Restoration Goal
Technical Feedback
Group Meeting
San Joaquin River Restoration Program
March 15, 2012
Turlock, CA

Agenda

• Welcome and Introductions
• Standing Items
• Juvenile Chinook Emigration Survival
• Benthic Macroinvertebrate Bioassessment
• Fall-Run Chinook Salmon Captive Rearing
• Adult Chinook Salmon Passage
• Information Sharing
Introductions

• Name
• Agency or Affiliation

Standing Items

• SJRRP Background, Technical Feedback context & purpose
• Upcoming SJRRP documents
• San Joaquin River operations
• Handouts
Settlement Background

1988  Lawsuit filed challenging Reclamation’s renewal of the long-term contracts with Friant Division contractors
2004  Federal Judge rules Reclamation violated Section 5937 of the Fish and Game Code
2005  Settlement negotiations reinitiated to avoid remedy phase
2006  Settlement Agreement reached, implementation begins
2009  Federal legislation enacted

Settlement Goals

• Restoration Goal
  – To restore and maintain fish populations in “good condition” in the main stem of the San Joaquin River below Friant Dam to the confluence of the Merced River, including naturally reproducing and self-sustaining populations of salmon and other fish.

• Water Management Goal
  – To reduce or avoid adverse water supply impacts to all of the Friant Division long-term contractors that may result from the Interim Flows and Restoration Flows provided for in the Settlement.
Implementing Agencies

- Federal Agencies:
  - Bureau of Reclamation
  - Fish and Wildlife Service
  - National Marine Fisheries Service

- State Agencies:
  - Department of Water Resources
  - Department of Fish and Game

Technical Feedback Meetings
Restoration TFG Meeting Purpose

• Exchange of restoration technical information between the Implementing Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Settling Parties, Third Parties, landowners, and other interested stakeholders.

Upcoming SJRRP Documents

• 2011 Annual Technical Report
• Invasive Vegetation Monitoring and Management Environmental Assessment
• Program Environmental Impact Statement/ Report
Friant Dam Operations

Reach 2B/ Mendota Pool Bypass
- Oct 2012 Draft EIS/R

Reach 4B/ Eastside Bypass/ Mariposa Bypass
- Jan 2013 Draft EIS/R

Arroyo Canal/ Sack Dam
- May 2012 Draft EA/IS
- Oct 2012 Final EA
Handouts

- Field Activity Tracker
- 2012 Preliminary RGTF Topics