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Attachments: [River Conservation and Hydro Infrastructure Recommendations 4-23-21.pdf](#)
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Hello Steering Committee and Working Group Participants,

I am writing to provide some Working Group (WG) updates from the month of April.

- **WG7 Policy, Strategy and Implementation of the 3 R's (Rehabilitation, Retrofit, and Removal):** Since the WG7 Infrastructure Document (attached) was circulated to Congressional, White House and Agency staff a couple weeks ago, WG7 established a Legislative and Communications Outreach Team to schedule briefings and to conduct and execute an outreach strategy. The Leg and Comms Team has developed the attached two-

pager and key messages documents to aid in their outreach. As of today, there is strong interest from many Congressional contacts and the group is beginning to schedule and meet with staff. The Comms Team has strongly recommended initial outreach to key reporters to generate interest in coverage. The Comms Team is initiating press outreach and coordinating with the Leg Team. Here are a couple things to note:

- All SC members who signed on in support of the WG Infrastructure Document are invited to all of the Congressional meetings.
 - The Leg and Comms Team discussed the fact that individual organizations have regular one-on-one conversations with legislative contacts. We are setting up a meeting log to track meetings and key outcomes, and are scheduling standing Leg and Comms Team meetings.
 - One of the potential outcomes of the Congressional meetings may be the request to draft or review legislative language related to the 3 R's.
 - We will keep the full Steering Committee (SC) apprised of key development from these meetings as well as next steps.
- **WG6 Improve Federal Hydropower Licensing, Relicensing, and License Surrender Processes:** The WG6 Drafting Team is meeting regularly (several times/week) – discussing and editing sections of the Federal Power Act. This draft legislative language is known as the “Rocket Docket” which will go to WG6 and the SC for review and sign-on within the next few weeks. Similar to WG7, once finalized, the Rocket Docket will be socialized and shared externally to Congressional, White House and Agency contacts. Then, WG6 will shift focus to longer-term, regulatory topics.
 - **WG 4 Improve the Measurement, Valuation of and Compensation for Hydropower Flexibility and Reliability Services and Support for Enhanced Environmental Performance:**
 - **Enhance Environmental Performance (EEP) Subcommittee:** The EEP Subcommittee is meeting twice this week – today/Monday, May 3rd and Thursday, May 6th – to continue working on draft legislative text on tax incentives and to further discuss Clean Energy Standards.
 - **Grid Valuation Subcommittee:** We are in the process of re-affirming Co-Chairs of this Subcommittee and think the Subcommittee will meet again in late May/early June.
 - **Power Evaluation Tool (PET) Subcommittee:** The Co-Chairs and Lab staff from Idaho National Laboratory are coordinating with the Placer County Water Agency on modeling requirements and how to separate the PET tool from the water operations model. The Subcommittee will likely meet again in late June.
 - **WG Cross-Sharing:** As we anticipated early on in Phase II, topics of overlap have started to, and will continue to, arise across the various WGs. To encourage cross-sharing and collaboration, we recommend you reach out to the WG Co-Chairs (list attached) if you would like to raise a topic or gain a better understanding of how and where it is being addressed (or how and where it should be addressed). Please also feel free to come directly to the Facilitation Team (krugani@kearnswest.com; awest@kearnswest.com) as well.
 - **Next Steps:**
 - **Convening the Remaining WGs:** Dan Reicher and the Facilitation Team are meeting with the Co-Chairs of WGs 1 (Technology), 2 (Dam Safety) and 3/5 (Basin-Scale Decision-Making and Offsite Mitigation) in the next couple of weeks to discuss timing and sequencing of convening these WGs. The Planning Group of the SC will also be reviewing current membership lists to identify and address any gaps.

- **Scheduling Next SC Meeting:** We will be following up with the SC next week with a Doodle Poll to schedule our next meeting for early June.
- **Database:** The current contact database is available on SharePoint [here](#). Please feel free to reach out if any contacts are missing or need to be updated.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions!

Thanks,
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