



## Updated 2018 Restoration Allocation & Default Flow Schedule

May 22, 2018

### Introduction

The following transmits the updated 2018 Restoration Allocation and Default Flow Schedule to the Restoration Administrator for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP), consistent with the Restoration Flows Guidelines (version 2.0, February 2017). This Restoration Allocation and Default Flow Schedule provides the following:

- Forecasted water year Unimpaired Inflow: the estimated flows that would occur absent regulation on the river. This value is also known as the “Natural River” or “Unimpaired Runoff” or “Full Natural Flow,” and is utilized to identify the Water Year Type.
- Hydrograph Volumes: the annual allocation hydrograph based on water year unimpaired inflow, utilizing the Method 3.1 with the Gamma Pathway (RFG-Appendix C, Figure C-3) agreed to by the Parties in December 2008.
- Default Flow Schedule: the schedule of Restoration Flows in the absence of a recommendation from the Restoration Administrator.
- Additional Allocations: the hypothetical Restoration Allocations that would result from 10%, 50%, 75%, and 90% probability of exceedance Unimpaired Inflow forecast.
- Unreleased Restoration Flows: the amount of Restoration Flows not released due to channel capacity constraints and without delaying completion of Phase 1 improvements.
- Flow targets at Gravelly Ford: the flows at the head of Reach 2, and estimated scheduled releases from Friant Dam adjusted for the assumed Holding Contract demands and losses in Exhibit B.
- Restoration Budget: the volumes for the annual allocation, spring flexible flow, base flow, riparian recruitment, and fall flexible flow.
- Remaining Flexible Flow Volume: the volume of Restoration Flows released and the remaining volume available for flexible scheduling.
- Operational Constraints: the flow release limitations based on downstream channel capacity, regulatory, or legal constraints.

Consistent with Paragraph 18 of the Settlement, the Restoration Administrator shall make recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior concerning the manner in which the hydrographs shall be implemented. As described in the Restoration Flow Guidelines (Guidelines), the Restoration Administrator is requested to recommend a flow schedule showing

the use of the entire annual allocation during the upcoming Restoration Year, categorize all recommended flows by account, and recommend both an unconstrained and a capacity limited recommendation. If an unconstrained recommendation and a capacity limited recommendation are not provided by the Restoration Administrator, the Default Flow Schedule without constraints (Table 5a) and the Default Flow Schedule with constraints (Table 5b) will be used respectively.

## **Forecasted Unimpaired Inflow**

Unimpaired Inflow represents the natural water production of a river basin, unaltered by upstream diversions, storage, or by export or import of water to or from other watersheds. It is calculated for the period of a Water Year. The forecast of the Unimpaired Inflow determines the volume of Restoration Flows available for the Restoration Year (i.e. the Restoration Allocation). Information for forecasting the Unimpaired Inflow primarily includes:

- Reclamation estimate of Unimpaired Inflow (i.e. Natural River or Full Natural Flow) into Millerton Lake to support the water supply allocation<sup>1</sup>;
- The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Bulletin 120 latest update for San Joaquin River inflow to Millerton Lake Unimpaired Flow, and/or the most current DWR Bulletin Water Supply Index (WSI)<sup>3</sup>;
- The National Weather Service (NWS) Ensemble Streamflow Prediction (ESP) Water Supply Forecast for the San Joaquin River at Millerton Lake<sup>5</sup>.

Table 1 shows the water year 2018 (October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018) observed accumulated and forecasted water year Unimpaired Inflows at Millerton Lake. This table includes the published DWR forecast, the DWR forecast adjusted for expected runoff for the current month, the NWS forecast with and without a 7-day smoothing function applied to remove the day-to-day variance, and finally the NWS forecast with 7-day smoothing and adjusted for expected runoff for the current month. Figure 1a plots DWR and NWS forecast values over the entire water year, while Figure 1b shows the most recent period in detail.

This Restoration Allocation & Default Flow Schedule is intended to be synchronized with the end of Uncontrolled Operations for Millerton, on May 11. While the normal practice is to provide the most up-to-date runoff and forecasting information, by synchronizing (or nearly so) the forecast information provided in this document with the forecast used to guide reservoir operations, we simplify the process of conducting any necessary Water Supply Test as described in Exhibit B 4(d) in the Settlement.

**Table 1 — San Joaquin River Water Year Actuals and Forecasts at Millerton Lake**

	Forecast Exceedance Percentile				
	90%	75%	50%	25%	10%
Accumulated “Natural River” Unimpaired Inflow, May 13, 2018 <sup>1</sup>	882.0 TAF				
Accumulated Unimpaired Inflow as percent of normal	99%				
Total Unimpaired Inflow projected to end of water year <sup>2</sup>	N/A				
DWR, May 8, 2018 <sup>3</sup> (Published Value)	1,265 TAF	1,340 TAF <sup>7</sup>	1,415 TAF	1,485 TAF <sup>7</sup>	1,550 TAF
DWR, May 8, 2018 <sup>4</sup> (Runoff Adjusted)	1,320 TAF	1,362 TAF <sup>7</sup>	1,405 TAF	1,460 TAF <sup>7</sup>	1,510 TAF
NWS, May 11, 2018 (Published Daily Value <sup>5</sup> )	1,480 TAF	1,500TAF	1,540 TAF	1,610 TAF	1,690 TAF
Smoothed NWS, May 11, 2018 (7-day Smoothing <sup>6</sup> )	1,467 TAF	1,492 TAF	1,525 TAF	1,579 TAF	1,651 TAF
Smoothed NWS, March 29, 2018 (Runoff Adjusted <sup>4</sup> )	1,494 TAF	1,477 TAF	1,479 TAF	1,507 TAF	1,545 TAF

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cvo/vungvari/milfln.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Projected value only presented from May through September; based on USBR-SCCAO runoff regression method

<sup>3</sup> B120: <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/iudir?s=b120>, or B120 Update: [http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/iudir\\_ss/b120up](http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/iudir_ss/b120up), or WSI: <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/iudir/WSI.2017>

<sup>4</sup> The adjusted data has been updated with the actual unimpaired inflow through the current date and projected out for the remainder of the month.

