

**MEETING NOTES**

**SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY  
SALUDA HYDRO PROJECT RELICENSING  
RECREATION MANAGEMENT TWC**

***Panera Bread  
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***ATTENDEES:***

Bill Argentieri, SCE&G  
Alan Stuart, Kleinschmidt Associates  
Bill Marshall, SCDNR  
Tony Bebber, SCDRT  
Suzanne Rhodes, SCWF  
Tommy Boozer, SCE&G  
George Duke, LMHC

Randy Mahan, SCANA  
Regis Parsons, Private Land Owner  
Steve Bell, Lake Watch  
Joy Downs, LMA  
Dave Anderson, Kleinschmidt Associates  
Jeni Hand, Kleinschmidt Associates

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** TBA

**HOMEWORK ITEMS:**

- Make CD's that contain example recreation plans and send them to committee members that request them.

*Dave Anderson*

- Distribute a strawman to committee members that will describe subjects that will be covered in the Saluda Recreation Plan.

*Dave Anderson*

- Send Dave A. the Saluda recreation maps that contain marinas and informal sites that SCE&G has identified.

*Tommy Boozer*

- Find out who owns the islands in the vicinity of Ocean Boulevard area on the LSR.

*Tommy Boozer*

- Incorporate changes into the Standard Process Form and send out to committee members for final comments.

*Dave Anderson*

- Draft the Saluda Recreation Plan and send out to committee members for review and comment.

*Dave Anderson*

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- Draft a recommendation for protection of lands in the future development for protection. The recommendation will be sent to the LLM TWC

*Dave Anderson*

**DISCUSSION**

*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 Anderson of Kleinschmidt Associates welcomed everyone and noted that the purpose of this meeting was to review and discuss: (1) the Saluda recreation studies (recreation assessment, boat density, draft spring addendum); (2) the example recreation plans; (3) standard process questions 6 through 11; and (4) the draft recreation plan.

*Saluda Recreation Studies*

Dave A. welcomed the group and directed attention to the Saluda Recreation Assessment study and noted that responses to comments received from committee members will be included in a revised version as an appendix to the report. Steve Bell reminded the members that the committee had a responsibility to evaluate all project lands and make recommendations back to the Lake and Land Management TWC on which lands should be set aside for “informal” recreation areas. Tommy Boozer noted that the LLM Natural Resource sub-committee had evaluated undeveloped tracts in the “future development” classification” and had scored the tracts on their informal recreational values. Dave A. noted that he would draft a recommendation to protect natural undeveloped lands at the project.

Dave A. noted that the Saluda Boat Density Study report was finalized in July and posted to the Saluda Hydro relicensing website. He noted that after it was posted to the website, there were some concerns about how the report was written. To address these concerns, he explained that a few changes were made in the methods and conclusions sections of the report, but the results did not change. There was a brief discussion on future recreation facilities and Tommy B. noted that Bundrick Island may possibly support boat launching facilities in the future. Tony B. explained that boat access for Lake Murray is sufficient, however, there should be more recreational areas for non-boaters. Tommy B. noted that an island on Lake Murray has been set aside for pier fishing and explained that it would not have boat launching. Dave A. explained to the group that during the first three to five years of the new license, the recreation plan will concentrate on enhancing existing

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recreational facilities. Tommy B. noted that the most important thing will be to set aside land for recreational use for the next 40 to 50 years.

Dave A. noted the Spring Addendum Study is the only report in draft form and is currently out for review and comment. He explained that recreation for the Saluda Project follows the Bell Curve during peak season. Dave mention that remaining issues that still need to be addresses are striped bass fishing on Lake Murray and trout fishing on the lower Saluda River.

*Review of Example Recreation Plans*

After a short break, Dave A. noted that the group should have enough information to draft a recreation plan for the Saluda Project. Tony B. noted that the Lake Murray Association's Study may also be used for informational purposes during the development of the Saluda recreation plan. Dave A. noted that to give the group an idea of what a recreation plan should look like, he put together 10 example recreation plans that had been approved by the FERC. Dave A. explained that these example recreation plans contain descriptions of recreation site improvements, scheduling, and a record of consultation. Dave A. noted that he would distribute a strawman to committee members that will describe subjects that will be covered in the recreation plan for the Saluda Hydro Project. Steve Bell noted that the FERC guideline "Recreation Development at Licensed Hydro Projects" has recommendations on developing a plan and suggest that all project lands and other recreation sites be listed in the inventory and project safety issues should be included as part of the plan. Dave A. noted by the end of 2007, a description of improvements needed for each recreation site will be distributed to committee members. Tony B. noted that canoe access sites in the upper creeks of Lake Murray should be included in the recreation plan.

*Review of Standard Process Questions 6 through 11*

The group began reviewing the Standard Process Form and Dave A. noted that it was updated on September 10, 2007 and it included comments from February of this year. Dave informed the group that questions from Step 1 are considered to be final. The group reviewed and discussed pages 3 through 12 of the Standard Process Form (the Standard Process Form used during the meeting may be viewed in Attachment A). The group requested that courtesy rules should be established for boaters on Lake Murray. Dave noted that he would make changes to the Standard Process Form and send out to committee members for review.

*Draft Recreation Plan*

Dave A. noted that Kleinschmidt will write up a draft recreation plan and will distribute to committee members by the end of December 2007. Dave noted that the plan will include

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recreational flows for the lower Saluda River . Dave mentioned that committee members will have 30 days to review and comment and a meeting will be scheduled to discuss changes and/or additions to be made to the recreation plan.

*Additional Comments by Lake Murray Watch*

So far the group has focused primarily on assessing the project's formal recreational facilities. I think we should now take time to look at the other issues relating to recreation:

An assessment of informal recreational resources and opportunities which would include an evaluation of the inventory of undeveloped projects lands. (note a survey of these lands is available from the LLM TWC) Recommendations should be provided to the LLM TWC

An assessment of impacts lake level management has on recreational resources. A recommendation should be made to Operations.

An assessment of buffer zones to determine whether these areas are available for public access and protect the recreational and aesthetic values of the project. Recommendations should be made to the LLM TWC

An assessment of developed and undeveloped easement lands to evaluate public access and recreational opportunities. Recommendations regarding better protection in these areas be provided to LLM TWC.