



Public Comments Being Accepted on the SJRRP's Seepage Monitoring Thresholds January 10, 2012

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) issued a Water Right Order (Order) dated September 30, 2011, that allowed the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP) to release Interim Flows for Water Year 2012. Condition 7 in the Order requires Reclamation to "... publish ... well locations, monitoring/buffer groundwater thresholds, and proposed process for development of and updates to action thresholds on the SJRRP website by January 10, 2012 for public review and comment" The Order also requires Reclamation to post the plans and timelines for installation of any new monitoring wells.

Consistent with Condition 7 of the Order, Reclamation is making available the following seepage management information for public comment and review:

- Groundwater Thresholds: Appendix H to the Seepage Management Plan was published on the SJRRP website on March 28, 2011. This document includes monitoring thresholds to identify groundwater levels of concern and buffer zones to add a safety factor for protecting crop root zones. It also includes the proposed process for development of and updates to action thresholds. The thresholds were developed in coordination with the Seepage and Conveyance Technical Feedback Group and have not changed since the March 28, 2011 version of the Seepage Management Plan. Appendix H of the Seepage Management Plan can be found at: <http://www.restoresjr.net/flows/Groundwater/index.html>.
- Current Well Locations: Current well locations are published on the website in the Monitoring Well Atlas that is available along with the Seepage Management Plan at www.restoresjr.net/flows/groundwater/groundwater.html.

Comments should be submitted to Katrina Harrison at kharrison@usbr.gov by January 30, 2012. Reclamation will prepare written responses to all comments received and will post the responses and then-current thresholds on the SJRRP website by March 1, 2012.

Reclamation installed 35 additional monitoring wells in 2011. Locations of these wells are provided in the Monitoring Well Atlas, which can be found at the link above.

At this time, Reclamation does not have plans to install additional monitoring wells in 2012. However, as additional information becomes available, or if landowners identify areas of concern that are not covered by existing monitoring well network, Reclamation may install additional monitoring wells. In this case, we will provide locations and timelines on our website as new plans are made.

SEEPAGE HOTLINE NUMBER!
CALL US AT 916-978-4398 IF YOU SEE OR ANTICIAPTE SEEPAGE PROBLEMS.

**To track the flows and view current flow and groundwater monitoring data,
visit the SJRRP Web site at www.restoresjr.net/activities/iff/index.html.**