

**San Joaquin River Restoration Program
Water Management Work Group
Technical Feedback Meeting
Friday, June 5, 2009
Lamp Liter Inn
Visalia, CA**

MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

Dave Mooney	Reclamation	Paul Hendrix	Tulare ID
Rick Patras	Reclamation	Dale Brogan	Delano-Earlimart ID
Tony Buelna	Reclamation	Keith Norris	Tea Pot Dome WD
Doug DeFlicht	Reclamation	Dennis Keller	Garfield, Lewis Creek WD
Rod Meade	SJRRP RA		
Peter Vorster	The Bay Institute	Doug Welch	Chowchilla WD
Ron Jacobsma	FWUA	Mark Larsen	Kaweah Delta WCD
Steve Ottemoeller	FWUA	Ernie Taylor	DWR
Bill Luce	FWUA	Kimberly Brown	Paramount Farming
Gary Perez	FWA	Dave Fullerton	Metropolitan WD of Southern California
Steve Collup	Arvin-Edison WSD		Sierra RCD/SJVWLF
Sean Geivet	Porterville, Saucelito, Terra Bella ID	Steve Haze	CEI Engineering
Gary Serrato	Fresno ID	Brad Luken	MWH
Dale West	Stone Corral ID	Bill Swanson	MWH
Dan Vink	Lower Tule River, Pixley ID	John Roldan	MWH
Jerry Ezell	Shafter-Wasco ID	Jeff Payne	MWH
Fergus Morrissey	Orange Cove ID	Keith Wallace	MWH
		Dan Steiner	MWH Project Team

Next Meeting:

July 10, 2009, 8:30am – 10:00am

Summary of Meeting:

Water Transfers by Dave Mooney (Reclamation)

Dave Mooney informed the group that a policy paper is being developed to describe Reclamation's position on the impact of legislation on transfer procedures. Transfer provisions in the legislation will not take effect until after the 9(d) contract conversions.

Restoration Flow Guidelines (RFG) – Overview and Update by Dave Mooney (Reclamation)

Dave Mooney reviewed the status of the RFG components and provided July 2009 as a tentative release date for the RFG Administrative Draft.

The group noted the following:

- The meeting to discuss the draft RFG with the Settling Parties should be scheduled now to prevent scheduling conflicts that could lead to delays.

Recovered Water Account (RWA) by Dave Mooney (Reclamation) and Jeff Payne (MWH)

Dave Mooney reviewed past RWA discussions leading to the current method of comparing modeled pre-Settlement conditions to actual measured deliveries with Restoration Flows. Dave presented a conceptual RWA accrual model showing which deliveries would be included in the pre and post-Settlement accounts. Modeled 215 deliveries would be allocated to Friant based on the results of a BORWORKS query of historical 215 deliveries to Friant in each water year type.

Jeff Payne presented results of long-term RWA accrual simulations using an assumed ratio of modeled 215 deliveries to Friant. The simulations were run without mitigation resources and with the upper level of 16(b) mitigation resources assumed in the PEIS/R.

The group noted the following:

- The accrual of buffer flows may need to be redefined in the conceptual RWA accrual model.

Madera & Friant-Kern Canals Capacity Correction Assessment Status Update by Rick Patras (Reclamation)

Rick Patras provided a status update of the long-term work plan for the canal capacity corrections and pump-back facilities, as well as the current canal capacity correction task order. Rick also presented a proposed communication plan to keep stakeholders informed of progress.

The group noted the following:

- Friant would appreciate being informed of any funding issues as soon as they arise to enable Friant to assist in finding solutions.
- For the current capacity correction task order, Doug Welch will remain as the point of contact for the Madera Canal and Steve Ottemoeller will be the new point of contact for the Friant-Kern Canal.

Interim Flow Water Right Petition by Dave Mooney (Reclamation)

Dave Mooney informed the group that the Interim Flow Water Right Petition will be submitted in the very near future. He also indicated that the Environmental Assessment on the Interim Flows was released to the public on June 3rd.

Recapture / Recirculation Activities by Dave Mooney (Reclamation)

Dave Mooney informed the group that an initial list of stakeholder participants was received from Friant. Reclamation will attempt to schedule a technical meeting with the

identified stakeholders within a month. It is anticipated that the initial technical meeting(s) will serve as the foundation for future policy discussions.

Public Comment

None.