

San Joaquin River Restoration Program Restoration Administrator

Memorandum

Date: May 17, 2010

To: Jason Phillips – SJRRP Program Manager cc. Ed Salazar, David Mooney
and the TAC

From: Rod Meade – Restoration Administrator

Subject: Transmittal of the RA Interim Flow Schedule Recommendation – May 17
through December 1, 2010 (see Attached Flow Schedule Chart/Daily Flow
Tables)

This memorandum transmits my response to the recent revised May 13 Water Forecast provided by Reclamation and follows up on my April 30 Flow Schedule recommendation. As you will recall, I indicated that we should consult on or before May 14 to determine whether I felt that there is a need to modify my April 30 recommendations.

Based on my review of the latest precipitation and unimpaired runoff information, the May 13 Reclamation water forecast and consultation with the TAC, I am forwarding a revised Interim Flow Schedule recommendation for your consideration. I also am attaching a revised Flow Schedule Chart and daily release schedules for your review (see attachment).

RA Recommendation for the May 17 through December 1 Interim Flow Schedule

Based on the information cited above, the RA recommends the following schedule for Friant Dam Interim Flow releases for the period May 1 through December 1, 2010:

1. Commencing May 17 and continuing through May 27, maintain Interim Flow releases from Friant Dam at (or as close as downstream conditions permit) 1550 cfs;
2. On May 28, reduce the Interim Flow release from Friant Dam to 800 cfs; and
3. On May 29 and continuing through December 1, 2010, use the Default Flow Schedule for a Normal-wet Water Year to guide Interim Flow releases from Friant Dam.

Based on our conversations it is my understanding that for the month of June, the default Interim Flow releases from Friant Dam would be approximately 600 cfs and that releases from

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Friant would decrease to 350 cfs on July 1. Before reflecting those conversations in a revised hydrograph for the period May 29 through December 1 I think there is a need to discuss the Default Flow Schedule for that period as calculated by Reclamation.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this recommendation. I look forward to discussing this with you and your staff at your early convenience.