

North Fork Stanislaus River Hydroelectric Project (P-2409)

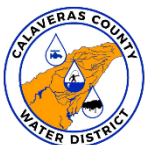


10th Relicensing Stakeholders Meeting

- LU-1 and RR-1 Study Descriptions -

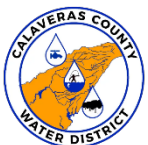
September 8, 2026

- Welcome & Introductions
- Meeting Goal & Process
- Discuss & Attempt to Finalize LU-1 and RR-1 Study Descriptions
- Review Action Items
- Adjourn

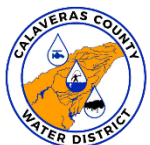


- CCWD and Consultant Staff
 - **Michael Minkler** (CCWD) General Manager
 - **Kelly Gerkenmeyer** (CCWD) External Affairs Manager
 - **Andrew Renshaw** (CCWD) Water Resources Manager
 - **Chuck Vertucci** (HDR) Project Manager
 - **Jim Lynch** (HDR) Senior FERC Regulatory Specialist
 - **Matt Paquette** (HDR) Senior Environmental Planner
 - **Randy Bowersox** (GFT) Senior Hydropower Operations Specialist

- Participating Agencies, Native American Tribes, NGOs, and Others

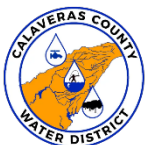


- Goal: Develop the best possible study descriptions through meaningful engagement with interested parties.
- Process:
 - Review and discuss USFS comments received by CCWD.
 - Try to reach agreement on all comments and, if not identify remaining differences.

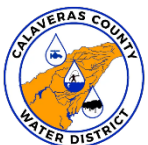


➤ Project Roads and Trails Conditions Assessment

- On 4/20, CCWD issued an initial draft that listed 10 road segments.
- On 6/18, USFS commented that the study description should include more roads and USFS included a table and map of 21 road segments, of which:
 - ✓ 10 were the same road segments CCWD proposed.
 - ✓ 6 were identified in USFS's table as "Shared-Use Road".
 - ✓ 5 were identified in USFS's table as "Project Road-FS Proposed".



- CCWD assumes agreement on the 10 road segments both CCWD and Forest Service proposed.
- CCWD assumes the 6 “Shared-Use Roads” will be addressed outside of relicensing with all parties that use the road segment.
- CCWD agrees to add the “Access to Spicer Dam Powerhouse” (0.10 mile) to the study description as a Project Road.
- CCWD believes the remaining 4 road segments should not be included in the study description for the reasons described on the next slide.

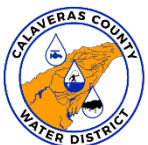


- “McKays Point Road” (1.36 miles) – This is the road that leads to the now abandoned PG&E Diversion Dam for Upper Utica Flume. This is a Shared Use Road that pre-dates the Project and provides access to Avery Gage and non-Project STF recreation.
- “Road Across Spicer Dam Bridge” (0.06 mile) – This is the road that crosses Highland Creek below the dam. This is a Shared Use Road that provides access to the dam’s left abutment and the non-Project STF’s Wheats Meadow Trail.
- “Unknown, Needs Clarification” (0.34 mile) - This is the road along the left side of the North Fork Diversion Tunnel Tailrace. This provided access during initial Project construction and is not used for routine Project operation or maintenance.
- “Road to Gaging Station Below Spicer Dam, Included in 1989 Plan” (0.23 mile) – This is the road that connects to a granite trail to the Highland Creek Gage. This provided access during initial Project construction and is anticipated to be needed for routine Project operation or maintenance.

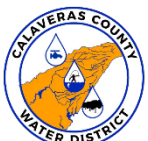


➤ Project Recreation Use and Visitor Surveys

- On 4/20, CCWD issued an initial draft.
- On 6/18, USFS commented that the study description should include additional sites and included a table that listed:
 - ✓ 6 specific sites, of which 1 (“Spicer Picnic Area just north of dam; Day Use Picnicking”) was included as a proposed site in CCWD’s study description.
 - ✓ 8 road segments.
 - ✓ 3 trails.



