



Meeting Notes

Water Management Technical Feedback

Friday June 17, 2011

Picadilly Inn University, Fresno, CA
DRAFT: 2011.06.17

Attendees

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

Next Meeting

September 16, 2011 – 9am to 11 am: ~~Picadilly Inn University~~ (**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
- April 23, 2011 Spring 2011 Interim Flow Program Real-time Management Recommendations available on www.restoresjr.net

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.