San Joaquin River Restoration Program

Water Management Group
Technical Feedback Meeting

February 20, 2009

Agenda

- Title III Guidelines –
  Solicitation/Discussion of Comments
- Restoration Flow Guidelines
- Status of Water Management Activities
- Next Meeting
Title III - Local Financial Assistance

- Guidelines for obtaining Federal financial assistance for groundwater projects
- Draft document distributed in January 2009
- Certain sections left blank in anticipation of Friant input
- No comments received to date
- Document must be complete within one year of the passage of legislation

Title III – Selection Criteria

- This section establishes the criteria that will be used to select projects for Federal funding
- Questions to help frame the issues:
  - How will projects be prioritized?
  - Will a preference be placed on regional projects vs. local or individual district projects?
  - Will it be first come, first served? If not, what will be the process for getting projects on the table at the same time?
Title III – Project Benefit Methodology

This section outlines how the benefits of a project will be quantified, in terms of reduction in water supply impacts, for the following purposes:

- Cost-Sharing:
  - Determines the amount of Federal financial assistance that will be provided for a project

- Recovered Water Account:
  - Determines the appropriate annual adjustment to the RWA

Title III – Project Benefit Methodology
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Questions to help frame the issues:

- Cost-Sharing:
  - What technical evidence must a local agency include in an application to show the reduction in expected water supply impacts in order to justify a Federal financial cost share percentage for all or a portion of their project?

- Recovered Water Account:
  - Will project benefits be determined by the amount of 16(b) supply banked, recovered, or other?
  - Will project benefits include banking and/or recovering non-16(b) supplies?
Restoration Flow Guidelines

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Recovered Water Account
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- Reclamation identifies flows as either Restoration or Flood Control.
- Reclamation subtracts Settlement identified Riparian Releases.
- Reclamation could apply a Discounting Factor by Water Year Type to account for additional storage capacity from the Settlement Model.
- Reclamation applies a 1.25 multiplier to the discounted releases identified as buffer flows.
- RWA credits are adjusted to account for recovered, recirculated, or other reductions in water supply impacts.
- Impacts are distributed among Districts.

16(a) Recapture Recirculation Programmatic Coverage

- Reoperation of Friant Dam for Restoration and 16b Releases.
- State Water Control Board Petition to change the purpose to instream flow and protect water from diversions.
- Upper bound on the cumulative and system effects of future recapture activities.
16(a) Recapture Recirculation
Next Steps

- Programmatic studies identified opportunities from 0 to 90 TAF.
- Site-specific studies will identify specific plans and mechanisms.
  - Pumping
  - Conveyance
  - Storage
  - Demands
  - Water Quality
  - Water Rights
  - Accounting
  - Agreements

Next Meeting Date & Agenda

- March 20, 2009
- Potential Agenda Items:
  - More Title III
  - Delta Feedback
  - Other Topics?