<sup>5</sup> [http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/water\\_resources\\_update.php?stn\\_id=FRAC1&stn\\_id2=FRAC1&product=WaterYear](http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/water_resources_update.php?stn_id=FRAC1&stn_id2=FRAC1&product=WaterYear)

<sup>6</sup> The NWS smoothed data uses a 7-day triangular weighted moving average, where the most recent day (n) is given greater weight than each previous forecast day (n-1, 2, 3, etc.); this reduces noise stemming from ESP model input. The following formula is used:  $((Forecast_n * 1) + (Forecast_{n-1} * 0.857) + (Forecast_{n-2} * 0.714) + (Forecast_{n-3} * 0.571) + (Forecast_{n-4} * 0.429) + (Forecast_{n-5} * 0.286) + (Forecast_{n-6} * 0.143)) / 4$

<sup>7</sup> These are interpolated values as the complete DWR forecast was not available at the time of issuance.

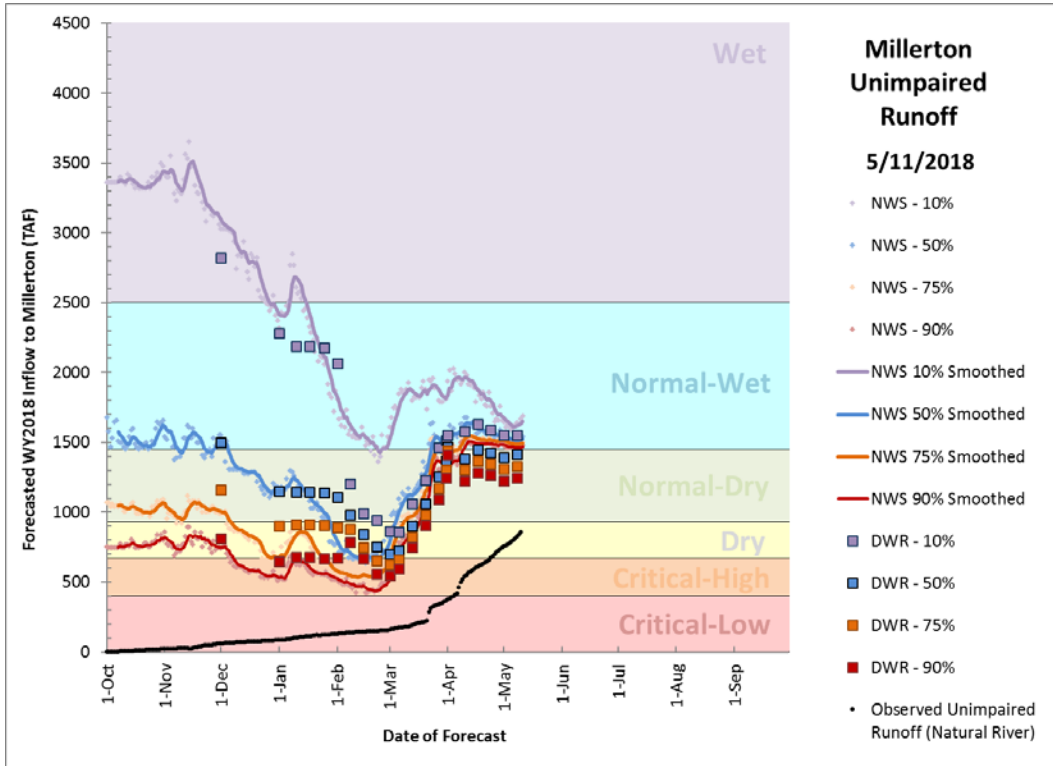


Figure 1a — Plot of 2018 Water Year forecasts, including both NWS Ensemble Streamflow Prediction Forecasts and DWR Forecasts

