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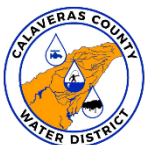


Relicensing Status Update

- Presentation to CCWD Board (Open Session) -

September 16, 2026

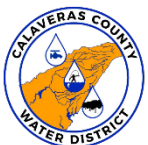
- Reminder of Non-Discretionary Relicensing Milestones
- Activities Completed
- NOI, PAD, and TLP Request Contents
- Anticipated Near-Term Schedule



- **Between 7/31/26 and 1/31/27:** CCWD must file with FERC its Notice of Intent to Relicense (NOI) and Pre-Application Document (PAD).

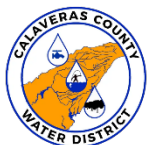
In addition, CCWD must file with FERC a request to use FERC's Traditional Licensing Process (TLP) instead of FERC's Integrated Licensing Process (ILP), if CCWD wishes to use the TLP.

- **NLT 1/31/30:** CCWD must file with FERC its Application for New License.
- **1/31/32:** CCWD's original license expires.

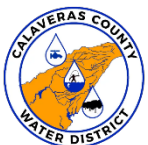


- **9/23/25:** Initial Stakeholder Outreach. CCWD formally advised agencies, Native American Tribes, and others that CCWD was initiating relicensing and invited them to a relicensing kick-off meeting.
- **10/15/25:** Information Request. CCWD requested existing information regarding potentially affected resources, list of issues to be addressed during relicensing, and studies needed to close information gaps.
- **10/29/25:** Kick-off Meeting. CCWD held a relicensing kick-off meeting with interested stakeholders.

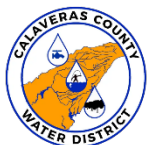
Participants included Forest Service, BLM, BOR, USFWS, Calaveras Band of Mi-Wuk Indians, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, CDFW, SWRCB, Calaveras and Alpine counties, City of Angels Camp, CSERC, CSPA, Friends of the River, PG&E, SPI, Tri-Dam Project, UWPA, Restoring the Stanislaus, and NCPA.



- **2/19/26 through 9/8/26:** Agreement of Study Descriptions. CCWD held 9 meetings to agree on detailed descriptions (e.g., methods, etc.) for each of the 19 studies. Differences have been resolved and stakeholders said they have no additional comments on 14 of the 19 studies and expect agreement on 2 more.
- **4/24 & 6/4/26:** Meetings with Tribes. Because confidential information could be discussed, CCWD met separately with interested Native American tribes to discuss and resolve difference on two cultural resources-related study descriptions.
- **September 2025 through Present :** Early Data Collection. CCWD began monitoring water temperature and performed inventory and condition assessment of recreation facilities.
- **September 2025 through Present:** Preparation of NOI, PAD, and TLP Request. CCWD has prepared for filing with FERC the NOI, PAD, and TLP request.



- Advises FERC that CCWD intends to apply for a new license for the Project and includes miscellaneous information.
- Requests FERC designate CCWD as its non-federal representative for informal consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and formal consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

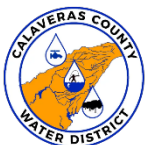


➤ 1. INTRODUCTION

- Description of CCWD and the Project
- Purpose of PAD and Acquisition of Information (including consultation documentation)
- Relicensing Process Plan, Schedule, and Communication Guidelines

➤ 2. EXISTING AND PROPOSED PROJECT

- Existing Project Boundary and Facilities (including draft Exhibit A and current Exhibit J/K maps)
- Existing Project Operations (including draft Exhibit B and operations model)



➤ 3. EXISTING ENVIRONMENT AND POTENTIAL PROJECT EFFECTS



Geology, Topography,
and Soils



Water Quality and Quantity



Fish and Aquatic



Wildlife and Botanical



Floodplains, Wetlands, and Riparian



Rare, Threatened,
and Endangered Species



Recreation and Land Use



Aesthetics and Visual



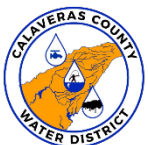
Cultural and Tribal



Socioeconomics

➤ 4. PRELIMINARY ISSUES AND PROPOSED STUDIES

- Preliminary Potential Environmental Issues and Data Gap Analysis
- CCWD's Proposed Relicensing Studies
- Suggested Studies Not Adopted
- Relevant Qualifying Plans



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PAD Contents - Proposed Studies (4 of 4)

