

San Joaquin River Restoration Program Restoration Administrator

Draft Memorandum

Date: November 5, 2010

To: Jason Phillips – SJRRP Program Manager

From: Rod Meade – Restoration Administrator

Subject: Revised RA 2010 Fall Pulse Flow Recommendation

As a follow up to my October 31 recommendation concerning the 2010 Fall Pulse flows, I am forwarding the following updated RA Interim Flow recommendation for your consideration and implementation. The following RA recommendation reflects my consultation with the TAC, consideration of your November 4 email wherein you raised the potential to delay commencement of the 700 cubic feet per second (cfs) releases from Friant Dam, and follow up consultation with the TAC following your November 4 email to me.

Interim Flow Recommendations

I recommend that the scheduled increase to 700 cfs release of Interim Flows from Friant Dam be delayed until November 15, 2010. I am recommending the delay in commencing the 700 cfs releases from Friant Dam based on the understanding:

- as noted in your email, and as discussed during our November 4 TAC conference call, a one-week delay could potentially enable you, the TAC and others to acquire additional information that would inform the RA recommendation;
- there are no compelling monitoring or data compilation reasons to move forward with a November 8 commencement date for the 700 cfs release of Interim Flows and we would not forgo the opportunity to compile important data relevant to managing Fall Pulse flows by such a delay; and
- the one-week delay of the 700 cfs releases from Friant Dam will neither result in nor contribute to an inability to use the full volume of Interim Flow water provided for in Exhibit B of the Settlement, even if this means continuing the Interim Flow releases into early December.

During the next week we will continue to consult concerning new information and analyses that become available and could inform a decision on the scheduling fall Interim Flow releases and management of Interim Flows downstream of Mendota Pool. I appreciate your efforts to expedite the compilation and analysis of additional data to inform necessary flow management

decisions for Reach 4A. Based on your expedited efforts, my intent is to provide an updated RA recommendation on Friday, November 12 to update this recommendation.

Thank you for your assistance and during our deliberations during the week following my October 31 recommendation. I think we are making progress in setting up a process for addressing the seepage and groundwater concerns being encountered in Reach 4A. Please let me know if you have questions. I look forward to working with you and others during the next week as we continue to improve our understanding of the relationship between river flows/stage and adjacent groundwater levels.

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