#### **San Joaquin River Restoration Program**



## Water Management Technical Feedback Meeting

Sacramento, CA

**September 16, 2016** 



#### Agenda

- Introductions
- Restoration Flows
- Unreleased Restoration Flows
- Recovered Water Account Balances
- 2016 Recapture/Recirculation
- Restoration Flows Guidelines v2.0
- WMG Project Updates
- Long-term Recapture/Recirculation of Restoration Flows EIS
- Adjourn



## **2016 RESTORATION FLOWS**



## **2016 Restoration Year Actions**

✓ First Restoration Flows in 2+ years ✓ Provisional Allocation due to South-of-Delta water supply shortfall  $\checkmark$  Pulse flows to test juvenile salmon capture and transport ✓ Obstacles: Sand Removal, K-Rat, Mendota Pool maintenance ✓ Nearly half of allocation became URFs ✓ First flows below Sack Dam Aug 17 Recapture in lower SJR pending





## 2016 Restoration Year Type



Preliminary Draft, Subject to Revision



## **2016 Restoration Allocation**

- Provisional Restoration Allocation 1/26/16:
  - 9,445 AF through February 29
  - RA schedule of 2,380 AF (extended 2/22/16)
- Full Restoration Allocations
  - 3/18/16: 261,400 AF RA schedule 129,000
    4/14/16: 276,085 AF RA schedule 144,224
    5/31/16: 266,932 AF RA schedule 135,071
    7/7/16: 270,297 AF RA schedule 131,861
- Final Restoration Allocation 10/1/2016:
  - Approximately 265,000 AF
  - RA schedule TBD

## Restoration Flow Constraints

#### Reach 4: 70 cfs (300 cfs in late 2016)

 Due to requirement (per Settlement Act) to protect adjacent lands from damage resulting from Restoration Flows

#### Reach 2: 1,120 cfs

- Due to seepage and levee stability challenges in Reach 2B caused by Restoration Flows
- SJRRP Reach 2B and Mendota Pool Bypass Project will allow for full conveyance of Restoration Flows







## **Effects of Channel Constraints**

#### Limits full release of Restoration Flows from Friant Dam

- Losses and diversions in Reaches 1 and 2 plus the flow that can be conveyed through Reach 2
- Constraints in Reach 4B due to potential Fresno Kangaroo Rat habitat sightings

#### **URF Generation**

- Restoration Flows that cannot be released from Friant Dam due to channel capacity constraints
- SJRRP is preparing for URFs by:
  - Completing environmental coverage
  - Securing agreements with Friant contractors to purchase/exchange URFs
  - Coordinating with Friant Dam Operations
- Managed to best achieve the Restoration Goal







## 2016 UNRELEASED RESTORATION FLOWS



## 2016 URF Sales

- Total estimated URF Volume: 139,294 19 TAF for Exchanges, 114 for Sales, 6 in Reserve
  - Tier 1:
    - 85 TAF available late March
    - \$60 / AF
    - Immediate delivery
  - Tier 2:
    - 4.5 TAF available late May (Block 1)
    - 19 TAF available in June (Block 2)
    - \$150 / AF
    - Schedulable
    - Anticipate Block 3 ~ 12 TAF (schedulable or carryover)



## 2016 URF Exchanges

- Reclamation wrapping up three exchange agreements
  - OCID
    - 3 TAF
    - Return to Millerton between 2018 and 2021
  - FID
    - 8 TAF
    - Return to Millerton between 2018 and 2021
  - AEWSD
    - 7 TAF
    - Return to Millerton or San Luis Reservoir between 2018 and 2021





## **RECOVERED WATER ACCOUNTING & BALANCES**



## Settlement Paragraph 16(b)

- Implement a Recovered Water Account and program "... for the purpose of reducing or avoiding the impact" of Restoration Flows
- Monitor and record reductions in water deliveries that have not been replaced or offset
- "establish a baseline condition as of the Effective Date of this Settlement with respect to water deliveries for the purpose of determining such reductions."



## **Reduction in Water Deliveries**

- 7 Step process described in Restoration Flows Guidelines Appendix H
- Model considers:
  - Baseline w/o Restoration Flows
  - Holding contract requirements
  - Friant's ability to take flood water (Water Use Curve)
  - Flood spills that would have occurred
  - Contract amount



December 2013



	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
TOTALS	40,755	60,192	59,732	179,313	170,561



## **Settlement Mitigation Tools**

- Recirculation, recapture, reuse, exchange or transfer pursuant to Paragraph 16(a)
- Programs or projects undertaken or funded by a Federal or State of California Agency specifically to mitigate water delivery impacts of Restoration Flows
  - PL 111-11, Title X, Subtitle A, Part III Projects
- \$10 water pursuant to Paragraph 16(b)(2)



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
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RWA		431,086			
URFs					11,101



## **RWA Credit Transfers**

- Only Friant Contractors may have RWA credits
- Can transfer credits only to other Friant Contractors
- Provide Reclamation written notification of credit transfers





### **RWA Balances**

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## **RWA True Up**

- Friant Contractors to review spreadsheet and provide edits by end of October 2016
- Updates to RWA impact model methodology to be addressed in spring/summer 2017
- In the mean time, all Friant Contractors will be able to participate in URF and 16(b) water programs.



