

**San Joaquin River Restoration Program
Water Management Work Group
Technical Feedback Meeting
Friday, September 4, 2009
Lamp Liter Inn
Visalia, CA**

MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

Jason Phillips	Reclamation	Jerry Ezell	Shafter-Wasco ID
Dave Mooney	Reclamation	Fergus Morrissey	Orange Cove ID
Tony Buelna	Reclamation	Paul Hendrix	Tulare ID
Doug DeFlicht	Reclamation	Keith Norris	Tea Pot Dome WD
Edward Salazar	Reclamation	Doug Welch	Chowchilla WD
Valerie Curley	Reclamation	Dale Sally	Exeter, Ivanhoe ID
George Bushard	Reclamation	William West	Stone Corral ID
Rufino Gonzalez	Reclamation	Kim Brown	Paramount Farming/ WMWC
Peter Vorster	The Bay Institute		
Ron Jacobsma	FWUA	Ernie Taylor	DWR
Steve Ottemoeller	FWUA	Chris Acree	Revive the San Joaquin
Steve Collup	Arvin-Edison WSD	Dave Fullerton	Metropolitan WD of Southern California
Sean Geivet	Porterville, Saucelito, Terra Bella ID	Steve Haze	Sierra RCD/SJVWLF
Laurence Kimura	Fresno ID	Dick Moss	Provost & Pritchard
Dan Vink	Lower Tule River, Pixley ID	John Roldan	MWH
		Jeff Payne	MWH

Next Meeting:

October 2, 2009, 8:30am – 10:00am

Summary of Meeting:

Comments on Recent Meeting Notes by John Roldan (MWH)

John Roldan reminded the group that the August meeting was cancelled so the most recent notes were from the July meeting. No comments on the July meeting notes were presented by the group.

Status Update on Water Management Activities by Dave Mooney (Reclamation)

Dave Mooney reviewed the list of Water Management activities with Reclamation involvement, emphasizing those activities that were not scheduled for additional discussion later in the meeting. With regard to the Part III Guidelines, Reclamation will award a contract soon that will address the refinement and finalization of the guidelines prior to the deadline of March 30, 2010. Water transfer provisions of the Settlement will

take effect after the 9(d) contract conversions. Friant will provide their understanding of the transfer provisions through this process

Interim Flow Water Right Petition / Interim Flow Recapture by Doug DeFlicht (Reclamation)

Doug DeFlicht informed the group that two letters of support and two objections were submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on the Interim Flow Water Right Petition. Reclamation must finalize the Environmental Assessment (EA) / Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and receive approval from the SWRCB prior to release of Interim Flows on October 1st.

Doug reviewed the Water Year 2010 Interim Flow releases as outlined in the Settlement and the Restoration Administrator's Fall Interim Flow recommendations. Factors that may reduce the releases or increase the need for recapture were also reviewed, as well as potential locations and mechanisms of recapture.

The group noted the following:

- Accretions in Reach 5 should be measured prior to the release of Interim Flows to establish a pre-project condition;
- Are systems established to report monitoring results and what is the status of monitoring station installation? Doug DeFlicht and Ernie Taylor (DWR) provided an overview of data reporting systems and a status of monitoring station installations;
- It may be difficult to obtain capacity in only a portion of the California Aqueduct without paying for capacity in the entire canal;
- An exchange with MWD for Article 55 supply may be possible;
- Can recaptured Interim Flows be stored in San Luis Reservoir (SLR) until wheeling agreements can be developed? Dave Mooney indicated that Central Valley Operations (CVO) wants wheeling agreements before storing water in SLR; however, it may be possible to establish SLR as the point of delivery to Friant.

Restoration Flow Guidelines by Dave Mooney (Reclamation)

Dave Mooney provided an overview of recent meetings and progress on the Restoration Flow Guidelines (RFG). Issues requiring further discussion have been framed. A revised draft of the RFG will be prepared updating those issues that have been addressed.

Madera & Friant-Kern Canals Capacity Correction Assessment and Friant-Kern Canal Reverse Flow Facilities by Dave Mooney (Reclamation) and John Roldan (MWH)

Dave Mooney reviewed the feasibility evaluation process for the Capacity Correction and Reverse Flow facilities, outlining the portions already under contract, the portions that will be awarded to a contractor in the near future, and those portions that will be performed by Reclamation. Dave then provided an update on activities involving the Reverse Flow facilities and John Roldan provided an update on the Capacity Correction. Detailed review of the calibrated hydraulic model with the Friant Water Users Authority

and Madera and Chowchilla Water and Power Authority is scheduled to occur at the end of September.

The group noted the following:

- It is hoped that the Capacity Correction Assessment will identify the easier, less time intensive canal fixes, along with the comprehensive capacity correction solution.

Public Comment

None.