

MEETING NOTES

**SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY
SALUDA HYDRO PROJECT RELICENSING
RECREATION MANAGEMENT TECHNICAL WORKING COMMITTEE**

**LAKE MURRAY TRAINING CENTER
July 19, 2006**

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ATTENDEES:

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Alison Guth	Kleinschmidt Associates	David Hancock	SCE&G
Dave Anderson	Kleinschmidt Associates	Steve Bell	Lake Watch
Bill Argentieri	SCE&G	Regis Parsons	landowner
Alan Stuart	Kleinschmidt Associates	Marty Phillips	Kleinschmidt Associates (by phone)
Tom Eppink	SCANA Services, Inc.	Tony Bebbber	SCPRT
Tommy Boozer	SCE&G	Joy Downs	LMA

HOMEWORK ITEMS:

- Tommy Boozer – contact Berger for study information
- Joy Downs – distribute LMA survey results to group

PARKING LOT ITEMS:

- None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TBA

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These notes serve to be a summary of the major points presented during the meeting and are not intended to be a transcript or analysis of the meeting.

Dave welcomed the group and noted that the sole purpose of the meeting would be to discuss the Boat Density Study Plan. He explained that the goal for the meeting would be to leave with a very near final version of the plan. The group began an interactive session reviewing the document as it was projected on the screen and changes were made in real time.

As the group reviewed the document, Tommy Boozer asked how future boat densities would be determined. Dave noted that although they were only examining current boat densities they would be able to make some estimates regarding future densities. Dave continued to explain that future boat densities are very difficult to predict due to the many factors that could affect them. In reference to the study in general, Steve Bell asked how the information was going to be used. Dave replied that it will be useful in discussions on the future development of lands. Tony agreed and added that it will be helpful in determining where new access points should be located. Marty Phillips further pointed out that the information that comes out of this analysis is really just one factor of many that SCE&G will be using to make management decisions in the future. Tommy Boozer asked if this study would provide information on whether Lake Murray was at optimum levels of recreation, or below. Dave noted that it would, using standards commonly used in FERC relicensing.

Dave took this opportunity to explain a little about the study to the group. He noted that they would be using aerial photography from 2001 and classify different types of activities on the Lake. Dave pointed out that jet skiing would be considered under the water skiing classification. It was noted that in the Berger study, which used the same 2001 photographs in the analysis, boat counts were broken down into smaller segments. Tommy agreed to call Berger to see if more detailed information is still available. Marty agreed to send Tommy an email describing the information needed from Berger.

Tony asked if there was any way to extrapolate 2006 data from the 2001 photographs by looking at boater registrations. Marty noted that Kleinschmidt had considered that possibility but concluded that we have no way to determine whether those individuals with boats registered in the vicinity of Lake Murray actually boat on Lake Murray. She stated that it has been documented that changes in recreation participation is influenced by population growth. Marty suggested that the 2001 information could be combined with the SCORP data and population growth estimates to provide a range of boating estimates that would likely approximate current levels of boating. The group

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agreed that this was acceptable. Tony also noted that he would try to break the SCORP information down by county.

The group continued through the document making changes interactively. Steve Bell noted that he would be especially interested in knowing the counts in the cove and creek areas. Dave continued to explain the calculations to the group. Joy Downs noted that the LMA received results of the survey they implemented last year and shared that fishing was listed as the recreation activity with the highest rates of participation around the lake. She noted that she would distribute this information to the group.

The group reviewed the schedule and concluded the meeting. The group agreed to continue with the course of the study.