

Coosa EcoRAT and WCRT Team Meeting

Meeting Notes & Summary: APC Corporate Headquarters January 29, 2002

Final 04-01-02

Warrior and Coosa Relicensing Projects Combined

Meeting Attendees:

Team Members:

James Austin	Lake Mitchell Home Owners and Boat Owners Association
Rick Claybrook	ADCNR
Dan Catchings	ADCNR
Stan Cook	ADCNR
Tom Counts	USFS
Carl Couret	USFWS
Jim Crew	APC
Elrand Denson	USFS
Jeff Duncan	NPS
John Eisenbarth	Trout Unlimited
Darryl Harley	USFS
Jon Hornsby	ADCNR
Ron McKittrick	FERC
Henry Mealing	Kleinschmidt
Jim Moore	ADEM
Jerry Moss	ADCNR
Dan Murchison	Lake Mitchell Home Owners and Boat Owners Association
Alan Peebles	APC
Malcom Pierson	APC
Kelly Schaeffer	Kleinschmidt
Andy Sheppard	APC
Bill Sim	APC
Danny Tignor	APC
Isabella Trussell	Logan Martin Lake Protection Association

Other Attendees:

John Ammons	Jim Courington
Jason Moak	Nick Nichols
Christy Nix	John Peconom

Action Items

- Prepare and distribute meeting notes and summary to team members.
Jim Crew Due - February 20, 2002
- Reconvene and develop remaining work tasks.
E12 IAG Members Due - February
- Review and comment on meeting notes
All Team Members Due - March 1, 2002
- Postpone IAG activities until requested by WCRT, EcoRAT and/or other IAGs.
E6 IAG Team Members Due - Ongoing

Meeting Notes

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Welcome & Review of Last Meeting - Kelly Schaeffer reviewed the agenda, welcomed back team members, and thanked them for their continued participation in this process. Kelly reminded the participants that this relicensing process is designed so that these two groups meet on an infrequent basis to discuss IAG progress and other larger relicensing issues.

Status of IAG Progress: E8 & E10 - Since all Team members were also present at the morning's IAG meetings, the two teams felt that it was not necessary to review the progress of these two IAGs.

IAG E6 & E12 Closure Documents - Kelly explained that IAGs will periodically complete their tasks and then have to wait for other IAGs to "catch up" before moving forward. During this "catch up" time, IAGs will experience periods of inactivity. IAGs will "close" during these periods until they are given new tasks by the WCRT, EcoRAT and/or other IAGs.

The E6 TE&S Species IAG reported that they had successfully completed the development of a database containing Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive species information for the Warrior, Coosa, and Alabama River basins. The IAG informed the group that they had also implemented a study of the flattened musk turtle, and established a group of specialists to assist other IAGs with TE&S issues as they move forward in this relicensing process.

The E6 IAG recommended the following actions:

1. The TE&S database will be available to other IAGs.
2. Jason Moak (Kleinschmidt) will maintain the TE&S database during the relicensing process. Jason will update the database and provide information to IAGs as requested.
3. Reconvene the E6 IAG to determine effects of project alternatives and recommendations on TE&S species. .

The E12 Wetlands IAG also reported that they had completed their goals and met its responsibilities. However, after a discussion of the IAG's progress, the EcoRAT and WCRT determined that the group had not sufficiently completed its work tasks. The EcoRAT and WCRT provided several comments and suggestions for the E12 IAG to consider and recommended that the IAG not be closed at this time. The E12 Wetlands group will meet on February 14, 2002 to discuss and resolve the outstanding issues identified by the EcoRAT and WCRT. The main topics for discussion will be, a public education plan, PM&E measures, and use of the wetlands database.

New IAGs (E1, E2, E3 & E11) - New IAGs are being formed to study and resolve several ecological issues including, Point & Non-Point Source Pollution (E1), Erosion & Siltation (E2), Water Quality in Lake, Rivers & Tributaries (E3) and Entrainment/Impingement (E11). After reviewing each new IAG Issue Statement, volunteers were requested to serve on these new groups. The new IAGs will finalize their memberships at their first meeting.

