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Attachments: [Final Merced River Hydro Study Nov 1-2017 Meeting Agenda.pdf](#)

Dear MRP PA/Sugar Pine Bridge consulting partners:

This week there is another information sharing session on the findings for the hydrological study of the Merced River including the Sugar Pine Bridge. Although many of you have indicated that you will not be able to attend this meeting, the session will be recorded and the link for that future recording is referenced in the message below.

For those of you participating via webinar, please register early at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5049972630293470722>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. The agenda should be attached as file (below).

If possible, please RSVP by close of business Monday, October 30, to LeeAnn Nguyen at lnguyen@ccp.csus.edu or at 916-445-2079 so they know how many people to plan for.

Additional details are provided in the message and attachment below. Please feel free to call with any questions.

Many thanks

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From: **DuPraw, Marcelle Elise** <mdupraw@ccp.csus.edu>
Date: Thu, Oct 26, 2017 at 4:18 PM
Subject: Agenda and Logistics for Nov. 1 Meeting on Merced River Study (Sacramento)
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Greetings – My name is Marci DuPraw; I will be the facilitator for the November 1, 2017, stakeholder meeting where we will discuss progress on a cooperative study related to restoration of the Merced River in Yosemite Valley and invite your input on next steps. I hope you will be able to attend. Please find the agenda attached.

Meeting Objectives -- The objectives of this meeting are to:

- Develop a shared understanding of the river study findings to date; and
- Cooperatively develop criteria for evaluating mitigation measures designed to reduce the hydrological and geomorphic impacts of Sugar Pine Bridge.

Context – This study is a cooperative effort, whose lead cooperators are the National Park Service and the University of California, Santa Barbara. The study’s overarching goal is to preserve and restore the outstanding values of the Merced River on its Yosemite Valley reach. The origins of this study lie in the Merced River Plan, which says:

“... Sugar Pine Bridge – Retain Sugar Pine Bridge in place for the immediate future. To address the localized impacts that have been attributed to Sugar Pine Bridge, the NPS will initiate a study to assess the merits of various long-term bridge management strategies. The study will first assess the nature and extent of impacts associated with the bridge and then identify and test potential mitigation measures. If mitigation measures fail to meet defined criteria for success, consideration of bridge removal would involve a public review process and additional environmental compliance. As a first step, an evaluation of baseline conditions over an adequate range of flow conditions (including peak flows equal to or exceeding the two year flood) would be conducted. During this time, specifications for the installation of mitigation measures would be developed. The primary outcomes of this step would be: 1) the evaluation of scientific questions related to the impacts of the bridge; 2) a list of measurable attributes that quantify impacts, as well as thresholds (criteria) for those attributes that define mitigation success; and 3) the subsequent identification of potential mitigation measures and their general specifications. The investigation would then center on installing and evaluating mitigation measures...” (MSRP, pp. 8-214 to 8-215).

At earlier stakeholder meetings, participants have discussed data collection and analysis. We are now ready to share emerging findings.

Location, Parking, and Arrival Time -- The meeting will take place in Sacramento, at the offices of the Center for Collaborative Policy (815 S Street, 1st Floor). Parking at this location is of the metered, curbside variety. While the meeting begins at 1:00 pm, we encourage you to arrive by 12:40 pm in order to find a parking spot, walk back, and get settled in time for the meeting to begin promptly at 1:00 pm.

Remote Participation Option -- Please feel free to participate in this meeting either in person or by webinar. Webinar participation will be interactive; the facilitator will provide for comments and questions from remote participants in equal fashion with the in-person participants.

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Where to Find Meeting Summary and Recording -- If you are unable to attend, you will be able to access the meeting summary and webinar recording at: <https://www.nps.gov/yose/learn/nature/mercedriverrestoration.htm>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (contact information below) or the Project Manager, Dr. Greg Stock (National Park Service) at (209) 379-1420 or greg_stock@nps.gov.

Very best regards on behalf of the Project Team,

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