

IOWA HILL JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC COMMENT TRACKING SPREADSHEET - IHJAC (adopted as of 08/09/2007)

ITEM #	COMMENT CATEGORY	COMMENT / BY WHOM / DATE	SCOPING MITIGATION MEASURE	STATUS OF COMMENT	COMMENT RESOLUTION
1	Noise	Establish a noise hotline.	Technical Report Potential Mitigation #1. Required as part of Settlement Agreement. SMUD should broaden the Project Hotline to address all issues arising during project construction.	Recommend	
2	Noise	Assign a responsible person to investigate and resolve all noise complaints.	Technical Report Potential Mitigation #2. Included and recommended by SMUD in the technical report. SMUD should have a Compliance Officer who addresses all concerns during project construction.	Recommend	
3	Noise	Schedule noisy construction during the hours of 7:00AM to 7:00PM, Monday thru Friday.	Technical Report Potential Mitigation #3 Included and recommended by SMUD in the technical report. SMUD should limit surface construction within the hours of sunrise to sunset.	Recommend	
4	Noise	Monitor all blasting activities using vibration monitoring at appropriate sites.	Technical Report Potential Mitigation #4. Included and recommended by SMUD in the technical report.	Recommend	
5	Noise	Conduct pre-construction environmental surveys and establish buffers as necessary.	Technical Report Potential Mitigation #5. Included and recommended by SMUD in the technical report.	Recommend	<i>Should include access and egress routes.</i>

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6	Noise	Incorporate noise attenuation to ensure that operating noise levels from the project do not exceed 35 dBA at the nearest residence.	Technical Report Potential Operational Mitigation. Included and recommended by SMUD in the technical report.	Recommend	
7	Noise	Install noise hotline, person responsible to address complaints, limit vehicle idling, provide notice for noisy activities within 0.5 miles of project boundary.	UARP Settlement Agreement Required as part of Settlement Agreement (see Item #1). SMUD should broaden to include a Project Hotline and a responsible Compliance Officer during construction. Notification should be expanded to keep people informed of what to expect.	Recommend	
8	Noise	What mitigations will there be on noise that is not near the site (heavy equipment during construction, etc). Propose curtailing 7:00AM to 7:00PM for operating hours for noise mitigation	Technical Report Potential Operational Mitigation SMUD should require noisy work, including blasting to occur during established daytime hours. Use noise barriers as appropriate.	Recommend	
9	Noise	Concern about frequency of blasting: legal versus quality-of-life issues	SMUD should require noisy work, including blasting to occur during established daytime hours.	Recommend	

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11	Noise	Possibility of a monthly noise report to board of supervisors and financial penalty for exceedances	Recommend reporting be provided to all regulatory agencies as required, with periodic status report to EDC Board of Supervisors and posting on Web site, including progress updates.	Recommend	
6a	Noise	Noise concerns during operation of project	Refer to Item #6 above.	Recommend	
13	Noise	If work stops at 7:00 PM, travel continues well beyond that time due to workers going home.	To be addressed in Transportation Plan. Refer to Item #20.	Recommend	
20	Noise	Need better analysis of transportation noise in Camino/N. Canyon	Should be addressed in transportation plan. Possible recommendations: - Limit speed on Cable Road - Use shuttle buses or vans - Properly maintain equipment. - Large trucks should be limited to travel within the 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM according to the Transportation Plan recommendations.	Recommend	<i>This should apply regardless of the route(s) finally selected.</i>

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21	Noise	Hours of operation on federal holidays and weekends are unacceptable	SMUD should require that hours of operation for noisy work be established in construction plan and limited to 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM, Monday - Friday. Holidays, special events and weekends should be treated separately from the work week. EDC and/or organizing party should provide 60-day notification to SMUD for special events whenever possible.	Recommend	
22	Noise		SMUD should monitor noise compliance during all construction operations at designated monitoring points, including monitoring points south of the project. Construction operations not in compliance should be halted and required to come into compliance (see Items 1, 2, & 7 above). Penalties should be imposed as required by agency having jurisdiction.	Recommend	

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23	Noise	Impacts to young and elderly	SMUD should monitor noise compliance during all construction operations and limited to 7:00AM - 7:00PM, Monday - Friday. Construction operations not in compliance should be halted and required to come into compliance. (Refer to Item #22)	Recommend	
25	Noise	Better communicate noise impact potential to community	IHJAC and subcommittees have been established to keep open lines of communication. Refer to Item #11. SMUD should adopt an additional notificatoin process to accommodate changes in project footprint and/or transportation routes.	Recommend	
26	Noise	How will public reporting/access be conducted?	SMUD should provide reporting to all regulatory agencies as required (see Item #11 & #25).	Recommend	
27	Noise	Increase penalties for noise exceedances – shutdowns for 1-2 weeks?	SMUD should monitor compliance as part of the construction noise minimization plan. Work stoppages for construction work not in compliance should be included. (Refer to Items #22 & #25)	Recommend	