E1 P&NPS Pollution

Volunteers:

Elrand Denson	Isabella Trussell
Dan Murchison	Jay Edwards
Tom Counts	Jim Moore
Jerry Moss	John Hornsby
Vic Payne	Bill Sim
Jim Crew	Kelly Schaeffer
Carl Couret	Henry Mealing

E2 Erosion

Volunteers:

Jon Hornsby	Dan Catchings
Elrand Denson	John Eisenbarth
Dan Murchison	Jim Moore
Bill Sim	Kelly Schaeffer
Jim Crew	Carl Couret

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Henry Mealing

E3 Water Quality

Volunteers:

John Hornsby
Isabella Trussell
ADEM (TBD)
Keith Floyd
John Eisenbarth
Henry Mealing
Bill Sim

Tom Counts
Jay Edwards
Carl Couret
Jim Moore
Jim McIndoe
Jim Crew

E11 Entrainment

Volunteers:

Bill Sim
Carl Couret
Stan Cook
Kelly Schaeffer

Malcolm Pierson
Sara Chubb
Jim Crew
Henry Mealing

Conclusion and Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Coosa EcoRAT and WCRT will be announced and materials will be supplied two weeks in advance.

Team documents and materials are posted on the Internet at www.southerncompany.com/alpower/hydro.

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Meeting Attendees

Mike Akridge	Alabama Power	Bob Allen	USACOE
Rick Allums	Alabama Power	James Austin	Lake Mitchell
Jim Bain	Lake Martin Res. Assoc.	Jim Beason	Smith LCA
Amy Bennett	Kleinschmidt	Deb Berry	SLEPC
Johan Beumer	Tola	Keith Bryant	Alabama Power
Hap Bryant	NHLA	Bill Campbell	EPRO
Lonnie Carden	CRPC	Dan Catchings	ADCNR
Liz Conley	Alabama Power	C.T. Conn	NHLA
Stan Cook	ADCNR	Jim Copeland	NHLA
Tom Counts	USFS	Carl Couret	USFWS
Jim Crew	Alabama Power	Dave Cunningham	LLHobo
Lynn Cunningham	LLHobo	Elrand Denson	USFS
Bruce DiGennaro	Kleinschmidt	Bill Dillahunty	Alabama Power
John Eisenbarth	TU	John Eisenbarth II	
Mike Eubanks	USACOE	Jim Hancock	Balch & Bingham
Bob Huffaker	Marine Police	Keith Floyd	ADCNR
Joel Gardner	USFS	Jeff Garner	ADCNR
Don Green	LMLPA	Daryl Harley	USFS
Patric Harper	USFWS	Jon Hornsby	ADCNR
Janet Hutzell	FERC	George Jackins	LMHoBo
Viki Jenkins	Alabama Power	Chuck Jensen	LLHoBo
Patti Leppert	FERC	Jim Lochamy	Alabama Power
Barry Lovett	Alabama Power	Larry Martens	LMLPA
Charles Mauldin	Alabama Power	Pam McDaniel	Alabama Power
Amy McDonald	Alabama Power	Jim McHugh	ADCNR
Diana McLemore	ADECA OWR	Henry Mealing	Kleinschmidt
Jerry Moss	ADCNR	Dan Murchison	LMHoBo
Abner Patton	Malcolm Pirnie	John Peconom	Kleinschmidt
Alan Peeples	Alabama Power	Joe Pender	LMLA
Malcolm Pierson	Alabama Power	Walter Ramey	Alabama Power
Jason Redmond	Alabama Power	Kelly Schaeffer	Kleinschmidt
Heather Seiders	EPRO	Andy Sheppard	Alabama Power
Bill Sim	Alabama Power	Sheila Smith	Alabama Power
Bert Thaxton	LLHobo	Dan Thompson	ADCNR
Ralph Thompson	USFWS	Danny Tignor	Alabama Power
Isabella Trussell	LMLPA	Dick Whatley	LMLPA
Stephanie White	Alabama Power	Roger Yeargan	Alabama Power
Joe Young	LJHoBo		

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Jim Crew and Barry Lovett welcomed the meeting attendees and thanked them for their continued participation in this relicensing process. They reviewed meeting materials sent in advance via email and they also highlighted the day's agenda.

