



Meeting Notes

Water Management Technical Feedback

Friday, April 18, 2014

Visalia Convention Center, Visalia, CA

Attendees

Mario Manzo, Reclamation
Erika Kegal, Reclamation
Don Portz, Reclamation
Erin Rice, Reclamation
Joshua Biggs, MWH
Steve Ottemoeller, FWA
Eric Quinley, FWA
Bill Luce, FWA
Dale West, SCID
Tom Weddle, IID/EID
Mike Hagman, LID
Dana Munn, SWID

Laurence Kimura, FID
Paul Hendrix, TID
Dale Brogan, DEID
Sean Geivet, PID/SID/TBID
Tom Boardman, SLDMWA
Bill Swanson, MWH
Dan Vink, LTRID
Dave Fullerton, MWD
Dick Moss, P&P
John Roldan, MWH

On the phone/webinar:

Rufino Gonzalez, Reclamation
Jessica Fontaine, Reclamation
Tom Johnson, Restoration Administrator
Peter Vorster, TBI
Steve Collup, AEWSD
Jeevan Muhar, AEWSD
Doug Welch, CWD
Peter Rietkerk, Patterson ID
David Weisenberger, Banta-Carbona ID

Ben Swann, CDM Smith
Carolyn Yale, Public
Regina Story, UC Davis

Next Meetings

July 18, 2014, in Sacramento, CA
September 19, 2014, in Visalia, CA
November 21, 2014, in Visalia, CA

Comments on Recent Meeting Notes

None.

Water Supply Briefing

Rufino Gonzalez from the South Central California Area Office provided a briefing on the current water supply conditions in the Friant Division.

Restoration Flow Releases

Mario Manzo provided an update on the status of the Unreleased Restoration Flows (URFs) from February. Reclamation is currently working with the Friant Contractors to sell the URFs and schedule deliveries. The group had questions about the procedures for making URFs available. These questions were deferred to the Restoration Flow Guidelines working group.

Restoration Flow Guidelines

Mario Manzo informed the group that the first draft of the Restoration Flow Guidelines was completed at the end of 2013, and provided a general overview of the document.

Recapture / Recirculation

Erika Kegel provided an overview of the 2013 recapture and recirculation program. The group questioned how much Recirculation Water was actually returned to the Friant service area. Based on current reporting requirements it is very difficult to determine this amount. Mario Manzo distributed the 2012 Post-Mortem of the Recapture and Recirculation Program and noted that this document contains recommendations to improve the program in future years, including a requirement to report on Recirculation Water returned to the Friant service area.

Investment Strategy

Bill Swanson announced that the Administrative Draft of the Investment Strategy had been released and reviewed the current Priority Project list and next steps in the study process. The group questioned whether it was too late to introduce a project for consideration. Bill informed the group that the process is dynamic and new projects can be introduced at any time. Bill did caution that as the projects on the current Priority Project list are developed further, it will be the project proponent's responsibility to bring a new project to the same level of detail for comparison purposes. The Investment Strategy is intended to establish a set of criteria and a process for evaluating current and new projects in accordance with these criteria.

Part III

Erika Kegel provided an update on the Friant-Kern Canal Capacity Restoration, Madera Canal Capacity Restoration, and the Friant-Kern Canal Reverse Flow Pump-Back projects. Erin Rice discussed the status of the groundwater projects that received the initial funding awarded under Part III Financial Assistance for Local Projects.

Lecture Series: Fish in a Barrel

Don Portz reported on previous trapping and monitoring efforts of adult and juvenile Chinook salmon in the San Joaquin River.

Public Comment

None.

-Meeting Adjourned-