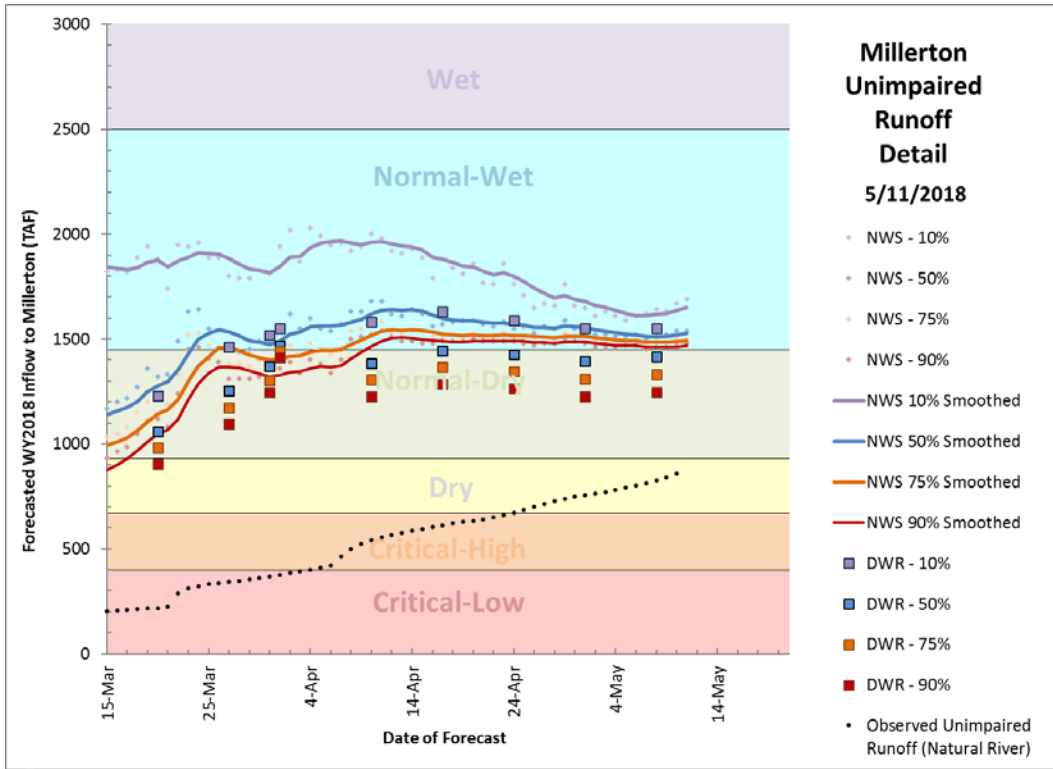
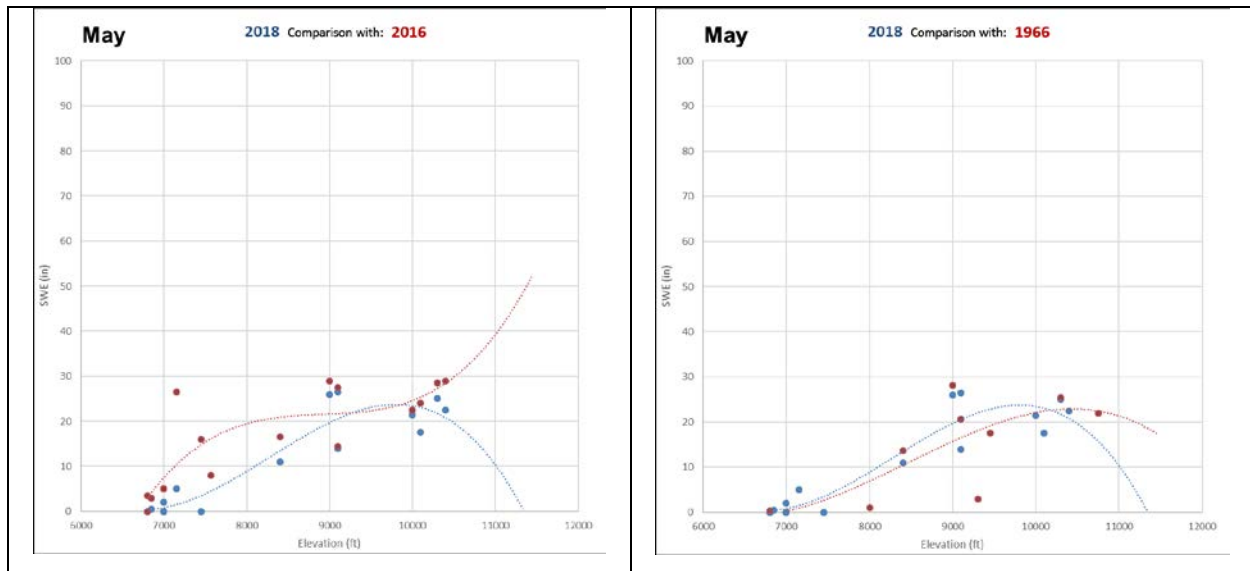


Figure 1b — Detail plot of most recent forecasts

The month of March and April has been much wetter than average, resulting in a substantial improvement in the hydrologic forecast. Since the last Restoration Allocation on March 29, several small storms have added modestly to the snowpack. Snowmelt in April was robust, with warm temperatures with some rain events. The remainder of May is forecast to be near normal to slightly above normal temperatures, with an unsettled weather and a slightly increased chance of additional precipitation.

Snow course measurements in the San Joaquin and surrounding areas as of May 1 show 65% of average April 1 snowpack above 9000'. Below 9000', snowpack is just a few percentage of average April 1 snowpack. The current snowpack is quite similar above 9000' to 2016, and lower than 2016 at elevations below 9000'. The closest analogy with current conditions is 1966, where snowpack was within 8% of 2018 at both low and high elevations (Figure 2a and 2b).

SJRRP and SCCAO have been closely tracking a variety of snowpack models. As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, the NWS CNRFC model shows 500 TAF of Snow Water Equivalent, the USDA-ARS iSnoval models depicts 482 TAF, the NOHRSC 367 TAF, and the CU Boulder/NASA JPL model predicts slightly less than 500 TAF. The most recent Airborne Snow Observatory data was captured on April 22-23 showing 688 TAF of snowpack. Adjusted for melt between April 23 and May 1 results in a value of approximately 540 TAF, somewhat higher than the other models. We feel that this higher 540 TAF estimate of May 1 snowpack is more accurate; the other models may be missing an atypically high volume of snow between 10,000' and 12,000'. An additional ASO flight is planned for late May.



**Figure 2a and 2b — Current Snow Course Measures taken April 24 - May 1, 2018 (blue) compared to May 1, 2016 and May 1, 1966 Snow Course Measures (red).**

## Combining Forecasts

Staff from the South-Central California Area Office of Reclamation and SJRRP jointly track and evaluate the accuracy of runoff forecasts. Based on the age of these forecasts, the short-term and long-term weather forecasts, the climatological outlook, observed Unimpaired Inflow, and other available information, a hybrid forecast is generated. The weighting of the different components is regularly evaluated and selected using professional judgment and the best available information. **For the current allocation, the DWR “runoff adjusted” and NWS “smoothed runoff adjusted” forecasts are combined with a 70/30 blending respectively.** This results in the Hybrid Unimpaired Inflow Forecasts shown in Table 2.