Issue Action Group Updates

Since the last Joint Team Meetings, the Recreation and Ecological IAGs have successfully continued their efforts to address relicensing issues. According to Barry Lovett, Recreation IAGs on the Weiss, Henry, Logan Martin, Lay, Mitchell, Jordan/Bouldin and Smith project developments have been busily working through their standard processes to address recreation issues. Ecological IAGs encompassing: point and non-point source pollution, erosion and siltation, water quality, lake level fluctuations, project releases, entrainment and wetlands issues have continued to meet and make progress in addressing ecological concerns in both the Warrior and Coosa project boundaries. The efforts of both these IAG groups were documented and presented to meeting participants in a Microsoft PowerPoint presentation which, is available for review on APC's hydro relicensing website.

Shoreline Management Plan

Alabama Power formally initiated discussions regarding the proposed Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). The SMP is a combined effort between ecological and recreation relicensing interests to address the SMP issue statement, "Management and enforcement of shoreline development to protect public safety, access, aesthetics, terrestrial and aquatic habitats, and other resource values." As presented at the meeting and according to FERC an SMP is "A comprehensive plan to manage the multiple resources and uses of the project's shorelines in a manner that is consistent with license requirements and project purposes and addresses the needs of the public." The SMP is a tool that IAGs can use to consolidate and incorporate their consensus based recommendations.

Resource issues addressed in the SMP include but are not limited to, public and private shoreline facilities, water uses and quality, wetlands, cultural and historic sites, land use and aesthetics, threatened and endangered species, fisheries, public safety, recreation access, soils and erosion as well as terrestrial and aquatic habitats.

APC reviewed its existing shoreline permitting process and outlined the proposed Shoreline Management Plan. The proposed SMP includes:

- Introduction
- Goal and Objectives

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- Shoreline Management Policies
- Reservoir Specific Issues
- Implementation and Review
- Appendix A – Glossary of Terms
- Appendix B – Reservoirs Maps/Classifications
- Appendix C – Detailed Permit Guidelines

The WCRT and CCRT agreed to address this issue at this time in future Joint WCRT and CCRT meetings. Comments on the SMP outline are due to Barry Lovett by December 2, 2002. Patti Leppert of the FERC informed meeting participants that they have available on their website for public use a guidance manual to assist in the development of SMPs.

The SMP PowerPoint presentation can be viewed at APC's hydro relicensing website.

Modeling IAG

Andy Sheppard provided an overview of Modeling Group activities and how the group fits into the relicensing process.

The Modeling IAG formed in May 2002 is an assemblage of individuals from Federal and State regulatory agencies with modeling expertise and experience designed to help IAGs address resource issues through the use of highly technical computer models.

The Modeling Request Process includes:

- Request initiated in IAG & sent to Modeling Group
- Modeling Group reviews, clarifies, makes model run(s)
- Results sent back to IAG for discussion
- Run(s) sent to CCRT or WCRT for final determination
- Run(s) included in EA & License Application

Additional information on Andy's presentation can be found online at APC's hydro relicensing website.

Relicensing Team Structure

Relicensing stakeholders have always agreed to explore opportunities to improve the relicensing process. After reviewing the structure of this relicensing process and as a part of this effort to continually adjust and improve, APC proposed that the EcoRat and RecRAT teams, having served their original purposes be consolidated back into the WCRT and CCRT groups with these larger resource teams assuming all the remaining responsibilities and duties of the RATs. The general consensus among meeting participants was that this was acceptable and should help increase the efficiency of the process.

General Administrative Items

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2003 Calendar

Potential 2003 meeting dates were presented to meeting participants for their review and comments.

Project Upgrades

Planned capital improvements to several of APC's hydro facilities have been put on hold.

Stakeholder Contact Information

Alabama Power is in the process of updating the relicensing stakeholder database and asked that all participants review their contact information and make changes as necessary. APC will generate a revised stakeholder list illustrating level of participation on IAGs and other cooperative relicensing efforts.

Alabama Power, as a sign of appreciation for outstanding stakeholder participation in the relicensing process over the past year gave each meeting attendee an Alabama Power, Powered by Nature fleece sweatshirt.

Conclusion

The next Joint WCRT and CCRT Meeting will be scheduled by Alabama Power after consulting with both Warrior and Coosa Resource Team members. APC will distribute all meeting materials via email in advance of the next meeting.

IAG documents and materials are posted on the Internet at www.southerncompany.com/alpower/hydro.