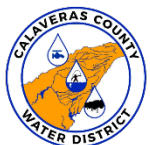
- CCWD assumes agreement on the:
 - 1 site each proposed.
 - “Spicer Rd from Hwy4 Spicer” but only ~0.5 mile from group campground to the dam: not rest of road for reasons described on slide 12.
- CCWD agrees to add four additional sites/road, including:
 - “Beaver Creek Diversion Dam”
 - “North Fork Diversion Dam & Impoundment”
 - “7N17B”
 - “Road 7N29Y” but only ~0.1 mile in the immediate vicinity of the North Fork Diversion Tunnel Outlet Channel: not rest of 7N29Y for reasons described on slide 10.
- CCWD believes the remaining sites, roads, and trails should not be included in RR-1 for the reasons described on next 3 slides.



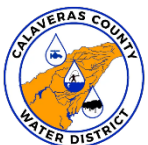
- “7N29Y” – Shared-Use Road. Provides access to Project’s outlet channel and then to non-Project STF areas including Summit Lake, Utica and Union reservoirs, and Elephant Rock Trailhead.
- “7N55Y” – Not used to access Project facilities or for Project routine maintenance or operations.
- “7N017 – TH to Wheats Mdw” - Not used to access Project facilities or for Project routine maintenance or operations.
- “Below Spicer Dam (End of 7N01)” – Not used to access Project facilities or for Project routine maintenance or operations. Provides access to non-Project areas.
- “18E05 - TH also connector at Spicer Rd” - Not used to access Project facilities or for Project routine maintenance or operations.



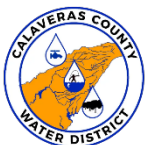
- “6N29Y” – Not used to access Project facilities or for Project routine maintenance or operations.
- “18EV295” – CCWD was unable to locate this road segment.
- “7N17” – Shared-Use Road. Provides access to Project’s NFDD area and then to non-Project Utica and Union reservoirs, and STF Slick Rock OHV Trail/Trailhead.
- “Spicer Rd – 7N77” – Not used to access Project facilities or for Project routine maintenance or operations.
- “Spicer RD - Bloods Creek” - Not used to access Project facilities or for Project routine maintenance or operations.
- “Stanislaus River Campground/Crossing” – Not a Project recreation facility: constructed, maintained and operated by STF.



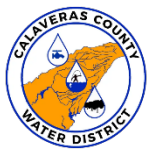
- “Spicer Rd at Hwy 4 Recreation” (SnoPark) – Not a Project recreation facility: constructed, maintained, and operated by STF.
- “Spicer Rd from Hwy 4 Spicer” – Shared-Use Road. Provides access to Spicer and non-Project Utica and Union reservoirs and STF.
- “7N49Y/7N38” - Not used to access Project facilities or for Project routine maintenance or operations.



- Outstanding Study Descriptions
 - AR-4 (Entrainment) – CCWD plans to issue a revised version for review.
 - AR-5 (Instream Flow) – CCWD posted a revised version on 9/8 and requested additional comments by 9/22.
 - AR-7 (Amphibian VES) – CCWD and CDFW to meet to resolve YOTO survey timing.
- Filing of NOI, PAD, and TLP Request
 - CCWD is targeting filing for 9/29/26. CCWD will send an e-mail advising stakeholders of the filing and making the documents available.



➤ Review Action Items



Thank You and Adjourn

<https://www.ccwd.org/p-2409-relicense-homepage>



Virtual Meeting Attendees

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Todd Newburger	USFS
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Randy Bowersox	GFT - consultant to CCWD
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Stan Dodson	CSERC
Summer Nicotero	Tri-Dam
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