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29	Noise	Determine ability to obtain noise level reference for Camino Mill as comparison data for Iowa Hill operating noise levels.	SMUD should obtain supplemental noise data as available.	Recommend	
31	Noise	Consider offering a field trip to Loon Lake Powerhouse site for practical comparison of underground facility operating noise levels.	SMUD should offer a video tour of the powerhouse and a tour of the above-ground area.	Recommend	
32	Noise	Determine ability to schedule construction activities with the most noise levels at mid-day times.	SMUD should limit noisy operations like blasting to daytime hours. 7:00AM to 7:00 PM, Monday - Friday. (Refer to Item #11)	Recommend	
33	Noise	Determine if it is feasible to schedule blasting operations at prescribed times.	SMUD should limit noisy operations like blasting to daytime hours. 7:00AM to 7:00 PM. Muffle above-ground blasting. (Refer to Item #11)	Recommend	
34	Noise	Collect noise data on blasting operations when additional geotechnical data is collected prior to construction.	If blasting work is performed during the supplemental geotechnical work prior to construction SMUD should record it, and provide prior public notice.	Recommend	
35	Noise	Define process for independent monitoring and compliance of noise mitigation requirements.	SMUD should include as part of a construction noise control specification (see Item #1, 2, & 11 above).	Recommend	

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36	Noise	Assure construction contracts are written with accountability for noise compliance by the contractors.	SMUD should include as part of a construction noise control specification.	Recommend	
37	Noise	Consider ability to "muffle" the noise of blasting to reduce noise impacts (e.g., blast blankets, backfill, etc.).	SMUD should include as part of a construction noise control specification.	Recommend	
38	Noise	Consider having a video available for public viewing of similar blasting techniques as those that will be used at Iowa Hill.	SMUD should investigate the source of a video.	Recommend	
41	Noise	What about noise pollution after the Project?	Operation should be much less noisy than during construction. Occasional maintenance should occur underground. (Refer to Item #6)	Recommend	
42	Noise	Is SMUD planning or would SMUD support putting seismic reading equipment at a few locations to record the impact of blasting?	SMUD should use seismic monitoring at appropriate sites during blasting operations. (Refer to Item #4)	Recommend	
43	Noise	Commitment to abide by EDC General Plan noise limits.	SMUD should provide written confirmation of commitment.	Recommend	
45	Noise	Pre-notification of blasting operations to residents.	SMUD should provide process for notifying local residents of blasting operations. (Refer to Items #11 & #25)	Recommend	

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46	Noise	Impacts to underground water and wells.	SMUD should have geotechnical consultant meet with residents in the immediate area. Socioeconomic Subcommittee should address this issue as well.	Recommend	
47	Noise	If chipping is used to clear brush/timber, how will noise impacts be addressed?	SMUD should include as part of a construction noise control specification.	Recommend	This is a comment that was brought up in the Visual Subcommittee (Item #20 on Visual matrix).
10	Noise	Just because the noise meets the levels specified by the General Plan does not mean that it is low enough for the community. Suggest bringing in specialists for further evaluation	Mark Bastach from CH2MHill attended the meeting of Noise Subcommittee on 3/16/07, and on 5/22/07.	COMPLETED	
14	Noise	Subcommittee has to come up with mitigations prior to the plan being completed.	In progress. Noise matrix will be input to CEQA process and noise mitigation plans.	COMPLETED	
15	Noise	Concerns over process – who decides which mitigation measures are accepted	This is input to the CEQA process which the SMUD Board will decide on.	COMPLETED	
16	Noise	Are there sufficient data on the ambient conditions – such that the model isn't underestimating the cumulative effect	Yes, Mark Bastach from CH2MHill attended two subcommittee meetings to address.	COMPLETED	
17	Noise	Are there cumulative noise measurements/evaluations that have been made	Yes, Mark Bastach from CH2MHill attended two subcommittee meetings to address.	COMPLETED	

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18	Noise	How do prevailing winds figure into the noise analysis/modeling	Yes, Mark Bastach from CH2MHill attended two subcommittee meetings to address.	COMPLETED	
19	Noise	Were weather conditions considered, if so, how?	Yes, Mark Bastach from CH2MHill attended two subcommittee meetings to address.	COMPLETED	
24	Noise	Impacts to folks living within the "blue" area (project footprint)	There are no residences within the project boundary.	COMPLETED	
30	Noise	Determine ability to obtain operating noise data from PG&E's Helms Pumped-storage Project.	PG&E is not able to allow tours. - Video of construction of Helms is available	COMPLETED	
40	Noise	Have noise consultant available to present noise background information to the IHJAC when the Noise Subcommittee presents its results.	Recommend that SMUD schedule Mark Bastach from CH2MHill to attend the meeting.	COMPLETED	
44	Noise	Validation of Noise Model.	ISO Standards being utilized.	COMPLETED	