

MEETING NOTES

**SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY
SALUDA HYDRO PROJECT RELICENSING
LAKE AND LAND MANAGEMENT RCG**

**SCE&G Training Center
April 26, 2006**

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ATTENDEES:

Alan Stuart, Kleinschmidt Associates
Alison Guth, Kleinschmidt Associates
Tommy Boozer, SCE&G
David Hancock, SCE&G
Ron Ahle, SCDNR
Steve Bell, LW
John Oswald, Century 21
Kit Oswald, Century 21
Bill Argentieri, SCE&G
Van Hoffman, SCE&G
Don Tyler, LMA, LMHOC
Roy Parker, LMA

Dan Tufford, USC
Mike Murrell, LMA
Bertina Floyd, LMHOC
Richard Kidder, LMA, LMSCA
Bob Keener, LMA, LMSCA
Tony Bebbler, SCPRT
Jenn O'Rourke, SC Wildlife Federation
John S Frick, landowners
Bill Mathias, LMA, LMPS
Tom Ruple, LMA
Ron Scott, Lexington County

DATE: April 26, 2006

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Alan Stuart suggested a presentation on what other utilities are doing as far as public outreach. – Alan Stuart

HOMEWORK ITEMS:

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: August 22, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.
Located at the Lake Murray Training Center

INTRODUCTIONS AND DISCUSSION

Alan Stuart began the meeting and the group progressed through introductions. Before beginning the first item on the agenda, Alan S. briefly reviewed the mission statement with the group. As an introductory item, Alan S. updated the Resource Conservation Group (RCG) as to the progress of the Technical Working Committee (TWC). He explained that the TWC has developed the first draft of a Buffer Zone and Woody Debris Management Plan. Alan S. added that the TWC has

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discussed limited brushing, as well, and has come to a few conclusions regarding that issue. When asked the status of the request for a Total Build-Out, Study Alan S. replied that Randy Mahan was currently looking into it. Don Tyler explained that he viewed the real value of a build-out study as providing key information that can be applied to land management policies.

There was some discussion on land reclassification. Alan S. explained that land reclassification was one of the last items that the TWC would discuss. One individual expressed concern about areas that were categorized as forest and game management areas. He noted that some of the areas are too small to actually be hunted or provide benefit for recreation and wildlife. Ron Ahle explained that although he would like for the most ideal land to be categorized as Forest and Game Management, that the smaller lands provided benefits other than hunting, which includes habitat for many smaller species.

Moving to the next item on the agenda, the group began to review the draft layout of the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP). Alan S. explained that his goal was to, through this meeting, develop a solid first draft to move forward with. The group continued to review through the draft and Alan S. briefly explained each item as the group proceeded through the document.

The group began to discuss the section defining the existing resources of the Project. Steve Bell asked if the TWC's would be developing the information under that section. Alan S. explained that that section in particular would generally consist of information obtained from the ICD, and the TWC would most likely only review the data.

For clarification purposes, Bertina Floyd noted that it was her understanding that the group would develop a complete SMP to be filed with the FERC along with a more abbreviated booklet for the general public's understanding. David Hancock explained that the group has reviewed several ideas and noted that the SMP may change depending on what the FERC issues. David H. continued to note that the smaller booklet will most likely not be distributed until the FERC issues the new license.

The group continued to proceed through the document. Upon discussing the section on Cultural Resources, Tony Bebbler suggested that a statement be placed in the document that instructs an individual what to do if an artifact is found. The group continued to discuss the Cultural Resources component of the SMP and Bill Argentieri briefly explained what activities were being performed during Stage 2 surveys. When asked if this information was going to be shared in detail with the group, Bill A. replied that he would need to first discuss this with his cultural resources contact because there may be some legal issues with the release of the information.

There was some discussion on setbacks and buffer zones. It was explained that according to SCE&G definition, "setbacks" and "buffer zones" were used interchangeably. The group agreed

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that in order to cut down on the potential for confusion, that they would only use the term buffer zone, as it is the FERC definition. Tony B. suggested the SMP contain a sketch of the land classifications, including ESA's, Buffer Zones and Fringeland.

Bob Keener noted that other than aquatic vegetation, there may be a need to address the vegetation that grows in previously water covered areas during drawdowns. Tommy Boozer replied that during an extended drawdown they allow individuals to remove the vegetation from around their docks.

After lunch the group began to discuss the prohibited activities section of the SMP strawman. Tommy B. noted that he would work to develop a list of prohibited activities to add to the strawman. Tony B. suggested the group include a list of activities that are not allowed in the buffer zone, in particular, as well. Alan S. noted that one important overarching component would be education and the group began to discuss ideas on this issue in more detail. Alan S. pointed out that the education program included in the SMP would most likely be very broad so that there was not the need to continue to update the SMP as things changed. Tommy B. agreed, and noted that the more specific items would probably be discussed in the small booklet and/or addressed on the website.

The group briefly discussed the cost of implementing the SMP and Steve Bell noted that he felt as though the property owners were paying the bill. David H. explained that what was received through permitting fees did not cover near all of the expenses that SCE&G accrues in implementing the SMP. Tommy B. added that it is going to take additional staff to manage Lake Murray with the new criteria implemented through relicensing.