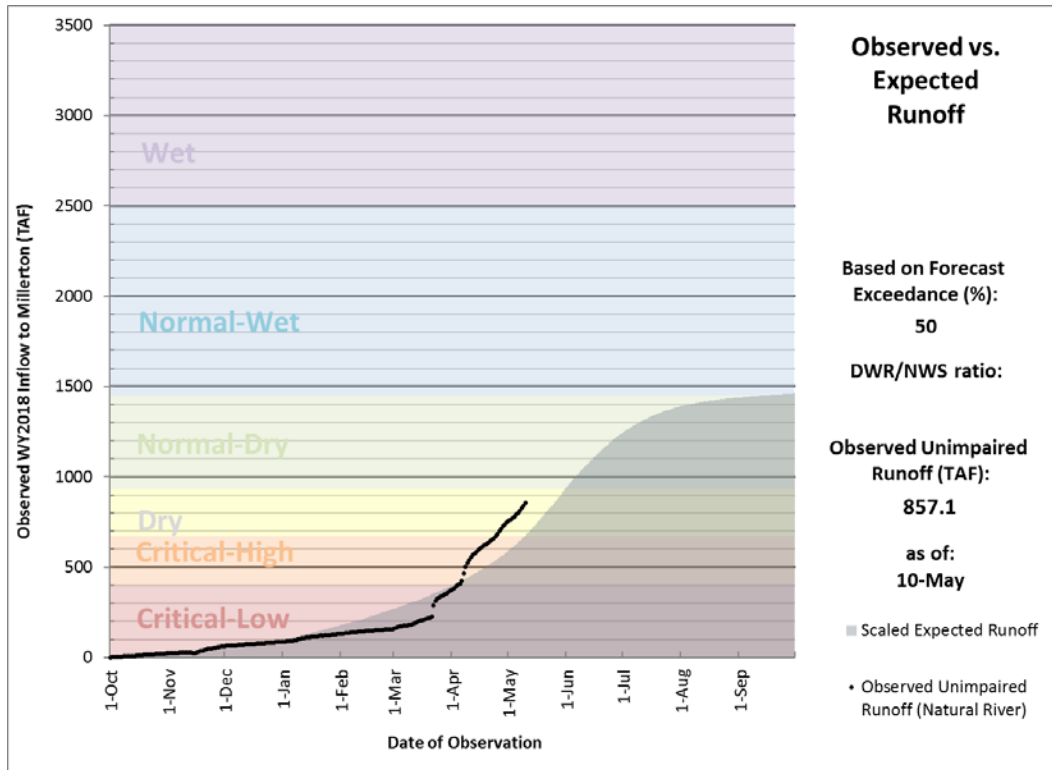
**Table 2 — Current Blending and Hybrid Unimpaired Inflow Forecast**

	Forecast Probability of Exceedance using blending				
	90%	75%	50%	25%	10%
Blending Ratio	70/30				
Hybrid Unimpaired Inflow Forecast (TAF)	1,372	1,396	1,427	1,474	1,520

This blending is chosen based on the historic performance of the DWR and NWS forecasts during this time of the year, the accuracy of these forecasts in predicting monthly unimpaired inflow over the recent months, the overall climate outlook for May and summer, snowpack models, snow monitoring stations, and other forecast performance factors. The DWR weekly B120 update has increased slightly in the last week in response to higher than expected early May runoff. The NWS forecast has also increased slightly in response to the forecast for mountain rain and snow showers over the next 10 days. The DWR B120 forecast has been consistently underforecasting runoff the past two months, while the NWS model has general been overforecasting runoff over the same time period. SJRRP and SCCAO believe that May natural river will total 360 TAF, which is approximately the same as the DWR 50% forecast and less than the NWS 75% forecast. There is increased uncertainty over June and July natural river and to what extent mountain thunderstorms will add to the total water year.

1966 is an instructive analogy to current hydrologic conditions. 1966 followed a Normal-Wet year and likely had nearly the same antecedent moisture conditions as 2018, having slightly less soil moisture going into the winter. 1966 also had a larger proportion of rain and early season runoff, similar to 2018. The snow course measurements are quite similar. If we splice the currently observed natural river in 2018 to the runoff after May 1, this yields an April-July natural river of 940 TAF and a water year of 1340 TAF. Based on this analog, we believe this represents the 90% condition due to the slight differences in soil moisture. This would put the 50% analog condition closer to an April-July natural river of 1000 TAF, and a water year of 1400 TAF. This analog was used along with other evidence to blend the DWR and NWS forecasts.

Figure 3 traces the observed runoff and compares it to the expected runoff at the 50% exceedance hybrid forecast. From the plot, observed runoff caught up with the scaled runoff pattern in early April and has been tracking well above this assumption for the past 30 days. While the current runoff is on pace to produce 99% of an average water year natural river of 1830 TAF, the runoff pattern will certainly taper off more quickly than the historic average, and thus fall below the long-term average. Once we observe peak snowmelt runoff, we will be able to track the daily regression of the natural river and project a final water-year total shortly thereafter.



**Figure 3 — Observed Unimpaired Inflow trace shown with 30-year average Unimpaired Inflow curve scaled to the current hybrid forecast value**

## Restoration Allocation

As per the current Guidelines, the **50% exceedance** forecast is used for the allocation under current hydrologic conditions to set the Restoration Flow Allocation. Table 3 below, from the Guidelines version 2.0, depicts the progression of forecast exceedance used to set the Restoration Allocation.

**Table 3 — Guidance on Percent Exceedance Forecast to Use for Allocation**

	Value (TAF)	Date of Allocation Issuance					
		January	February	March	April	May	June
If the 50% forecast is:	Above 2200	50	50	50	50	50	50
	1100 to 2200	75	75	50	50	50	50
	900 to 1099	75	75	75	50	50	50
	700 to 899	90	90	75	50	50	50
	500 to 699	90	90	75	50	50	50
	Below 500	90	90	90	90	75	50

Applying the 70/30 forecast blending determined by Reclamation, and using the 50% exceedance forecast dictated by the Guidelines, Reclamation calculates an **Unimpaired Inflow hybrid forecast of 1,427 TAF** and a **Normal-Dry Water Year Type**. This provides a **Restoration Allocation of 280.258 Thousand Acre-Feet (TAF)** as measured at Gravelly Ford (GRF). Combined with Holding Contracts on the San Joaquin River, this equates to a **Friant Dam Release of 397.204 TAF**. Future updates to these forecasts and their blending will alter the Restoration Allocation multiple times before it is finalized at the end of June. Other hypothetical allocations are presented in Table 4 as grayed values, and indicate the range of probable forecasts and the resultant Restoration Allocation.