# 2016 RECAPTURE & RECIRCULATION



## **Recapture and Recirculation**

- Paragraph 16(a) of the Settlement authorizes and directs the Secretary to develop a plan for recirculation, recapture, reuse, exchange, or transfer of Restoration Flows (R&R Plan) to achieve the Water Management Goal
- Constraints:
  - No adverse impact on Restoration Goal, downstream water quality or fisheries
  - Cannot adversely impact contractual obligations
  - Subject to use of CVP facilities for SOD Project water
  - Subject to COA, including any agreement to resolve conflicts







## Mendota Pool Recapture

#### **Restoration Flows Available**

- Limited to flows originating at Friant Dam
- Less 5% operational loss
- Less flows conveyed past Sack Dam
- Less Exchange Contractor deliveries

### **Recapture Opportunities**

San Joaquin Exchange Contractors



## Lower San Joaquin River Recapture

#### **Restoration Flows at Merced River Confluence**

• Releases from Sack Dam minus wet-up losses in Reach 4 and Eastside Bypass

#### **Recapture Opportunities**

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER

- Patterson ID maximum ~40 cfs
- Banta-Carbona ID maximum ~65 cfs
- Limited by in-district use of facilities
- SJRRP obtained environmental coverage and temporary point of diversion
- Friant Contractors obtained agreements to cover wheeling costs





## Recapture at the Delta Facilities

Restoration Flows remaining after any recapture on the lower ( San Joaquin River

#### **Recapture at CVP/SWP Pumps**

- Subject to use for SOD CVP (per Settlement Act)
- Subject to USBR and DWR compliance with BiOps and D-1641 objectives
- SJRRP PEIS/R provides project-level environmental coverage





## **Stored 2013 Restoration Flows**

Entity	Amount originally stored	Amount Available in 2016	Amount Remaining
Meyers Water Bank	1,068	768	0
CCID	2,860	2,860	0
James ID	2,753	0	2,753
Total	6,681 AF	3,628 AF	2,753 AF

Allocated pro rata to Class 1 contractors



## **Recaptured 2016 Flows**

Month	SJRRP*	Other Transfers to Exchange Contractors
July	1,148	4,409
August	2,945	8,569
September (thru 9/11/2016)	1,065	0
Total	5,158**	12,978
Projected recapture (remaining thru 2/28/2017)	+32,000	0
* Includes 5% loss at Mendota Pool, **Allocated pro rata to Class 1 contractors	STIL.	R



## **RESTORATION FLOWS GUIDELINES v2.0**



#### Process

- Kickoff Meeting Aug 23 created recommended topics for revision and prioritized tasks
- Small Workgroup will meet Oct 4 through Nov to draft specific revisions
- Version 2.0 will be approved in January 2017
- Remaining revision topics will be readdressed in Summer and Fall of 2017



#### **Priority Revision Areas**

- Forecasting
  - Exceedance % (Option 1D)
  - Merge SJRRP and SCCAO forecasting techniques
- Flexible Flow Provisions for Restoration Administrator
  - Moving flows within and between seasons (transfers within the hydrograph)
  - Test for non-impact to Friant water supply
  - Adjustment of base flows
  - Flexibility with Unreleased Restoration Flows



#### **Other Revision Areas (2017+)**

- Recovered Water Account
  - Adjust impact calculation to include URFs
  - Clarify Warren Act Contracts, non-CVP
- Gravelly Ford Flow Compliance
- Buffer Flows
- Flood Flow Management



## WATER MANAGEMENT GOAL PROJECTS



#### **Friant Kern Canal**

Project on hold to determine next steps

#### Madera Canal

- Feasibility Report and NEPA analysis underway
- Settling Party draft October 2016
- Public Draft EA Spring 2017



- \$2.3M in drought funding announced in February 2015
- Additional \$1M drought funding announced in 2016
- Financial Assistance Agreement awarded to FWA in August 2016



## **Groundwater Financial Assistance**

#### Tulare ID - Cordeniz Basin Construction & Exchange Program

- 80-acre basin
- Groundbreaking: December 2015
- Complete: May 2017





#### **Pixley ID - Joint Groundwater Bank**

- 560-acre bank with 4.5 mile pipeline to new FKC turnout
- Financial Assistance approved; Revised Draft EA early 2017

#### **Porterville ID - In-Lieu Project**

- Area 1: 1,450 acres connected to Wood-Central Ditch
- Area 2: 720 acres connected to FKC
- Financial Assistance awarded 9/15/16, Enviro. Complete

#### **Shafter-Wasco ID - Madera Avenue Intertie**

- 270-acre groundwater recharge basin at Kimberlina Rd.
- Financial Assistance in review, award date 11/2016
- Draft EA public comment period ends 9/20/16



## LONG-TERM RECAPTURE AND RECIRCULATION OF RESTORATION FLOWS EIS



- Bureau of Reclamation, SJRRP
  - Kellye Kennedy, NEPA Project Manager
- CDM Smith
  - NEPA Consultant Team
  - Chris Park, Project Manager



