



January 14, 2015

To: Tulloch Reservoir Property Owners' Distribution List

**Subject: Tulloch Hydroelectric Project
FERC Project No. 2067-040
Request for Comments on Draft Revised Tulloch Reservoir Shoreline
Management Plan by February 15, 2015**

Dear Tulloch Owner:

As a landowner on Tulloch Reservoir, I am sure you are very interested in the management of the reservoir, and especially the shoreline. This letter is written to bring you up to speed on the important process of revising the 2002 Tulloch Reservoir Shoreline Management Plan (SMP), and to solicit your input.

As background, in 2006 the Tri-Dam Project received from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) a new 40-year license for the Tulloch Hydroelectric Project, which includes Tulloch Reservoir. The adoption of the license in 2006 included adoption of the 2002 Tulloch SMP. The license also required Tri-Dam to update the SMP, to include many of the other study documents and reservoir protection plans that were also a part of the license process. Last year, FERC directed the Tri-Dam Project to file by May 2015 a revised SMP for FERC approval. The Tri-Dam Project retained HDR Engineering, Inc. to assist it in the process of revising the SMP.

An SMP provides to the Tri-Dam Project, like other reservoir operators, the authority to grant permission - without having to first obtain FERC's permission - for certain activities on and surrounding Tulloch Reservoir. These include activities, such as constructing boat docks or bulkheads, which have a potential to affect the FERC-licensed uses of the reservoir, and focus on the area within the 515-foot elevation contour around the reservoir, which is about 5 feet above the normal high water line. FERC requires that all licensees with shoreline development have an SMP setting forth the rules and regulations that apply to shoreline activities. It is important to recognize that, even with the Tri-Dam Project's permission, the proposer of the activity still needs to obtain all necessary federal, state and local agency permits and approvals for the activity. The 2002 SMP can be found on Tri-Dam Project's Website at <http://tridamproject.com/tulloch.aspx> (refer to the file named "*FERC Adopted Tulloch Shoreline Management Plan*").

The first step in revising the SMP was to prepare a draft revised SMP and provide it for comment to agencies, counties and others with whom FERC specifically says the Tri-Dam Project must consult whenever it revises the SMP. HDR provided the draft plan to them on December 31, 2014. A copy of the draft revised SMP is on Tri-Dam Project's Website at www.tridamproject.com.

The next step, which is not required by FERC but initiated by Tri-Dam, is this outreach to you and other local landowners to solicit your input into the SMP revision. Specifically, if you have comments regarding the draft revised SMP, please provide them to me via e-mail at jim.lynch@hdrinc.com and copy on the e-mail slarson@tridamproject.com or by U.S. mail addressed to Jim Lynch, HDR, 2379 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95833-4240. I will provide a copy of your hardcopy comments to the Tri-Dam Project.

We'd appreciate any comments by February 15, 2015, so we can review them and address them in the next version of the revised plan.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this Tulloch Reservoir SMP revision process. If you have any questions regarding the plan or process or if you have any difficulty in obtaining the draft revised SMP from the Tri-Dam Project's Website, please contact either Susan Larson or me. My e-mail address is above or you can call me at (916) 679-8740. Susan Larson's e-mail address is also above or you can call her at (209) 785-3838. We will do our best to assist you.

Sincerely,



Jim Lynch
HDR Engineering, Inc.

cc: Susan Larson, Tri-Dam Project