

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Saluda Hydro Project Relicensing Stakeholders

FROM: Shane Boring, Environmental Scientist

DATE: June 8, 2005

RE: May 2005 Wood Stork Aerial Survey Observations

Dear Relicensing Stakeholder:

After twice being delayed due to inclement weather, the May Lake Murray Wood Stork Survey, which was originally scheduled for May 31st, was flown on June 7, 2005. No wood storks were observed at any of the foraging, roosting, or potential nesting sites. As noted in observations from previous months' surveys, the Tosity Creek and Silverstreet sites, which were suspected of potentially serving as nesting areas for wood storks, have been heavily utilized by nesting great blue herons. At the time of the June 7 survey, nearly all of these nests were occupied by juvenile, pre-flight great blue herons. Based on observations to date, it now appears unlikely that the Lake Murray / Saluda River sites are active wood stork nesting areas at this time.

Thanks for your continued interest in the Lake Murray Wood Stork Study.

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