**Table 4 — SJRRP Water Year Type and Allocation for 2018 Restoration Year Shown with Other Hypothetical Values in Gray**

	Forecast Probability of Exceedance using proposed blending				
	90%	75%	50%	25%	10%
Hybrid Unimpaired Inflow Forecast (TAF)	1,372	1,396	<b>1,427</b>	1,474	1,520
Water Year Type	Normal-Dry	Normal-Dry	<b>Normal-Dry</b>	Normal-Wet	Normal-Wet
Restoration Allocation at GRF (TAF)	272.855	276.086	<b>280.258</b>	286.717	293.162
Friant Dam Flow Releases (TAF)	389.855	3.031	<b>397.204</b>	403.662	410.107



## Default Flow Schedule

The Default Flow Schedule, known as Exhibit B in the Settlement, identifies how Reclamation will schedule the Restoration Allocation for the current Water Year Type and Unimpaired Inflow volume absent a recommendation from the Restoration Administrator. The Guidelines provide detail on how a Default Flow Schedule is derived from the allocation volume. This approved method of distributing water throughout the year is referred to as “Method 3.1 with the gamma pathway.”

### *Exhibit B Method 3.1 Default Hydrograph*

Table 5a shows the Exhibit B Method 3.1 default hydrograph flows and corresponding Restoration Allocation volumes for the entire year absent channel capacity constraints, including total releases from Friant Dam and Restoration Flows releases in excess of Holding Contracts.

Table 5b shows the Exhibit B Method 3.1 default hydrograph volumes with operational constraints, primarily controlled by a 1,210 cfs channel constraint in Reach 2B. This default hydrograph depicted in Table 5b will be implemented in the absence of a specific recommendation by the Restoration Administrator. Due to levee stability related channel capacity constraints in Reach 2B that constrain Friant Dam releases, a Restoration Flow volume of **29.157 TAF** is generated that is not scheduled in the constrained Default Flow Schedule and would become Unreleased Restoration Flows (URFs) under the default hydrograph. This is an estimated volume of water, actual URF volumes will depend on the Restoration Administrator Recommendation and real-time assessment of groundwater seepage channel constraints.

**Table 5a — Default Hydrograph**

Flow Period	Flow (cfs)				Volume (TAF)	
	Friant Dam Release	Holding Contracts <sup>8</sup>	Flow Target at GRF	Restoration Flow at GRF	Friant Dam Release	Restoration Flow at GRF
Mar 1 – Mar 15	500	130	375	370	14.876	11.008
Mar 16 – Mar 31	1500	130	1375	1370	47.603	43.478
Apr 1 – Apr 15	2500	150	2355	2350	74.380	69.917
Apr 16 – Apr 30	1424	150	1279	1274	42.361	37.898
May 1 – Jun 30 <sup>9</sup>	350	190	165	160	42.347	19.359
Jul 1 – Aug 31	350	230	125	120	43.041	14.757
Sep 1 – Sep 30	350	210	145	140	20.826	8.331
Oct 1 – Oct 31	350	160	195	190	21.521	11.683
Nov 1 – Nov 6	700	130	575	570	8.331	6.783
Nov 7 – Nov 10	700	120	575	570	5.554	4.522
Nov 11 – Dec 31	350	120	235	230	35.405	23.266
Jan 1 – Feb 28	350	100	255	250	40.959	29.256
<b>Totals</b>					<b>397.204</b>	<b>280.258</b>

**Table 5b — Default Hydrograph with Channel Constraints**

Flow Period	Flow (cfs)				Volume (TAF)		
	Friant Dam Release	Holding Contracts <sup>7</sup>	Flow Target at GRF	Restoration Flow at GRF	Friant Dam Release	Restoration Flow at GRF	URF <sup>8</sup>
Mar 1 – Mar 15	500	130	375	370	14.876	11.008	0
Mar 16 – Mar 31	1500	130	1375	1370	47.603	43.478	0
Apr 1 – Apr 15	1520	150	1375	1370	45.223	40.760	29.157
Apr 16 – Apr 30	1424	150	1279	1274	42.361	37.898	0
May 1 – Jun 30 <sup>9</sup>	350	190	165	160	42.347	19.359	0
Jul 1 – Aug 31	350	230	125	120	43.041	14.757	0
Sep 1 – Sep 30	350	210	145	140	20.826	8.331	0
Oct 1 – Oct 31	350	160	195	190	21.521	11.683	0
Nov 1 – Nov 6	700	130	575	570	8.331	6.783	0
Nov 7 – Nov 10	700	130	575	570	5.554	4.522	0
Nov 11 – Dec 31	350	120	235	230	35.405	23.266	0
Jan 1 – Feb 28	350	100	255	250	40.959	29.256	0
<b>Totals</b>					<b>368.047</b>	<b>251.101</b>	<b>29.157 <sup>8</sup></b>

<sup>7</sup> In recent years, Holding Contract demands have been higher than assumed under Exhibit B of the Settlement, in which case, flows at Friant are increased to achieve the Gravelly Ford Flow Target.

<sup>8</sup> This estimate of URF volume is based solely on Reach 2B channel capacity. Other flow and seepage constraints throughout the restoration area may result in higher actual URFs and is dependent on the Restoration Administrator's recommendation.

<sup>9</sup> Riparian Recruitment releases in Wet Water Year Types are included in the May 1 – June 30 flow period

### ***Exhibit B Restoration Flow Budget***

Table 6 shows the components of the restoration budget for March 1, 2018, through February 28, 2019 (i.e. the Restoration Year). The base flow allocation, spring flexible flow, fall flexible flow, and riparian recruitment flow reflect the Exhibit B hydrograph for the Restoration Allocation. The estimated total release at Friant Dam consists of 116,945 acre-feet release for Holding Contracts in addition to the Restoration Flows as measured at Gravelly Ford (GRF). The volume for Restoration Flows as well as various accounting flow components may change with any subsequent Restoration Allocation.

