



Meeting Brief: Ad Hoc Committee

Meeting held May 20, 2019

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Overview

The Ad Hoc Committee focused discussion on potentially developing a collaborative Notice of Intent (NOI) as part of the the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing process, and the implications of a recent [planning agreement](#) among three Committee member organizations to collaboratively conduct a feasibility study of a potential licensing proposal.

The three signatories, CalTrout, Mendocino County Inland Water Power Commission (IWPC), and Sonoma Water (“signatories”), oriented the Committee to the planning agreement, providing background for developing it within the short FERC timelines and overall intent to collaborate with other stakeholders. The Committee recommended edits to the planning agreement, including clearer alignment with the PVP Ad Hoc Committee [two-basin solution goals](#) while also retaining objectives important to the signatories (e.g., reliance on best available science):

Recommended Edits

- Replace Planning Agreement objectives (1) and (2) with the Ad Hoc Committee’s co-equal goals.
- Retain Planning Agreement objectives (3) through (8).
- Include an addendum with the full list of the Ad Hoc Committee’s goals.
- Modify Agreement item #12 (page 5 of 6) to convey the signatories will also support the Ad Hoc Committee goals (which will be included in the agreement as an addendum).

Per these edits, Committee members support the planning agreement. Signatories indicated these edits are minor and do not alter the intent of the agreement. Final approval from all of the signatories’ boards may take time, but can move forward independently of the signatories’ work to complete the NOI package.

Signatories emphasized that they welcome other stakeholders to support and participate in implementing the planning agreement; however, they need to move forward immediately with developing the NOI package to FERC by June 28. Signatories are reaching out to stakeholders to determine their interest to participate; likewise, stakeholders are encouraged to proactively engage the signatories to express their interest. The signatories will also contact FERC to address questions, including how might they reference the PG&E’s Pre-Application Document (PAD) as part of the NOI package.

The Ad Hoc Committee decided to hold another meeting on June 17 to review a draft NOI outline and discuss the Ad Hoc Committee process going forward (e.g., how the Committee could interact with the signatories' work and consider aligning the Ad Hoc charter with the planning agreement's objectives).

Action Items

Assignee	Task
PG&E	Provide signatories with an editable version of the 2017 PAD.
CalTrout	Edit the planning agreement per Ad Hoc discussion
Signatories	Circulate revised planning agreement with respective boards for approval.
Signatories	Contact Committee member organizations to determine how they might want to participate in planning agreement implementation.
Ad Hoc Members	Proactively engage signatories as soon as possible if interested in becoming a signatory to the planning agreement.
Signatories	Contact FERC for clarification on the NOI package (e.g., referencing PG&E's 2017 PAD).