tour – finalized logistics and details of public tour, scheduled to begin immediately after this RCC meeting.

Public Comments – none at this time.

CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES

Notice-to-Proceed (NTP) Status

The USDA-FS recently issued the following NTPs:

Lemolo 1 Transformer Replacement

Fish Creek (Screens and Canal Shutoff & Drainage System) – For the canal system, we're ready for the performance test – just need water. We'll continue to watch the weather. The screen system has been evaluated hydraulically and biologically, with a report due out from the consultants any day for 30-day agency review prior to FERC filing 11/30/09.

Lemolo 2 Canal Shut-off & Drainage System – The performance test is expected as soon as possible after the first of the New Year. Both tests (Fish Creek and Lemolo 2) may be able to be done at the same time. The last of the electrical connections are being completed. Shotcrete work is ongoing and civil work is done. The Lemolo 2 plant will be placed back into service on November 13.

Lemolo 2 Forebay Dredging/Lemolo 2 Plant Overhaul – The schedule is to gradually water-up the forebay starting on October 30. Plans include revegetation of the dredge spoil site for habitat enhancement. Pam Sighting will decide on what to do with the road to prevent use by recreationists.

Lemolo 1 Forebay – Project is still coming along. The wetland is not expected to be completed this year, due to inclement weather. We won't be able to install the liner if weather turns. Pam mentioned that road closures (on Lemolo projects) only run through October 31. An extension of these closures is anticipated.

Soda Springs Fish Passage – FERC has given approval to start the minimum in-stream flow project. In November, PacifiCorp will send construction management/construction work out for bid. The construction management contract should be awarded in November and the construction contract should be awarded in January 2010. It is anticipated that FERC PRO will give their approval to move forward with construction on schedule in July 2010 at the latest; with June 2010 being the preferred month to start.

Watson Ridge – Still on track for completion by the end of November. No waiver for entry into the big game closure area after December 1 is expected.

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Aquatic Connectivity – Enhancement to provide aquatic connectivity at three 36ft wide combination bridges has been approved by FERC and will be done by the end of this year. Between 2010 and 2016, a total of approximately 54 will be completed. The design consultant is currently working on detailed construction plans.

L2R (Lemolo 2 Reroute) – The 60% design meeting is scheduled for December 9. The conceptual design (including test pits for managing water during pipe installation) was turned into the 30% design at the September 29 meeting. The Stinkhole wetland project will be integrated and done at the same time in 2011. Steve Albertelli (PacifiCorp Energy) will coordinate selection of the wetland site area.

FHS (Fish Habitat Studies) – The finishing touches are being done to the Fish Creek fish screen post-construction evaluation report. It will go out to the TWG this week for their 30-day review. The report needs to go to FERC by November 30. A tentative TWG meeting date of November 19 (10AM-3PM) was scheduled to review the evaluation and also to discuss the 19.2 monitoring program.

FPD (Fish Passage Design) –

Soda Springs fish passage – On September 23, final discussions were conducted during a meeting in Portland to resolve issues regarding operation of the evaluation facility. With final comments by the agencies addressed, this project will move to FERC PRO for construction approval.

Slide Creek tailrace barrier – The first conceptual design meeting was conducted on September 3, in which a number of alternatives were presented and discussed. The next design meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2009 (10AM-2PM).

Lemolo Reservoir – The next TWG meeting is scheduled for Jan 13, 2010.

The next RCC meeting will be a conference call on November 18, 2009; 10AM – Noon.

Public comments – *none at this time.*

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 for the public tour.