

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group
Agenda Item Information
August 26-27, 2015

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Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan EIS

Action Requested

✓ Information item only; we will answer questions but no action is requested.

Presenters

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Previous Action Taken

✓ N/A

Relevant Science

✓ N/A

Summary of Presentation and Background Information

The Cooperating Agency Draft EIS, Volume 1 was released on June 29, 2015. The Appendices, Volume 2, was released on July 31, 2015. Comments are due September 30, 2015. A Public Draft EIS will be completed by the end of calendar year 2015. The LTEMP Team will provide an update on the latest efforts to develop a consensus preferred alternative.



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LTEMP Status Update

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Near-Term Activities

- Presented detailed results of resource modeling at February 26 AMWG meeting
- Held a more detailed webinar on power systems modeling approach and results with stakeholders on March 27
- Developed supplemental analyses for power systems work (now in Appendix K)
- Sent Draft EIS to Cooperating Agencies on June 29
- Sent Draft EIS Appendices to Cooperating Agencies on July 31, with exception of the SDM Report (August 3) and the Wholesale Ratepayer Analysis (August 7)



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Near-Term Activities (Cont.)

- Conducting peer review of models
 - Vegetation Model – Methods and results complete
 - Fish Models – Methods complete, results in review
 - Hydropower Models – Methods complete, results in process
 - Retail Ratepayer – Methods complete, results in process
 - Wholesale Ratepayer – Methods and results in process
- Meetings with stakeholders and tribes to address concerns and develop consensus on a preferred alternative



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Next Steps

- Cooperating Agency comment deadline September 30, 2015
- Biological Assessment October 2015
- Public DEIS December 2015
- Public Meetings January/February 2016
- Biological Opinion March 2016
- FEIS and ROD April/May 2016