



Meeting Notes

Water Management Technical Feedback

Friday April 12, 2013

Lamp Liter Inn, Visalia, CA

Attendees

John Netto, USFWS
Steve Dalke, KTWD
Laurence Kimura, FID
William West, SCID
Tom Weddle, EID/IID
Dan Vink, LTRID
Steve Ottemoeller, FWA
Tom Boardman, SLDMWA
Ken Swanson, SLDMWA
Moses Prieto, Reclamation
George Bushard, Reclamation
Ed Salazar, Reclamation

Bill Luce, FWA
Fergus Morrissey, OCID
Michael Hagman, LID
Ron Jacobsma, FWA
Eric Quinley, FWA
Paul Hendrix, TID
Dale Brogan, DEID
Sean Geivet, PID/SID/TBID
Mario Manzo, Reclamation
Dick Moss, Provost & Pritchard
John Roldan, MWH
Evan Perez, MWH

On the phone:

Peter Vorster, TBI
Beth Wrege, NOAA
Doug DeFlitch, Reclamation

Next Meetings

Friday, July 19, 2013, at the NRDC Office in San Francisco

Friday, October 18, 2013, in Visalia

Tentatively January 2014, in Reno, NV during the Mid-Pacific Water Users Conference

Comments on Meeting Notes

No comments were made.

Lecture Series

John Netto, USFWS, delivered a presentation on the fishery aspects of the restoration project. Topics presented include:

- Overview of salmon lifecycle and suitability of temperatures and habitat in the San Joaquin River.
- Methods of salmon reintroduction and the methods currently being implemented.
- Current actions being undertaken to meet the Restoration Goal.
- Current constraints to meeting the Restoration Goal.

Water Supply Briefing

Doug DeFlicht provided the current water supply conditions on the San Joaquin River. Discussion included:

- Declaration of 55% Class 1 supply as of April 1, 2013.
- Dry period has been forecasted, which would decrease the supply declaration.

Interim Flow Releases

Mario Manzo reported on the April projections and year-to-date releases from Friant Dam.

- Waiting for the RA flow recommendation.
- Friant feels flows should be limited to the amount that can be recaptured because this will still provide scientific data that will be useful in evaluating temperature impacts.

Recovered Water Account

Mario Manzo discussed the Recovered Water Account (RWA) methodology, balances, and standard operating procedures. Discussion included:

- Standard Operating Procedure has not been a priority due to the dry year conditions.
- A review of the RWA balance will be provided by the next meeting.
- Peter Vorster reported that Arvin-Edison WSD is reviewing the RWA methodology to make sure it is understandable and that Reclamation's model results match Arvin-Edison WSD's model results.

Restoration Flow Guidelines

Mario Manzo discussed the progress of the Restoration Flow Guidelines (RFG) for 2013. Discussion included:

- Scheduled for completion by January 1, 2014.
- Chapter 13(j) is a priority.
- Next RFG meeting will likely be May 1 or 2, 2013.

Recapture & Recirculation

Mario Manzo updated the group on the current Recapture and Recirculation projections. Discussion included:

- An overview of the total volume released and recaptured to date. Approximately 56 percent of the Interim Flow releases have been recaptured, of which nearly 96 percent has been delivered on behalf of the Friant Division long-term contractors.
- Possible ways to exchange the Recaptured water banked in Marvin Meyers' groundwater bank.
- An overview of the projected 2013 Recapture and Recirculation volumes and an overview of the current portfolio of exchange agreements that are in place in the vicinity of Mendota Pool. Friant requested involvement in the development of future exchange agreements.

Investment Strategy

John Roldan discussed the progress in formulating the investment strategy. Discussion included:

- Draft Water Users Technical Memorandum (TM) is scheduled to be released in May 2013.
- Additional Water Users Workshops may be scheduled to review comments and gain additional input after the Draft Water Users TM review period.

Friant-Kern and Madera Canal Capacity Restoration Feasibility Study

Ed Salazar gave updates on the Friant-Kern and Madera Canal Capacity Restoration, including:

- Friant-Kern Canal draft feasibility study is currently available online.
- Geotechnical site investigation is completed for the Friant-Kern Canal and the final report is set to be released on May 13, 2014.
- Schedule for the Friant-Kern Canal was discussed, including the final design in August 2013, and start of construction in December 2013.
- Demonstration projects for the Madera Canal are scheduled for 2013. Demonstrations include 4 different options tested in various sections throughout the system.

Friant-Kern Canal Pump Back Feasibility Study

Mario Manzo gave updates regarding the Friant-Kern Canal Pump Back Feasibility Study. Discussion Included:

- Existing Reclamation pumps will be evaluated to determine if they will be suitable for the pump-back project.

Part III

Mario Manzo discussed the recently released Funding Opportunity Announcement. Discussion included:

- A total of \$10 million is available with a maximum of \$5 million per award. The proposals are due by May 8, 2013.
- \$5 million may possibly be in next year's budget.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

-Meeting Adjourned-