

**MEETING NOTES**

**ALABAMA POWER COMPANY  
MARTIN RELICENSING  
MIG 4 – SHORELINE MANAGEMENT**

**CENTRAL ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
BETTY CAROL GRAHAM CENTER  
JUNE 10, 2009**

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**ATTENDEES:**

\*See attached list

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Prepare comments/ additions to Shoreline Management Plan for next MIG 4 meeting.
- Review best management practices from Coosa and Warrior Shoreline Management Plan for the next MIG 4 meeting.
- Send additional press release about removing beaded foam by 01-01-2010.
- August 6: MIG 5 meeting; September (late) – MIG 3 meeting; October: MIG 1 and MIG 2 meetings; September/October: next MIG 4 meeting.

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*These notes summarize the major discussion items and are not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting.*

- Jim Crew, Alabama Power, explained that this was the initial meeting for the Shoreline Management MIG 4 and the MIG would work from the Coosa/ Warrior Shoreline Management plan and the land classifications map that Alabama Power recommended in September 2007.
- Kelly Schaeffer, Kleinschmidt Associates, presented an overview of the shoreline management planning process. The Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) requirement developed in the 1990s when licensees were bombarded with requests for non-project uses of project lands. The permit program was developed to manage these requests and a comprehensive plan helps manage multiple resources and uses. In 2001, FERC developed “Guidelines for Shoreline Management Planning at Hydropower Projects” booklet (<http://www.ferc.gov/industries/hydropower/gen-info/guidelines/smpbook.pdf>) to assist licensees and stakeholders. SMPS are considered “living documents” and can be reviewed and adapted as needed. These plans are typically required by FERC as part of a new license. Alabama Power will review existing land uses, review proposed land use categories, determine if lands need to be reclassified, use education as a key tool, and work directly with stakeholders throughout the entire process.

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- Next, Jim offered the group an opportunity to review the land use classification maps. Some of the proposed categories have been renamed (to make them consistent with those of the Coosa/Warrior) but the proposed land use changes are the same as those presented in September 2007. There are now five land use categories: Quasi-public and existing recreation are now part of the recreation category and a category called sensitive resource areas were added for areas of threatened and endangered species (T&E species) habitat or wetlands or any area that needs heightened environmental review. No lands have been designated as sensitive resource areas yet. It will depend on the results of several studies being conducted on Lake Martin this summer. These maps are based on quad sheets and will be updated for accuracy based on LIDAR data. The maps are just proposed changes and must be approved by FERC. They may also change as a result of studies conducted on the lake during relicensing. MIG 4 members will be informed of any proposed changes. Jim also presented a map that enlarged significant areas of the lake (where the majority of the land changes have been proposed). Keys to this map: islands shaded with color- owned by Alabama Power, green hatch areas- proposed to add to natural undeveloped and blue hatch areas- proposed to remove from the project. The group was reminded that the control strip on Lake Martin only applied to former Alabama Power lands, is 30 feet which does not allow habitable structures, and requires an Alabama Power permit for other structures.
- During the small group discussion of the land use classifications, the Cherokee Ridge Alpine Association presented a recommendation for additional natural undeveloped lands to be added near the dam for expanding hiking trails.
- Dave Anderson explained the elements of the SMP. The outline is based on the Coosa/Warrior shoreline management plan. Alabama Power will use the Lake Martin Comprehensive Recreation Plan as the starting point for the Martin SMP. Alabama Power will develop a table with comments to the SMP and responses. Alabama Power will research new best management practices (BMPs) and update methods to former BMPs. BMPs for exotic aquatic species will be included in the SMP. Alabama Power will add measurable objectives to the purpose and goals section. Alabama Power can only enforce BMPs and other requirements on Alabama Power property. Education will be the key to successful BMPs.
- Finally, Billy Edge described the permitting process on Lake Martin. The program began in 1991. An estimated 500 permits will be issued on Lake Martin in 2009. Surveillance on Lake Martin is conducted by three contractors, and also by Lee Townsend (Alabama Power, Regional Coordinator) and Rhett Hanks (Alabama Power, Real Estate Specialist). The following are subject to permits: all new construction, heavy maintenance, major reconstruction, and sometimes light maintenance (depending on circumstances). Construction must be completed within a year. Unapproved construction is resolved through negotiation first and litigation if necessary. Fees are not assessed for riprap,

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replacing foam (must use Coast Guard approved foam- no beaded), redecking, and most light maintenance. Fees may be assessed if a permit has never been issued. Alabama Power honors subdivision/neighborhood covenants. Alabama Power began issuing special use/commercial permits in the 1990s and new commercial permit guidelines about three years ago. Commercial construction should be completed within two years, however, a time extension may be granted if necessary.

- Questions asked included the costs for the permit and how Alabama Power determines the difference between light and heavy maintenance. A recommendation was made to define “routine maintenance”. There was also some discussion on placement of buoys.



**AGENDA**

**Martin Project Relicensing  
MIG 4 Meeting – Shoreline Management Program  
June 10, 2009**

**8:30 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Betty Carol Graham Center**

8:30 AM – 8:40 AM Introductions & Meeting Purpose

8:40 AM – 9:20 AM Overview of Shoreline Management Planning

9:20 AM – 10:00 AM Presentation and Discussion of Land Classifications  
Morning Break

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM Stakeholder Discussion of Potential Project Boundary  
Changes (SMP Maps)  
LUNCH (Provided)

12:45 PM – 1:15 PM Elements of Draft Martin SMP

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM Permit Program Overview