- Initial Alternatives Under Consideration
- Preliminary Evaluation of Initial Alternatives' capacity to Recapture and Recirculate
- Next Steps and Schedule



- Reflects conditions if no further Federal action was taken to expand recapture and continue recirculation over the long-term
- Includes

   elements
   analyzed at a
   project level in
   the PEIS/R and
   other ongoing
   efforts





#### Adds Recirculation to the Friant Contractors via exchange and/or transfer





## Alternative 3 – Maximize Use of Existing Facilities

 Adds Recapture at West Stanislaus Irrigation District, Patterson Irrigation District, and Banta Carbona Irrigation District





# Alternative 4 – Expand Existing Facilities

- Improvements to expand recapture at existing local diversion facilities
- Expanded recirculation through exchanges that may require new facilities or complex agreements
- Use of local storage with CCWD or MWD





# Alternative 5 – Construct New Facilities

- Development of a new facility on the Lower San Joaquin River to recapture up to 500 cfs plus the use of existing facilities (similar to Alternative 3)
- Same Recirculation as Alternative 4
- Storage in Groundwater Banks





## **Alternatives Development**





## Preliminary Evaluation of Initial Alternatives

- Criteria
  - Completeness
  - Effectiveness
  - Efficiency
  - Acceptability



#### Completeness

• Evaluates the degree to which each alternative addresses the recapture, recirculation and storage capacities necessary to achieve the Purpose and Need of the EIS

#### Effectiveness

 Measures how effective each alternative supports the recapture and recirculation of Restoration Flows.



## Modeling Approach

- 1. Estimate Delta and San Joaquin River Recapture
  - Use CalSim
  - Develop monthly estimates of recapture for each alternative
- 2. Estimate available water for recirculation
  - Subtract amount to address changes in CVP and/or SWP supplies
- 3. Estimate amount recirculated
  - Spreadsheet Postprocessor (Recirculation calculator)
  - Estimates conveyance and storage capacity and monthly demands
  - Evaluates recaptured water recirculated under each alternative



- Calculate available Restoration Flows entering the Delta
- Develop constraints to simulate real operations logic
  - OMR
  - SJR IE Ratio
  - D-1641 El Ratio
  - Delta water quality
  - Surplus conditions (no recapture)
  - Use both Banks and Jones Pumping
- Develop CalSim models for each alternative



- Calculate available Restoration Flows below Merced confluence
- Develop constraints for recapture
  - Available capacity to move water from SJR to DMC
  - Available capacity in the DMC to O'Neill and/or San Luis Reservoir
  - No constraint regarding water quality (potential impacts will be analyzed in EIS to identify if modified operations are necessary)



## Recirculation

- Tool includes priorities for how to recirculate the recaptured water
  - Direct delivery with FKC pumpback
  - Other direct delivery options
  - Exchanges
  - Transfers
  - Storage in San Luis Reservoir
  - Other storage
- Priorities will likely vary during implementation, these concepts helped identify if alternatives have adequate capacity











## San Joaquin River Recapture





	All Years	Wet	Normal -Wet	Normal -Dry	Dry	Critical High
Total Recapture	64	53	78	69	59	25
Total Direct Delivery	64	57	76	58	56	31
San Luis Reservoir Spills	1	1	1	0	0	0

Values are average annual (in TAF)

Alternative 2 has the same values because all water can be delivered using direct delivery through Friant-Kern Canal pumpback



	All Years	Wet	Normal -Wet	Normal -Dry	Dry	Critical High
Total Recapture	89	66	107	102	85	33
Total Direct Delivery	88	72	104	97	80	50
San Luis Reservoir Spills	1	2	1	0	1	0

Values are average annual (in TAF)



	All Years	Wet	Normal -Wet	Normal -Dry	Dry	Critical High
Total Recapture	95	70	115	109	89	36
Total Direct Delivery	94	75	112	104	84	53
San Luis Reservoir Spills	1	1	2	0	1	0

Values are average annual (in TAF)



	All Years	Wet	Normal -Wet	Normal -Dry	Dry	Critical High
Total Recapture	112	81	135	131	99	45
Total Direct Delivery	111	83	134	124	98	61
San Luis Reservoir Spills	2	0	3	1	1	0

Values are average annual (in TAF)



### Conclusions

- Direct delivery has adequate capacity to recirculate the recaptured water under all alternatives
  - Retain exchanges and transfers to provide flexibility for limited implementation cost
- San Luis Reservoir has adequate capacity to store water under all alternatives
  - Remove other <u>storage</u> options from further consideration



### **Next Steps**

- Apply remaining evaluation criteria
  - Efficiency (cost)
  - Construction-related effects
  - Fisheries impacts
  - Water quality
- Complete Alternatives Evaluation and Project Description TM
  - Expected for public release in early 2017





## **NEXT MEETINGS**



Date	Location
January 27, 2017	Visalia
April 21, 2017	Visalia
May 17/18 – Part III Workshop	Fresno/Visalia
September 15, 2017	Sacramento