Water Management
Technical Feedback Meeting

March 20, 2015
Visalia, CA
Agenda Overview

• Water Supply Briefing
• Restoration Flow Releases
• Restoration Flow Guidelines
• Recapture / Recirculation
• Investment Strategy
• Part III
• Lecture Series: Process for Long-Term URF Agreements
• Next Meeting Dates and Locations
Water Supply Briefing

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Restoration Flow Releases
Restoration Flows

• Critical Low water year
  – As of allocation released on February 27
  – No Restoration Flows forecast for 2015

• One last easement needed for 70 cfs capability past Sack Dam.
Restoration Flow Guidelines
• Procurement Request submitted for Contractor assistance with updating RFGs

• Outstanding Issues:
  – Forecasting Restoration Flows, including tools for mitigating uncertainty.
  – Gravelly Ford, minimum compliance point or flow target.
  – Managing flood management releases to best meet riparian recruitment needs.
February 2014: suspended Restoration Flows in response to drought

- One-year agreements to sell unreleased flows to 29 contractors for Public Health & Safety and critical irrigation needs.

Initiating process for long-term agreements (Lecture Series topic)
Recapture / Recirculation
R&R Plan

• Draft Plan released February 2011
• Recirculation Chapter revisions drafted in 2013 with Friant Contractor input
• Revised Plan scheduled to be largely completed in 2015
• Critical Path: Recapture Chapter and associated operations agreements
Long-term R&R EIS/EIR

• Planning and impacts analysis for WY 2018 and beyond.

• Long-term R&R may consider:
  – Modified or new facilities
  – New agreements and/or operations
  – Changes to contract amounts

• Alternatives Development Phase
  – Scoping meetings Spring 2015
Investment Strategy
Final Investment Strategy Report

- Final Report is essentially complete
- Available on SJRRP website shortly
Part III
Friant-Kern Canal Capacity Restoration

• Restore Design Maximum Flow Capacity and current design standards from MP 29.14 to MP 71.3

• Value Engineering Study – January 2015
  – Reduce earthwork volumes and unit costs

• Schedule:
  – 100% design in August 2015
  – Cooperative Agreement Award December 2015
Madera Canal Capacity Restoration

- Demonstration Project advancing low-flow bypass valve into the Madera Canal
- Feasibility Study to focus on off-canal alternatives proposed by Chowchilla WD and Madera ID
- Draft Alternatives Analysis TM in April 2015
Friant-Kern Canal Reverse Flow Pump-Back Project

- Red Bluff pumps and motors purchased and transported to FWA storage facility
- $2.38M in drought funding announced in February 2015
Pixley ID- Joint Groundwater Bank

- 560 acre bank with 4.5 mile pipeline to new FKC turnout
- Revising schedule
Groundwater Financial Assistance

Porterville ID- In-Lieu Project

- Service area #1 is 1000 acres connected to Wood-Central Ditch
- Service area #2 is 650 acres connected to FKC
- Revising schedule
Groundwater Financial Assistance

Tulare ID- Cordeniz Basin Construction & Exchange Program

- 60 acre basin
- Environmental Compliance complete August 2015
- Construction complete December 2016
Groundwater Financial Assistance

Shafter-Wasco ID- Madera Avenue Intertie

• Project revisions proposed
• Discussions with Grants Officer to be scheduled
Lecture Series: Contracts Process for Long-Term Unreleased Restoration Flows Agreements
SJRRP Process
Paragraph 13 (i) Agreements
Presented by: B. Hidleburg
Paragraph 13(i) Agreements

1. Process
2. Time Lines
3. Next Steps
Process

1. Technical Meeting(s) (Reclamation and Contractors)
   a) Identify and Establish Negotiation Teams
   b) Identify Any Issues
   c) Establish Venue(s) for Negotiation(s)

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Process

2. Develop Draft Agreements (Reclamation)

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Process

3. Public Notice (Reclamation)

• Federal Register Notice
  – Agreements
  – Environmental Document

• Local Publication – Press Release
  – Before each Negotiation Session
  – After Final Negotiation Session

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Process

4. Negotiation (Reclamation and Contractors)

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Process

5. Public Comment Period (Reclamation)

- Local Publication – Press Release
  - After Final Negotiation Session
Process

6. Execution of Agreements (Contractors and Reclamation)

 Contractors provide three original, blue-backed Agreements to Reclamation along with three original Board Resolutions authorizing the appropriate official to execute the Agreements.

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Process

7. Court Confirmation, if applicable (Contractors)

After receiving the final executed Agreement from Reclamation, the Contractors initiate the Agreement confirmation process with the local court.
Time Lines

- Follow Through
- Communicate Clearly
- Get Commitment
- Set Expectations

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Time Lines are Business Days

1. Release Agreements to the Contractors 3 days
2. Announce public negotiation session 5 days
3. Conduct public negotiation sessions 3 days
4. Parties agree upon final form of Agreement 7 days
5. Publish final Agreement 60 days
6. Address comments, if any 15 days
7. Update Agreements, if applicable 15 days
8. Execute Agreements 30 days
9. Court Confirmation, if applicable 35 days

Total Estimated Time = 6 months

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### Time Lines

**Estimated time lines for process tasks**

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**Total time from beginning to execution rounded up.**

| 6 months |
Next Steps

1. Court confirmation decision (Reclamation)
2. Solicitor’s concurrence (Reclamation)
3. Schedule first technical meeting (Reclamation & Contractors)
Questions

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Point of Contacts

Available upon request
Next Meetings
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