Meeting Notes
Water Management Technical Feedback
Friday June 17, 2011

Picadilly Inn University, Fresno, CA
DRAFT: 2011.06.17

Attendees
Beth Wrege, NMFS
Dan Vink, Lower Tule River ID
David Mooney, Reclamation
Doug Welch, Chowchilla WD
Ed Salazar, Reclamation
Eric Quinley, FWA
Ernie Taylor, DWR
Fergus Morrissey, Orange Cove ID
Floyd Harlan, International WD
Jeevan Muhar, Arvin-Edison WDS
Mario Manzo, Reclamation
Nick Hindman, USFWS
Peter Vorster, TBI
Robert Campbell, Reclamation
Rod Meade, RA
Ron Jacobsma, FWA
Steve Chedester, SJRECWA
Steve Collup, Arvin-Edison WSD
Steve Ottemoeller, FWA
Tom Boardman, SL&DMWA

Next Meeting
September 16, 2011 – 9am to 11 am: Picadilly Inn (Changed to Piccadilly Inn Shaw), Fresno CA

Water Supply Briefing
Ed Salazar reviewed water supply reports and forecasts. Discussions included:
- King’s River Inflows and the routing of water into the Chowchilla Bypass
- Potential timeframes for transitioning from flood releases to Interim Flows.

Restoration Administrator Briefing
Rod Meade reviewed water year 2010 and water year 2011 Interim Flow schedules and discussed the rationale behind release plans. Discussion included:
- Riparian recruitment flexibility and potential limitations

Interim Flows
Dave Mooney reviewed preparations for resuming Interim Flows after the conclusion of flood releases and recent flow history. Discussion included:
- Sack Dam Operations with King’s River flows
- Chowchilla Bypass operations

Recovered Water Account
Dave Mooney reviewed the status of the methodology, Mario Manzo discussed individual district RWA balances. Discussion included:
- Friant Districts would like to review balances before Reclamation posts summaries on the public website
Restoration Flow Guidelines
Mario Manzo presented potential goals for completing additional sections of the Restoration Flow Guidelines in 2011. Discussion included:
- The potential additional of residuals to the Restoration Flow Guidelines
- Revisions to the goals to keep the 2011 plan manageable

Recapture and Recirculation
Mario Manzo presented the status and remaining outstanding items to resolve on recapture of Interim and Restoration flows. Discussions included:
- Timeframe for a policy meeting
- Status of prior analysis efforts
- Availability of project use energy
- Potential cost recovery mechanisms
Mario Manzo discussed the long-term recirculation planning. Discussions included:
- Recent water transfers and the relationship to the Accelerated Water Transfer Program
- Annual cycles and the difference between calendar, water, and contract years
- Preparation of recirculation plans for 2012
- Need for a consolidated place of use petition
Mario Manzo discussed the 2011 recirculation plans. Discussions included:
- The quantity of water
- The need for different alternatives

Friant-Kern Canal Capacity Restoration
Mario Manzo reviewed the feasibility report. Discussions included:
- Capability to expand alternatives if implementation finds cost savings
- Potential overlap between the 2012 Interim Flow EA and potential canal construction work
- The ability to account for capacity correction in proposals for Part III funding
- Alternate means of computing the benefits
- Contracting authority for FWA to undertake construction

Madera Canal Capacity Restoration
Mario Manzo described development of the project management plan and schedule for initial investigations.

Friant-Kern Canal Reverse Flow Pump-back Facilities
Mario Manzo described status of alternatives development, upcoming field work, and the schedule.