



BAKER RIVER PROJECT LICENSE IMPLEMENTATION

Terrestrial Resources Implementation Group Technical Meeting

June 4th, 2009 (9:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

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AGENDA

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| 1. Review notes/agenda/action items from May 7th, 2009 meeting. |
| 2. Review recent BRCC meeting activities and New License review/issues. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• License/BRCC update• Review TRIG Norms - Tony• TRIG budget – Kim and Tony |
| 3. Decisions Required at Today's Meeting: Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Decision Item #1: Does the TRIG formally adopt certain decisions made in previous interim meetings, specifically those discussed at today's meeting? (Agree to list prior to decision)2. Decision Item #2: Should PSE proceed (based on price limits, schedule, and terms of negotiation set by TRIG) to negotiate and make an offer to acquire property <u>Y</u> as previously identified by the TRIG to satisfy part of the land acquisition for Article 503 (Elk Habitat)?<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please Designate Proxy to express your view if you cannot attend. |
| 4. Land Acquisition Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Property Y Update, Alternate properties list – Ira and Tony• Report on “new” alternative property - Ira• Discussion regarding the assets and liabilities on acquired lands – Cary and Marty |
| 5. TRMP plans update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review updated TRMP implementation schedule - Marty• Potential for request for filing extensions – Cary• Updates on plans (BE management plans, other TRMP plans) – Haley, Tony, Kathy, Mel, Marty |
| 6. Loon/Osprey Implementation Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progress - Haley |
| 7. Aquatic Riparian Habitat Working Group (Article 505) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting update, status of Plan - Tony |
| 8. Evaluate meeting, set location (WDFW Mill Creek) and agenda for next meeting (July 2nd, 2009) |



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