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Uncommon Dialogue -- regarding Research to Inform the Hydropower Relicensing Process

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I'm following up on a verbal comment in the Dec 21 workshop regarding the Stanford University Uncommon Dialogue on Hydropower, River Restoration, and Public Safety. Since 2018, the Uncommon Dialogue has brought together a wide range of stakeholders â€” including the hydropower industry, conservation NGOs, tribes, and state and federal agencies â€” to advance the renewable energy and storage benefits of hydropower while enhancing the environmental and economic benefits of healthy rivers. Participants include many national experts on topics including the hydropower licensing process and mitigation of environmental impacts. (more info here: <https://woods.stanford.edu/research/hydropower-home>)

I am a director in the hydropower practice at Kearns & West, a facilitation and stakeholder engagement firm based in San Francisco. We facilitate the Uncommon Dialogue and would be eager to share more information about the project or help to convene expert stakeholders to provide input on this important CEC research effort.

Best regards,
Jim Downing