

MEETING NOTES

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

**SCE&G Training Center
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ATTENDEES:

Alison Guth, Kleinschmidt Associates
Randy Mahan, SCANA Services, Inc.
Tommy Boozer, SCE&G
Alan Stuart, Kleinschmidt Associates
Joy Downs, LMA
Jim Cumberland, CCL

Dave Anderson, Kleinschmidt Associates
Dave Landis, LMA
Steve Bell, Lake Watch
Dick Christie, DNR
Tony Bebbler, SCPRT

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Dave opened the meeting and noted the first item on the agenda would be to review the memo from the Recreation Focus Group. Jim Cumberland led the discussions from the Recreation Focus Group. Jim presented the group with a PowerPoint of the proposal from the Recreation Focus Group. He explained that they were putting this out for the Recreation Management TWC's consideration and requested that the Recreation Management TWC forward the recommendations in the memo to the Lake and Land TWC for consideration in rebalancing.

Jim began the presentation and discussed background information with the group. Jim noted the importance of passive recreational values, such as hiking, walking, and nature watching. He explained that as the Recreation Management TWC reviewed through issues, they began with the natural resource subcommittee's review of future development lands. He pointed out that there was a need to educate property owners on the public's right to access fringelands. Jim also noted that they wanted to see priority given to one multi-slip docking facility for a community over multiple individual docks. Jim explained that they were also looking at enhancing the scenic values of the shoreline by implementing vegetation restoration.

On future development lands, Jim explained, that they would like a plan developed to establish nature trails, informal picnic areas, etc. Jim noted that the tracts that scored 3 or higher in the shoreline survey should be reclassified as recreation lands and included in the recreation plan. He explained that lands that scored a 1 should be protected for their scenic values by reclassifying them to natural areas. Jim continued to note that under their proposal, the lands that did not receive a score would be okay to sell.

For forest and game management lands, Jim noted that they would like to encourage recreational use, and on parcels adjacent to public roads, provide informal parking areas with paths leading to the shoreline. Jim also explained that one thing that was important for the CCL and American Rivers was the lands along the lower Saluda River. He continued to note that they would like all

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SCE&G owned lands along the river that are not required for power production to be classified as natural/recreation lands.

Jim concluded the presentation and the TWC began to discuss the topic. Steve noted that he would like to see the Recreation TWC make a recommendation to the Lake and Land TWC on shoreline protection. Dave asked what the recreation focus group hoped to gain by sending this from the Recreation TWC to the Lake and Land Management TWC, instead of simply issuing it from the focus group. Jim responded that they hoped that if it was sent from the Recreation TWC it would have a greater weight with the Lake and Land Management TWC.

Tommy Boozer pointed out that there were many things in the presentation that were similar to what has already been recommended, however, it eliminates SCE&G's ability to make revenue off of land sales. Dave noted that he was concerned that sending the proposal from the TWC would imply that it has SCE&G support. Randy Mahan pointed out that he did not see a problem with the Recreation Management TWC sending this on to the Lake and Land group, however recommending it for adoption would not be something the whole group could agree to. Jim replied that they were not looking for the group to endorse this proposal in its entirety; it would be more of a procedural motion than a substantive motion.

Dick Christie asked if the Recreation Management TWC could add caveats to the proposal for clarification. Dick also noted that during the scoring process in the natural resources subcommittee, the tracts were often scored 1-5 based on their proximity to a road and not necessarily if they were adequate for hiking, birding, and fishing. Dick further suggested that it be clarified that these tracts may have recreation potential, possibly unevaluated potential.

Jim clarified that he believed as long as the potential was there it was important to conserve the lands. He noted that the lake was a great public resource and he was concerned that it was becoming a closed, private lake. Steve Bell noted that at some point there are going to be no more places to build on the lake, so why not stop at this point.

Tommy presented information on SCE&G's proposal to the group (presentation is attached to the December 14, 2007 and January 22, 2008 meeting notes). There was discussion on docks and Randy noted that SCE&G would prefer to allow individuals to choose whether they would prefer a common dock, multi-slip or individual dock. The group also discussed the proposed dock policy on forest management lands.

After lunch the group went through the Recreation Focus group's proposal. Dave noted that it was up to the focus group as to whether they wanted to send this to the Lake and Land Management TWC as is, or try to find some common ground with the Recreation Management TWC. The group discussed making multi-slips mandatory over individual docks. Tommy pointed out that there are incentives in SCE&G's proposal that would encourage a developer to put in multi-slips.

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The group continued discussions on the Recreation Focus Group proposal and discussed the identification of recreation areas. Dave noted that they had discussed a map that identifies recreation areas. Tommy explained that they currently have signage from the property owner's side identifying fringelands, but not from the lake side. The group discussed the best ways to identify recreation lands. Joy Downs noted her concern with publishing and encouraging the use of fringelands in front of back property owners. Dave Landis suggested accentuating the lands that should be encouraged for public use. Dave Anderson noted that the compromise would be to not publicize the fringelands, or place them on a map, but to let the public know they are available for use. Steve Bell suggested marking the trees. Tommy noted that putting signage up was a maintenance issue.

Collectively the group edited the memo proposal from the Recreation Focus Group. With some minor modifications the group could send it to the Lake and Land Management TWC with neither endorsement nor objection, noting that the Recreation Management TWC has addressed it, and edited it as a group. Randy added that an official recommendation from the TWC implies consensus. SCE&G, being a member of the TWC, does not believe that this recommendation is best, and that stopping all land sales goes too far. Dave noted he would draft up a memo that included the Recreation Focus Group's proposal.

The group also discussed lake level recommendations. Dave addressed Steve Bell and asked if a compromise had been reached on lake levels. Steve noted that the recommendation as provided by Lake Watch would be to have an optimum of 356 to 354. The group discussed and modified the TWC recommendation. Joy Downs noted that there was specific wording in the LMA recommendation that could be used. The group worked to incorporate the wording from LMA into the recommendation. It was also suggested that the LMA lake user survey be referenced in the recommendation. Dave noted that he would make the recommended changes and send it back out to the group.

The group briefly touched on the coldwater trout fishery. Dave noted that the recommendation was not very extensive. After discussion, the group decided to leave the document fairly unchanged, with a few edits to the title and to the specific wading flows.

The group wrapped up discussions and Dave pointed out that the next meeting would be on March 3.