**Table 6 — Restoration Budget with Flow Accounts**

Flow Period	Holding Contract Demand <sup>10</sup> (TAF)	Restoration Flow Accounting Volumes (TAF)							
		Spring Flexible Flow	Summer Base Flow	Fall Flexible Flow	Winter Base Flow	Riparian Recruitment Flow	Buffer Flow	Flexible Buffer Flow	
Mar 1 – Mar 15	3.868	11.008	–	–	–	–	1.488	–	
Mar 16 – Mar 31	4.126	43.478	–	–	–	–	4.760	–	
Apr 1 – Apr 15	4.463	69.917	–	–	–	–	7.438	–	
Apr 16 – Apr 30	4.463	37.898	–	–	–	–	4.236	–	
May 1 – May 28	10.552	0	8.886	–	–	0 within 60-90 days of flushing flow	4.235	Of which 5.311 may be applied Mar 1–May 1, or Oct 1–Nov 30	
May 29 – Jun 30	12.436	–	10.473	–	–				
Jul 1 – Aug 31	28.284	–	14.757	–	–				4.304
Sep 1 – Sep 30	12.496	–	8.331	0	–	–	2.083		
Oct 1 – Oct 31	9.838	–	–	11.683	–	–	2.152	Of which 7.080 may be applied Sep 3–Dec 28	
Nov 1 – Nov 6	1.547	–	–	6.783	–	–	0.833		
Nov 7 – Nov 10	0.952	–	–	4.522	–	–	0.555		
Nov 11 – Nov 30	4.760	–	–	9.124	–	–	1.388		
Dec 1 – Dec 31	7.379	–	–	0	14.142	–	2.152		
Jan 1 – Jan 31	6.149	–	–	–	15.372	–	2.152	–	
Feb 1 – Feb 28	5.554	0	–	–	13.884	–	1.944	–	
	<b>116.945</b> <sup>10</sup>	<b>162.301</b>	<b>42.447</b>	<b>32.112</b>	<b>43.398</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>39.720</b>		
		<b>280.258</b> (Restoration Flow Volume)							
		<b>397.204</b> <sup>10</sup> (Friant Dam Release Volume)							

<sup>10</sup>In recent years, Holding Contract demands have been higher than assumed under Exhibit B of the Settlement, in which case, flows at Friant Dam are increased to achieve the Gravelly Ford Flow Target, and associated Friant Dam Release Volume is greater.

## Remaining Flexible Flow Volume

The amount of water remaining for flexible flow scheduling is the volume of flexible flow water released from Friant Dam in excess of releases required to meet Holding Contract demands, less past releases. Table 7 tracks these balances. The released to date volumes are derived from QA/QC daily average data when available, and partly from provisional data posted to CDEC, and thus may have future adjustments. This may affect the remaining flow volume as well.

**Table 7 — Estimated Flexible Flow Volume Remaining and Released to Date**

Flow Account	Yearly Allocation <sup>11</sup> (TAF)	Released to Date <sup>12</sup> (TAF)	Remaining Flow Volume <sup>12,13</sup> (TAF)
Spring Period (Mar 1 – Apr 30)	162.301	23.114 <sup>16</sup>	81.264
Riparian Recruitment	0	0	0
Summer Base Flows (May 1 – Sep 30)	42.447	4.126	38.321
Fall Period (Oct 1 – Nov 30)	32.112	0	32.112
Winter Base Flows (Dec 1 – Feb 28)	43.398	0	43.398
Buffer Flows	38.980	0	38.980
Unreleased Restoration Flows (Sales and Exchanges) <sup>15</sup>	—	57.923 <sup>15</sup>	0
Unreleased Restoration Flows (Returned Exchanges) <sup>15</sup>	—	2.129	0
Purchased Water	—	0	0
<b>Total:</b>		<b>87.292</b>	

<sup>11</sup> These Flow Volumes assume no channel constraints, as measured at Gravelly Ford

<sup>12</sup> As of 5/13/2018.

<sup>13</sup> Restoration Flow Guidelines limit the application of the calculated Remaining Flow Volume to certain times, and thus all of this volume may not be available for use.

<sup>14</sup> This volume of Restoration Flows was met by flood flows

<sup>15</sup> These are URFs as recommended by the Restoration Administrator, and should be subtracted from the Spring Period.

<sup>16</sup> Approximately 1.070 TAF of water from the Spring Period is scheduled atop the Summer Base Flows for the remaining days of May

## Operational Constraints

Operating criteria, such as channel conveyance capacity, ramping rate constraints, scheduled maintenance, reservoir storage, contractual obligations, and downstream seepage concerns, may restrict the release of Restoration Flows. Table 8 summarizes known 2018 operational constraints.

**Table 8 — Summary of Operational Constraints**

Constraint	Period	Flow Limitation
Levee Stability	Currently in effect	1,210 cfs in Reach 2B
	Currently in effect	580 – 1,070 cfs in Eastside Bypass
Channel Conveyance / Seepage Limitation	Currently in effect	Approximately 300 cfs below Sack Dam / Reach 4A

The 2018 Restoration Year Channel Capacity Report identifies a maximum flow in Reach 2B of 1,210 cfs. This results in a maximum release from Friant Dam between 1,390 cfs and 1,550 cfs depending on the time of year. The 2018 Restoration Year Channel Capacity Report also identifies a maximum flow in the Middle Eastside Bypass of 580 to 1,070 cfs, depending on the configuration of the weirs at the Merced National Wildlife Refuge. Reclamation will coordinate with the Restoration Administrator through the biweekly Flow Scheduling conference calls and on an as-needed basis to update these constraints.

In addition, flows are limited to approximately 300 cfs below Sack Dam into Reach 4A due to groundwater seepage constraints as per the current Seepage Management Plan. The exact flow rate which can be accommodated through Reach 4A is dependent on groundwater levels and will be determined through Flow Bench Evaluations. Flows are expected to be constrained to approximately 300 cfs through the spring period below Sack Dam, with the possibility of approximately 500 cfs below Sack Dam in Spring 2018 if additional seepage easements are obtained. If flows must be reduced at Sack Dam as compared to upstream flow rates, Reclamation will make arrangements to capture excess Restoration Flows at approved points of rediversion such as Mendota Pool, upstream of Sack Dam.

Reclamation will complete a Flow Bench Evaluation prior to any scheduled flow increases at or below Gravelly Ford to verify the scheduled increase is not anticipated to cause groundwater levels to rise above thresholds. Should the requested flow increase trigger projected groundwater level rises above seepage thresholds, Reclamation will inform the Restoration Administrator of the current constraint, and adjust releases accordingly.

