



Public Comments Being Accepted on the SJRRP's Seepage Monitoring Thresholds January 10, 2014

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) issued an Order Approving Change and Instream Flow Dedication (Order) dated October 21 2013, that allowed the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP) to release Interim and Restoration Flows. 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, 2014 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: An updated Appendix H to the Seepage Management Plan was published on the SJRRP website on March 26, 2013. 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. 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 in the Monitoring Well Atlas that is available at www.restoresjr.net/flows/groundwater/index.html.
- Proposed Well Locations: Reclamation plans to install 7 monitoring wells in 2014. A memo describing these locations and estimated timelines for installation is available on the website here: www.restoresjr.net/flows/groundwater/index.html. As additional information becomes available Reclamation may install additional monitoring wells. In this case, we will provide locations and timelines on our website as new plans are made.

Comments should be submitted to Katrina Harrison at kharrison@usbr.gov by January 30, 2014. 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, 2014.

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