

**San Joaquin River Restoration Program
Water Management Work Group
Technical Feedback Meeting
Friday, April 17, 2009
Lamp Liter Inn
Visalia, CA**

MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

Dave Mooney	Reclamation	Laurence Kimura	Fresno ID
Tony Buelna	Reclamation	Dale Brogan	Delano-Earlimart ID
Peter Vorster	The Bay Institute	Dale Sally	Exeter, Ivanhoe ID
Steve Ottemoeller	FWUA	Doug Welch	Chowchilla WD
Carl Janzen	Madera ID	Ernie Taylor	DWR
Steve Collup	Arvin-Edison WSD	Mark Larsen	Kaweah Delta WCD
Sean Geivet	Porterville, Saucelito, Terra Bella ID	Chris Acree	Revive the San Joaquin MWH
Jerry Ezell	Shafter-Wasco ID	Bill Swanson	MWH
Fergus Morrissey	Orange Cove ID	John Roldan	MWH
Paul Hendrix	Tulare ID	Jeff Payne	MWH

Next Meeting:

May 8, 2009, 8:30am – 10:00am

Summary of Meeting:

Discussion of SJRRP Activity Schedule by Dave Mooney (Reclamation)

Dave Mooney informed the group that Reclamation is currently developing an SJRRP activity schedule in cooperation with the Settling Parties.

Mediation Outcomes by Dave Mooney (Reclamation)

Dave Mooney requested a list of issues that have surfaced during the Friant mediation process that require Reclamation decisions and/or involvement. Steve Ottemoeller, FWUA, informed the group that a post-mediation letter will be drafted soon that makes specific requests of Reclamation. In the meantime, Friant may simply highlight pertinent points of the draft mediation agreement that may require Reclamation's involvement.

16(a) Recapture and Recirculation Approach by Dave Mooney (Reclamation)

Dave Mooney informed the group that model results based on numerous assumptions and hypothetical scenarios would be discussed to identify trends and opportunities in Delta

behavior; however, nothing in the modeling and results should be construed as Reclamation policy. Results were presented for operational scenarios with and without the SJRRP and 16(b) operations. The modeling scenarios demonstrate that SJRRP flows change Delta conditions, resulting in increased exports and Delta outflow.

Dave discussed the need to petition the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) to modify the Friant Division water rights to allow for delivery of flows from Friant Dam to Friant Districts through the Delta. It was noted that the SWRCB will require Reclamation to demonstrate: 1) the presence of additional water in the Delta, 2) no harm to third parties, and 3) no harm to fish or wildlife. To illustrate the issues involved, graphs were presented by SJRRP water year type depicting the timing and magnitude of SJRRP flows in the Delta, unmet Friant demand under the SJRRP, and timing and availability of existing unused Delta pumping capacity. Old and Middle River flow criteria were also discussed.

Dave indicated that Reclamation will collaborate with Friant to initiate recapture and recirculation discussions with third parties. Potential agreements with DWR, Reclamation, south-of-Delta State and Federal water contractors, Friant, and NRDC were identified. Steve Ottemoeller, FWUA, will provide a list of potential third parties to be involved in the discussions.