

**San Joaquin River Restoration Program  
Water Management Work Group  
Technical Feedback Meeting  
Friday, November 6, 2009  
Lamp Liter Inn  
Visalia, CA**

**MEETING NOTES**

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**Attendees:**

Dave Mooney	Reclamation	Dale Brogan	Delano-Earlimart ID
Doug DeFlicht	Reclamation	William West	Stone Corral ID
Peter Vorster	The Bay Institute	Dennis Keller	Garfield/Lewis CreekWD
Rod Meade	SJRRP RA	Mark Larsen	Kaweah Delta WCD
Ron Jacobsma	FWUA	Ernie Taylor	DWR
Steve Ottemoeller	FWUA	Tom Boardman	SLDMWA
Bill Luce	FWUA	Dave Fullerton	Metropolitan WD
Eric Quinley	FWA	Chris Acree	Revive the San Joaquin
Steve Collup	Arvin-Edison WSD	Steve Haze	Sierra RCD/SJVWLF
Sean Geivet	Porterville, Saucelito, Terra Bella ID	Karyn Heim	NOAA NMFS
Gary Serrato	Fresno ID	Anne Deister	Brown & Caldwell
Jerry Ezell	Shafter-Wasco ID	Seth Gentzler	URS
Dan Vink	Lower Tule River ID	Dick Moss	Provost & Pritchard
Fergus Morrissey	Orange Cove ID	John Roldan	MWH
Paul Hendrix	Tulare ID	Jeff Payne	MWH

**Next Meeting:**

December 7, 2009, 8:30am – 10:00am

**Summary of Meeting:**

**Comments on Recent Meeting Notes by John Roldan (MWH)**

Steve Ottemoeller clarified that he will attempt to account for the Interim Flows attributed to each Friant District, but not on a daily basis.

**Status Update on Water Management Activities by John Roldan (MWH)**

John Roldan reviewed the list of Water Management activities with Reclamation involvement, emphasizing the Restoration Flow Guidelines (RFG) and Water Transfer Provisions.

**Part III Guidelines by John Roldan (MWH)**

John Roldan provided the schedule and purpose of each identified draft document in finalizing the Part III Guidelines prior to the legislatively mandated deadline of March

30, 2010. Input was solicited from Friant on the Selection Criteria and Project Benefit Methodology sections of DRAFT 1 of the Part III Guidelines.

The following points were raised by members of the group:

- The allocation process identified in the Friant mediation document, or equivalent equitability criteria, should be included in the Part III Guidelines;
- Cost effectiveness criteria should be used with caution, as the value of water is different amongst Friant contractors;
- A need for a timeline to be included or excluded from the funding was recognized;
- Questions were raised on whether projects had to be new, or whether the inclusion of a district into an existing project (e.g. Semitropic water bank) would be eligible for cost-share.

Action Items:

- Comments on DRAFT 1 are due by December 4<sup>th</sup>; and
- DRAFT 2 is due on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### Interim Flows / Recapture by Doug DeFlicht & Dave Mooney (Reclamation)

Doug DeFlicht informed the group of the current status of Interim Flows, including the current level of releases, anticipated date of arrival at Mendota Pool, and the remaining schedule of releases for the fall period. Dave Mooney provided an overview of the current project description for recapture, including points of diversion and potential points of transfer to the Friant Division long-term contractors.

The following points were raised by members of the group:

- Questions were raised on whether current Reach 1 diversions are metered. They are not;
- It was noted that the diversions may need to be metered in accordance with the recent laws passed by California, if they exceed 25 AF per year;
- A 1:1 credit is under consideration for recaptured flows at Mendota Pool;
- Recaptured credits will be given as storage in San Luis, and will require payment of storage, conveyance and pumping costs;
- It was noted that the aggregation of losses incurred on recapture water could diminish the value of recapture significantly;
- It was clarified that the SJRRP staff expected that any flows reaching Mendota Pool as part of the Fall Interim Flow period would be released from Sack Dam, and would likely not be available for recapture. In the event that the flows are not released from Sack Dam, credits will be provided for storage in San Luis; and
- It was noted that recirculation was similar to the FWUA-MWD Water Quality Exchange, and asked whether water quality issues had been considered in the PEIS/R discussion of impacts. It was noted that the expected SJRRP recapture flows were of different timing and magnitude than the FWUA-MWD flows and would have a different scale of impact; the previous studies may only be of limited benefit for making an assessment of the SJRRP recapture flows.

Madera & Friant-Kern Canals Capacity Correction Assessment and Friant-Kern Canal Reverse Flow Facilities by John Roldan (MWH)

John Roldan informed the group that a hydraulic model review meeting was conducted on November 2<sup>nd</sup> with the Madera and Chowchilla Water and Power Authority and the Friant Water Users Authority. Technical input from both Authorities will be used to finalize the models for both canals. The final models will be presented to the Authorities at a meeting on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Public Comment

None.