

**San Joaquin River Restoration Program
Water Management Work Group
Technical Feedback Meeting
Friday, June 11, 2010
Piccadilly Inn University
Fresno, CA**

MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

Dave Mooney	Reclamation	Paul Hendrix	Tulare ID
Valerie Curley	Reclamation	Dale Brogan	Delano-Earlimart ID
Mario Manzo	Reclamation	Steve Collup	Arvin-Edison WSD
Edward Salazar	Reclamation	Jeevan Muhar	Arvin-Edison WSD
Robert Campbell	Reclamation	Dan Vink	Lower Tule River ID
Rufino Gonzalez	Reclamation	Steve Dalke	Kern-Tulare WD
Ernie Taylor	DWR	Fergus Morrissey	Orange Cove ID
Peter Vorster	The Bay Institute	Chris Acree	Revive the San Joaquin
Rod Meade	SJRRP RA	Sarge Green	RMC
Ron Jacobsma	FWUA	Dick Moss	Provost & Pritchard
Steve Ottemoeller	FWUA	John Roldan	MWH
Bill Luce	FWUA	Jeff Payne	MWH
Doug Welch	Chowchilla WD		

Next Meeting:

August 20, 2010, 10:00am – 1:00pm

Summary of Meeting:

Comments on May Meeting Notes

None.

Madera & Friant-Kern Canals Capacity Correction Assessment and Friant-Kern Canal Reverse Flow Feasibility Studies

Mario Manzo reviewed the schedules for both feasibility studies and provided an overview of the alternative development for the Capacity Correction study and the development of project descriptions for the Environmental Assessment (EA).

The following points were raised by members of the group:

- The capacity corrections on both canals should be designed to meet the maximum operational flow rates previously approved by Reclamation; and
- Limiting the EA project descriptions to modifications between the outside toes of the canal embankments will expedite the EA process, but may significantly limit the types of corrections allowed. The EA should be expedited based on these

assumptions so that work can begin in the event partial funding is available for the project within the next year. Site specific environmental documentation can be performed at a later date where it is determined that modifications beyond the outside toes of the embankments are necessary.

Part III Guidelines

John Roldan reviewed the comments received from the Friant Water Users Authority on the Part III Guidelines.

The following point was raised by members of the group:

- Many existing groundwater banking projects are experiencing a reduction in utilization due to pumping restrictions in the Delta, which has created an opportunity to purchase capacity in these existing facilities.

Interim Flow Releases

Dave Mooney reviewed the Restoration Flow scheduling process and the updated annual allocation for 2010.

The following points were raised by members of the group:

- The Restoration Administrator's flexibility in managing Restoration Flows is outlined in the Settlement;
- The upcoming summer baseline flow period will be used to determine actual seepage rates in the river channel;
- Reclamation should provide a monthly accounting of the flow and recapture totals; and
- It appears that the year-to-date water supply impacts to Friant Division long-term contractors is significantly higher than the amount of RWA credits allocated to date.

Recapture and Recirculation

Dave Mooney reviewed the ranking criteria for the scenarios proposed for the 2010 recirculation of water from San Luis Reservoir. Individual proponents provided a summary of their proposed scenarios in response to the Inquiry for Scenarios.

The following points were raised by members of the group:

- The cost of the water at San Luis Reservoir should be identified to help maintain consistency between scenarios;
- Arvin-Edison WSD only wants their scenario to be considered if there is remaining water to be recirculated that cannot be conveyed with the other scenarios;
- Reclamation has an obligation to develop a plan to recirculate water back to all contractors;

- Recaptured water in San Luis Reservoir is earmarked for the Friant Division, not for individual contractors, but can be divided up for purposes of implementing the scenarios;
- Reclamation will move ahead with the EA process while costs are resolved. Reclamation anticipates making selections by the end of the day or early next week and is targeting the delivery of water by late July or early August.

Public Comment

None.