WR-1, Water Quality Sampling in Project-Affected Reaches, New Spicer Meadow and McKays Reservoirs, and Near Project Recreation Facilities
WR-2, Water Temperature Model of Project-Affected Reaches and New Spicer Meadow Reservoir
AR-1, Fish Sampling in New Spicer Meadow Reservoir
AR-2, Fish Sampling in Project-Affected Reaches
AR-3, Benthic Macroinvertebrate Sampling in Project-Affected Reaches
AR-4, Assessment of Potential for Fish Entrainment*
AR-5, Instream Flows*
AR-6, Special-Status Amphibians and Aquatic Reptiles eDNA Sampling
AR-7, ESA-Listed Amphibians and Aquatic Reptile Visual Encounter Surveys*
TR-1, Botanical Resources Study Including Vegetation Mapping and Protocol Surveys for Special-Status Species and Non-Native Invasive Plants
TR-2, Bald Eagle Surveys at New Spicer Meadow Reservoir
TR-3, ESA-Listed and Special Status Wildlife Habitat Assessment in Areas Disturbed by the Project
LU-1, Primary Project Roads and Trails Assessment*
RR-1, Project Recreation Use and Visitor Surveys*
RR-2, NFSR Sourgrass Run Whitewater Boating Use Evaluation
RR-3, Fishing, Swimming and Wading Use Evaluation at Calaveras Big Trees State Park
VR-1, Visual Resources Evaluation at Project Facilities
CR-1, Archeological and Historic Sites Inventory to Support Section 106
CR-2, Traditional Cultural Sites and Tribal Consultation to Support Section 106

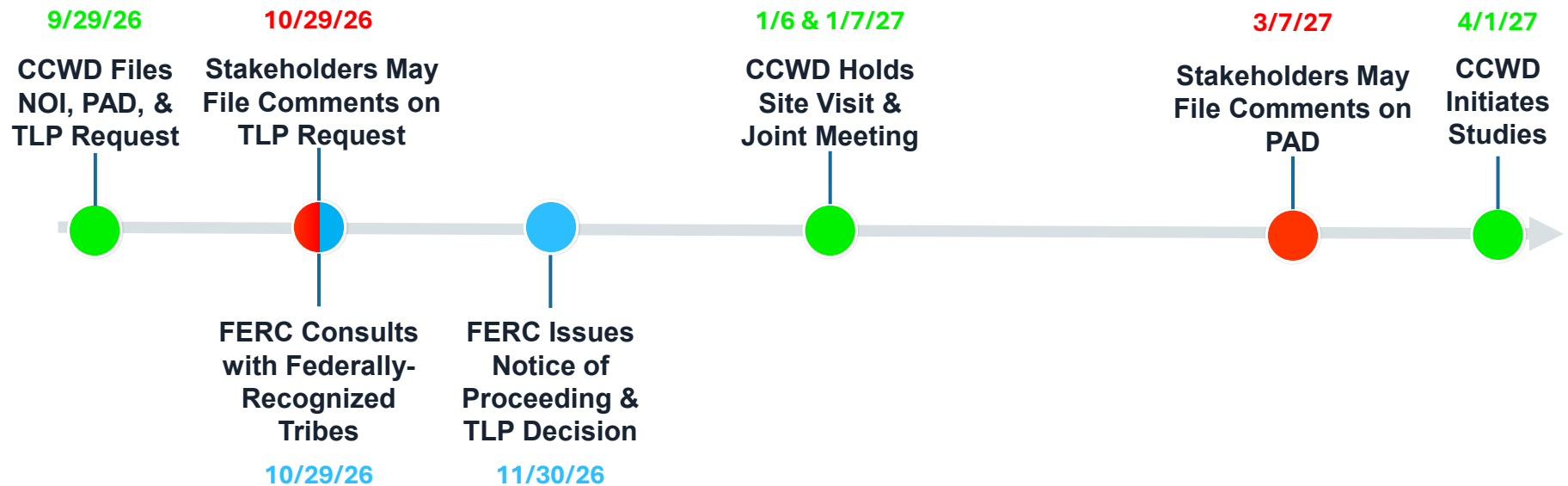
Except for studies indicated with a "*", stakeholders said they have no additional comments on the above study descriptions.



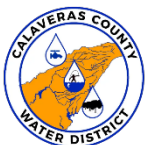
- Requests FERC's approval for CCWD's use of TLP to relicense the Project and addresses the following FERC-identified criteria:
 - Likelihood of timely license issuance.
 - Complexity of the resource issues.
 - Level of anticipated controversy.
 - Relative cost of TLP as compared to ILP.
 - Amount of available information.
 - Potential for significant disputes over studies.
 - Other pertinent factors.

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Anticipated Near-Term Schedule*



* Assuming CCWD Files on 9/29/26 & FERC Approves Use of TLP



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