## 2018 Allocation History

The Restoration Allocation will be adjusted, often many times, between the date of the initial allocation and the final allocation, based on the hydrologic conditions. The Restoration Administrator is responsible for contingency planning and managing releases to stay within current and anticipated future allocations. Table 9 summarizes the Allocation History for this Restoration Year.

**Table 9 — Allocation History**

Allocation Type	Date	Forecast Blending Applied	Unimpaired Inflow Forecast (at forecast exceedance)	Restoration Allocation at Gravelly Ford	Restoration Flows and URFs Released
Initial	January 23, 2018	20/80	741 TAF (@ 75%)	171.178 TAF	0 (thru 1/23/18)
Updated	February 16, 2018	30/70	525 TAF (@ 90%)	70.919 TAF	0 (thru 2/15/18)
Updated	March 16, 2018	40/60	928 TAF (@ 75%)	212.908 TAF	5.294 TAF (thru 3/15/18)
Updated	March 29, 2018	50/50	1,372 TAF (@ 50%)	272.855 TAF	8.066 TAF <sup>1</sup> (thru 3/27/18)
Updated	May 22, 2018	70/30	1,427 TAF (@ 50%)	280.258 TAF	87.292 TAF <sup>1</sup> (thru 5/13/18)

<sup>1</sup> There was an additional 2.129 TAF released to the San Joaquin River as a returned URF Exchange.

The next updated Restoration Allocation could be issued as early as June 1, or if hydrologic conditions do not change as compared to the forecast there will be no additional updates and the final Restoration Allocation will be issued shortly after June 30.

## Appendix A: Abbreviations, Acronyms, and Glossary

af	acre–feet
CALSIM	California Statewide Integrated Model
CCID	Central California Irrigation District
CDEC	California Data Exchange Center
cfs	cubic feet per second
CVP	Central Valley Project
Delta	Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta
DWR	California Department of Water Resources
ESP	Ensemble Streamflow Prediction
Exhibit B	Exhibit B of the Settlement depicting Default Flow Schedules
GRF	Gravelly Ford Flow Gauge
Guidelines	Restoration Flow Guidelines
LSJLD	Lower San Joaquin Levee District
NWS	National Weather Service
QA/QC	Quality Assurance/Quality Control (i.e. finalized)
Reclamation	U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation
Restoration Year	the cycle of Restoration Flows, March 1 through February 28/29
RWA	SJRRP Reclaimed Water Account
Secretary	U.S. Secretary of the Interior
Settlement	Stipulation of Settlement in <i>NRDC, et al., v. Kirk Rodgers, et al.</i>
SJREC	San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors
SJRRP	San Joaquin River Restoration Program
SLCC	San Luis Canal Company
TAF	thousand acre–feet
URF	Unreleased Restoration Flows
WSI	DWR Water Supply Index
WY	water year, October 1 through September 30



## Appendix B: History of Millerton Unimpaired Inflow

Table B — Water Year Totals in Thousand Acre-Feet

Water Year <sup>1</sup>	Unimpaired Inflow <sup>2</sup> (Natural River)	SJRRP Water Year Type <sup>3</sup>	Water Year <sup>1</sup>	Unimpaired Inflow <sup>2</sup> (Natural River)	SJRRP Water Year Type <sup>3</sup>	Water Year <sup>1</sup>	Unimpaired Inflow <sup>2</sup> (Natural River)	SJRRP Water Year Type <sup>3</sup>
1931	480.2	Critical-High	1961	647.428	Critical-High	1991	1,027.209	Normal-Dry
1932	2,047.4	Normal-Wet	1962	1,924.066	Normal-Wet	1992	807.759	Dry
1933	1,111.4	Normal-Dry	1963	1,945.266	Normal-Wet	1993	2,672.322	Wet
1934	691.5	Dry	1964	922.351	Dry	1994	824.097	Dry
1935	1,923.2	Normal-Wet	1965	2,271.191	Normal-Wet	1995	3,876.370	Wet
1936	1,853.3	Normal-Wet	1966	1,298.792	Normal-Dry	1996	2,200.707	Normal-Wet
1937	2,208.0	Normal-Wet	1967	3,233.097	Wet	1997	2,817.670	Wet
1938	3,688.4	Wet	1968	861.894	Dry	1998	3,160.759	Wet
1939	920.8	Dry	1969	4,040.864	Wet	1999	1,527.040	Normal-Wet
1940	1,880.6	Normal-Wet	1970	1,445.837	Normal-Dry	2000	1,735.653	Normal-Wet
1941	2,652.5	Wet	1971	1,416.812	Normal-Dry	2001	1,065.318	Normal-Dry
1942	2,254.0	Normal-Wet	1972	1,039.249	Normal-Dry	2002	1,171.457	Normal-Dry
1943	2,053.7	Normal-Wet	1973	2,047.585	Normal-Wet	2003	1,449.954	Normal-Dry
1944	1,265.4	Normal-Dry	1974	2,190.308	Normal-Wet	2004	1,130.823	Normal-Dry
1945	2,134.633	Normal-Wet	1975	1,795.922	Normal-Wet	2005	2,826.872	Wet
1946	1,727.115	Normal-Wet	1976	629.234	Critical-High	2006	3,180.816	Wet
1947	1,121.564	Normal-Dry	1977	361.253	Critical-Low	2007	684.333	Dry
1948	1,201.390	Normal-Dry	1978	3,402.805	Wet	2008	1,116.790	Normal-Dry
1949	1,167.008	Normal-Dry	1979	1,829.988	Normal-Wet	2009	1,455.379	Normal-Wet
1950	1,317.457	Normal-Dry	1980	2,973.169	Wet	2010	2,028.706	Normal-Wet
1951	1,827.254	Normal-Wet	1981	1,067.757	Normal-Dry	2011	3,304.824	Wet
1952	2,840.854	Wet	1982	3,317.171	Wet	2012	831.582	Dry
1953	1,226.830	Normal-Dry	1983	4,643.090	Wet	2013	856.626	Dry
1954	1,313.993	Normal-Dry	1984	2,042.750	Normal-Wet	2014	509.579	Critical-High
1955	1,161.161	Normal-Dry	1985	1,135.975	Normal-Dry	2015	327.410	Critical-Low
1956	2,959.812	Wet	1986	3,031.600	Wet	2016	1,300.986	Normal-Dry
1957	1,326.573	Normal-Dry	1987	756.853	Dry	2017	4,395.400	Wet
1958	2,631.392	Wet	1988	862.124	Dry			
1959	949.456	Normal-Dry	1989	939.168	Normal-Dry			
1960	826.021	Dry	1990	742.824	Dry			

<sup>1</sup> Water year is from Oct 1 through Sept 30, for example the 2010 water year began Oct 1, 2009.