Steve B. pointed out that public communications may be an important component to place in the SMP and suggested the development of communications protocol. Tommy B. noted that information could also be disseminated through the homeowner groups. Roy Parker noted that currently the LMA is engaged in an education effort to inform individuals on the proper fertilization techniques for centipede lawns. Alan S. suggested addressing the education issue in a "public outreach and communication" section of the SMP.

The group concluded discussions on the draft document and Alan S. explained that this document was still a draft and there was still opportunity for revisions. The group agreed that they were happy with the draft outline. The group discussed placing text to the outline and Tony B. suggested that after the TWC has placed text to 2 or 3 sections, that it be brought back to the RCG for review. Tommy B. also suggested that the group begin by reviewing what has been done with other projects and noted that many utilities have a quarterly newsletter that they issue. Alan S. suggested that at

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the next RCG meeting it may be helpful to have a presentation on what other utilities around the country are doing as far as public outreach.

The group concluded the meeting and agreed that they were pleased with the changes made to the draft SMP outline. The next meeting was scheduled for August 22, 2006.

Draft SMP outline with group incorporated changes attached below:

**SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY
LAKE MURRAY SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN
APRIL 2006 (REVISED 4/26/06)**

Executive Summary

- 1.0 Introduction
- 2.0 Purpose and Scope of the Shoreline Management Plan
- 3.0 Shoreline Management Plan Goals and Objectives
 - 3.1 Consultation
- 4.0 Inventory of Existing Resources
 - 4.1 Soils and Geology
 - 4.2 Water Quality
 - 4.2.1 Water Quality Standards
 - 4.3 Aquatic Resources
 - 4.4 Terrestrial Resources
 - 4.5 Threatened and Endangered Species
 - 4.6 Land Use and Aesthetics [Re-number from here to end]
 - 4.6 Cultural Resources
 - 4.7 Recreation Facilities (include informal areas such as SCE&G owned islands, impromptu, etc.)
 - 4.7.1 Lake Murray
 - 4.7.1.1 Private
 - 4.7.1.2 Public
 - 4.7.1.3 Commercial

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- 4.7.2 Lower Saluda River
 - 4.7.2.1 Public
- 4.8 Recreation Use
 - 4.8.1 Fishing
 - 4.8.2 Public Hunting
 - 4.8.3 Boating
 - 4.8.3.1 Sailboats
 - 4.8.3.2 Jet skis
 - 4.8.3.3 Motor Boats
 - 4.8.3.4 Kayaking
 - 4.8.4 Other
 - Hiking
 - bird watching
 - sunbathing
 - picnicking
 - hunting
 - (Obtain other activities from Recreation Survey)**
- 7.0 Land Use Classifications
 - 7.1 Definitions
 - 7.2 Forest and Game Management
 - 7.3 Future Development
 - 7.4 Buffer Zone
 - 7.5 Recreation
 - 7.6 ESA
 - 7.7 Conservation Area
 - 7.8 Project Operations
 - 7.9 Easement
- 8.0 New Shoreline Facilities or Activities Evaluation Process
 - 8.1 Shoreline Management Guidelines for Project Lands
 - 8.1.1 Residential
 - 8.1.1.1 Permitting
 - 8.1.2 Commercial
 - 8.1.2.1 Permitting
 - 8.1 Buffer Zone Management **[Re-number from here to end of section]**
 - 8.1.1 Limited Brushing Below 360 El.
 - 8.1.2 Re-vegetation of Disturbed Areas

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- 8.1.3 Activities impacting buffer zones
- 8.2 ESA Identification and Management
 - 8.2.1 Woody Debris & Stump Management
 - 8.2.2 Shoreline Vegetation Management
- 8.3 Erosion and Sedimentation
 - 8.3.1 Excavation Activities
- 8.4 Shoreline Permitting Program
 - 8.4.1 Shoreline Permitting (docks, boat lifts, etc.)
 - 8.4.2 Multi-slip (public & private)
- 9.0 PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES
 - 9.1 Moorings
 - 9.2 Encroachments
 - 9.3 Boat Discharges
 - 9.4 ATV (motorized vehicles) below the 360 elevation
 - 9.5 List of what is not allowed and list of what is not allowed without a permit.
 - 9.6 Address restriction of Bomb Island during Purple Martin roosting period.
- 10.0 Water Management Activities
 - 10.1 Residential & commercial water withdrawals
- 11.0 Aquatic Plant Management Activities
- 11.0 BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AND PUBLIC EDUCATION
 - 11.1 Shoreline Enhancement Program
 - 11.2 Public access area maps
 - 11.3 Non-point source discharge
 - 11.4 Public Service Announcements (PSA)
 - 11.5 Safety Programs
 - 11.5.1 Lake Murray
 - 11.5.2 Lower Saluda River
- 14.0 SCE&G PERMITTING FEE POLICIES
- 15.0 MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF SHORELINE MANAGEMENT PLAN
 - 15.1 Overall Land Use Monitoring
- 16.0 PUBLIC OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATION

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16.1 Dispute resolution

17.0 REVIEW PROCESS

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