



US Hydropower Update

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US Hydropower Meets with the Nature Conservancy

US Hydropower met with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Washington DC, and met with their local office in Guatemala City, February 1st to discuss potential areas of collaboration in key emerging markets. The small hydropower projects US Hydropower is working to promote in Guatemala will provide many benefits to promote reforestation and maintain many of the forests the TNC is trying to protect. US Hydropower will be working to expand collaboration with TNC in Guatemala and other key markets over the coming months.

Follow up on Asia Pacific Partnership (APP) Meeting in Sydney

US Hydropower has worked over the last several months to ensure that hydropower is part of the White House's APP initiative. Through the APP initiative, the US will collaborate with India, China, Korea, Japan, and Australia in an effort to reduce carbon. In mid January, Dr. Malek from MWH attended APP meetings in Sydney on behalf of US Hydropower and MWH to launch the initiative. In India and China alone more than 100,000 MW of hydropower capacity is being planned to meet future generation needs. In addition, more than 25,000 MW of rehabilitation projects exist. US Hydropower has also participated in roundtable discussions with US Department of Energy, US Department of State, and the US Department of Commerce on the initiative in recent weeks.

US Hydropower meets with Secretary Rice on Asia Pacific Partnership

US Hydropower was asked to participate in a Roundtable discussion and luncheon at the State Department with Secretary of State Rice, the Deputy Secretary, and assistant Secretaries along with CEO's from the Cement, Aluminum industries, and American Electric Power, on February 9th to discuss opportunities for hydropower as part of the Asia Pacific Partnership (APP) initiative. The White House and USEXIM Bank also attended. The administration is planning another round of meetings with representatives from the public and private sectors from participating countries in Berkley, CA, in Spring.

Follow up on US Hydropower Meetings in Guatemala

US Hydropower and representatives from several member companies traveled to Guatemala the week of January 30th to conduct meetings on hydropower development opportunities. US Hydropower has significantly increased program activity, adding a US Hydropower Guatemalan Program Manager. Recent program activities in Guatemala include working to identify projects for US Hydropower member investors with Anacafe (national coffee growers' association) and representatives from INDE, the national utility, on a small hydropower program. US Hydropower has been providing support to Anacafe and INDE to help prioritize projects for investment, and also with regulatory framework and methodology for energy pricing to support this new small hydropower program.

During the visit the delegation met with the Presidential House, the US Ambassador, head of the USAID Mission, the USTDA delegation, INDE, the national utility, the Minister of Energy, leadership from the municipal government organization. The US Hydropower delegation also met with the President's Council on Competitiveness, Anacafe, and representatives from a potential project. Guatemala's potential for small hydropower is estimated at approximately 5,000 MW. INDE and the Guatemalan government have committed themselves to developing a minimum of 300 MW in the first two years of this program and 1,000 MWs within the next five years. Follow up meetings are being set up in April, please let us know if you would like to participate.

US Hydropower Works with the Bush Administration to Prepare Joint Statement for President Bush's Visit to India

US Hydropower has been working with the US Department of Energy and US Department of Commerce on a joint statement which would be signed by President Bush and the Prime Minister of India during President Bush's visit to India which is scheduled for March. The statement would reflect a commitment by the US and India to collaborate on Greenfield and rehabilitation hydropower projects. This is a unique opportunity to highlight the great opportunity that exists for hydropower in India.

Please check our website for up to date information on program and lobbying activities at www.us-hydropower.org Your comments or requests for more information are welcome. Please contact US Hydropower's Director of Trade Promotion, Debby Stone at 202.383.2536 or by Email: debby@us-hydropower.org

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