<sup>2</sup> Also known as “Natural River” or “Unimpaired Inflow into Millerton” – This is the total runoff that would flow into Millerton Lake if there were no dams or diversions upstream. There was a lower level of precision prior to 1945.

<sup>3</sup> The six SJRRP Water Year Types are based on unimpaired inflow. Critical-Low= <400 TAF, Critical-High=400-669.999 TAF, Dry= 670-929.999 TAF, Normal-Dry 930-1449.999, Normal-Wet 1450-2500, Wet>2500

## Appendix C: Previous Year (2017) Flow Accounting

**Table C-1** — Restoration Flow Accounting and Unreleased Restoration Flows excluding Restoration Flows met by flood flows, Unreleased Restoration Flows lost to flood spill, and Holding Contracts during flood flows. For the period February, 2017 through February, 2018 (no 2017 Restoration Flows and some 2017 URFs were advanced into February of 2016).

Flow Period	Gravelly Ford 5 cfs requirement (TAF)	Released Restoration Flow Volumes (TAF)							URFs (TAF)
		Spring Flexible Flow	Summer Base Flow	Fall Flexible Flow	Winter Base Flow	Riparian Recruitment Flow	Buffer Flow	Flexible Buffer Flow	
Feb 1 – Feb 15	–	0	–	–	–	–	–	–	7.064
Feb 16 – Feb 28	–	0	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Mar 1 – Mar 15	–	0	–	–	–	–	0	–	45.484
Mar 16 – Mar 31	–	0	–	–	–	–	0	–	
Apr 1 – Apr 15	–	0	–	–	–	–	0	–	81.815
Apr 16 – Apr 30	–	0	–	–	–	–	0	–	
May 1 – May 28	–	0	0	–	–	0	0	0	136.810
May 29 – Jun 30	–	–	0	–	–		0		79.228
Jul 1 – Aug 31	19.188	–	9.997	–	–		0		14.566
Sep 1 – Sep 30	9.951	–	8.331	3.792	–	–	0	–	
Oct 1 – Oct 31	10.034	–	–	11.873	–	–	0	0	–
Nov 1 – Nov 6	1.807	–	–	2.656	–	–	0		–
Nov 7 – Nov 10	1.174	–	–	1.801	–	–	0		–
Nov 11 – Nov 30	6.038	–	–	8.999	–	–	0		–
Dec 1 – Dec 31	8.934	–	–	0	14.342	–	0		–
Jan 1 – Jan 31	8.761	–	–	–	15.578	–	0	–	–
Feb 1 – Feb 28	8.309	0	–	0.839	13.487	–	0	–	2.491
74.196		<b>0</b>	<b>18.328</b>	<b>29.933</b>	<b>43.398</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.000</b>		<b>367.458</b>
		<b>91.659</b>							
		<b>91.659</b>							
		<b>459.117 (2017 Allocation = 556.542)</b>							
<b>533.313</b>									

**Table C-2** — Restoration Flow Accounting and Unreleased Restoration Flows including Restoration Flows met by flood flows, Unreleased Restoration Flows lost to flood spill, and Holding Contracts during flood flows. For the period February, 2017 through February, 2018 (no 2017 Restoration Flows and some 2017 URFs were advanced into February of 2016).

Flow Period	Gravelly Ford 5 cfs requirement (TAF)	Released Restoration Flow Volumes (TAF)							URFs (TAF)
		Spring Flexible Flow	Summer Base Flow	Fall Flexible Flow	Winter Base Flow	Riparian Recruitment Flow	Buffer Flow	Flexible Buffer Flow	
Feb 1 – Feb 15	–	0	–	–	–	–	–	–	7.064
Feb 16 – Feb 28	–	0	–	–	–	–	–	–	
Mar 1 – Mar 15	11.139	12.198	–	–	–	–	0	–	45.484
Mar 16 – Mar 31	-12.171	13.012	–	–	–	–	0	–	
Apr 1 – Apr 15	9.947	12.198	–	–	–	–	0	–	81.815
Apr 16 – Apr 30	16.864	12.198	–	–	–	–	0	–	
May 1 – May 28	21.388	13.884	8.886	–	–	9.788	0	0	136.810
May 29 – Jun 30	29.671	–	10.473	–	–				79.228
Jul 1 – Aug 31	14.071	–	14.757	–	–		0		14.566
Sep 1 – Sep 30	9.951	–	8.331	3.792	–	–	0	–	
Oct 1 – Oct 31	10.034	–	–	11.873	–	–	0	0	–
Nov 1 – Nov 6	1.807	–	–	2.656	–	–	0		–
Nov 7 – Nov 10	1.174	–	–	1.801	–	–	0		–
Nov 11 – Nov 30	6.038	–	–	8.999	–	–	0		–
Dec 1 – Dec 31	8.934	–	–	0	14.342	–	0	–	
Jan 1 – Jan 31	8.761	–	–	–	15.578	–	0	–	–
Feb 1 – Feb 28	8.309	0	–	0.812	13.487	–	0	–	2.491
145.917		<b>63.490</b>	<b>42.447</b>	<b>29.933</b>	<b>43.398</b>	<b>9.788</b>	<b>0.000</b>		<b>367.458</b>
	<b>189.056</b>								
	<b>189.056</b>								
	<b>556.514 (2017 Allocation = 556.542)</b>								
<b>702.431</b>									