#### **San Joaquin River Restoration Program**



# Water Management Technical Feedback Meeting

Visalia, CA





- Introductions
- Stakeholder Feedback
- Friant Water Supply Briefing
- 2016 In Review
  - Restoration Flows; RWA; R&R
- 2017 Outlook
  - Restoration allocation; Delta Recapture; Part III offset
- RFG 2.0 Debrief
- WMG Project Updates
- Adjourn



# AIRBORNE SNOW OBSERVATORY



- Aerial monitoring begun this winter
- Currently has inadequate funding
- USBR funding rejected, in line for possible midyear funding
- Forecasting component through USDA-ARS on hold pending funding
- Concept supported by SCCAO and CVO



- Integration and Operational Use
  - DWR PRMS model (future B120s)
  - Independent forecast by USDA-ARS
  - Gradual integration with NWS River Forecast Center model
  - Other "home grown" models, use 4 years of previous data provided by Tuolumne (Hetch Hetchy)
- 3-Year integration plan
- Long-term funding support would be critical
  - Sierra Nevada Wide?
  - CA government support



 Jan 30 flight trace (take 2-4 days to cover watershed)





# FRIANT WATER SUPPLY BRIEFING



## **2016 IN REVIEW**



## 2016 Restoration Year Type





- Provisional Restoration Allocation 1/26/16: – 9,445 AF through February 29
- Full Restoration Allocations

3/18/16: 261,400 AF RA schedule 129,000

4/14/16: 276,085 AF RA schedule 144,224

5/31/16: 266,932 AF RA schedule 135,071

7/7/16: 270,297 AF RA schedule 131,861

 Final Restoration Allocation 9/30/2016: – 263,295 AF RA schedule 109,586



### **2016 Restoration Year Actions**

✓ First Restoration Flows in 2+ years ✓ Provisional Allocation due to South-of-Delta water supply shortfall ✓ Pulse flows to test juvenile salmon capture and transport ✓ K-Rat surveys, ESB Sand Removal, LSJLD control gates rehab, Mendota Dam maintenance, Red Top pipeline construction, Arroyo Canal maintenance ✓ Nearly half of allocation became URFs ✓ First flows below Sack Dam - Aug 17 ✓ First recapture in lower SJR







## 2016 Tally – Allocation & Flows

ALLOCATION & FLOWS					
Forecast Runoff/Observed Runoff	1300.986 та	F As of:	9/30/2016		
Restoration Flow Allocation	263.295 TA	F Status:	Final		
Scheduled Restoration Flow Releases to date	97.511 TA	F As of:	2/7/2017		
Actual Restoration Flow Releases to date	<b>79.526</b> TA	F As of:	2/7/2017		
Restoration Flows as Flood Flows	13.875та	F As of:	2/7/2017		
Unreleased Restoration Flows Distributed	152.240 та	F As of:	2/7/2017		
Unreleased Restoration Flows as Flood Flows	7.241 TA	F After:	2/7/2017		
Scheduled Restoration Flow Releases	10.413та	F After:	2/7/2017	Ending:	2/28/2017
Remaining Volume or Remaining URFs	0.000 TA	F After:	2/7/2017	Ending:	2/28/2017
Restoration Total	263.295 TA	F			

BUFFER FLOWS			
Allowable Buffer Flows to date	36.566 TAF	As of: 2/7/2017	
Buffer Flows Released to date	0.000 taf	As of: 2/7/2017	
Remaining Buffer Flows	1.458 TAF	After: 2/7/2017	Ending: 2/28/2017
Scheduled Buffer Flows Releases	0.000 taf	After: 2/7/2017	Ending: 2/28/2017
Remaining Summer Flexible Buffer Flows	0.000 taf	After:-	Ending: 11/30/2016
Remaining Fall Flexible Buffer Flows	0.000 taf	After:-	Ending: 1/28/2017
Buffer Flow Total	0.000 TAF		





## 2016 Tally – URFs Distributed

Exchanges						
OCID	3.158	Gross	3.000	Net	Status:	Complete
FID	8.421	Gross	8.000	Net	Status:	Complete
AEWSD	7.368	Gross	7.000	Net	Status:	Complete
Multiple Parties (SLR-Millerton Swap, Subsequent Sale)	5.474	Gross	5.200	Net	Status:	In Process
	24.421	Gross	23.200	Net		
Sales						
Tier 1 (\$60)	89.473	Gross	84.999	Net	Status:	Complete
Tier 2, Block 1 (\$150)	4.696	Gross	4.461	Net	Status:	Complete
Tier 2, Block 2 (\$150)	19.999	Gross	18.999	Net	Status:	Complete
Tier 2, Block 3 (\$150)	6.546	Gross	6.219	Net	Status:	Complete
Tier 2, Block 4 (\$20)	7.105	Gross	6.750	Net	Status:	Complete
	127.819	Gross	121.428	Net		
Total URFs Distributed	152.240	Gross	144.628	Net		

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER



## 2016 Tally – Recapture

@ Mendota Pool						
Restoration Inflow Credit	21.349 TAF	As of:	11/29/2016			
Sack Dam Restoration Flows	11.859 TAF	F As of:	11/29/2016			
MP Recapture (MP Inflow minus Sack Dam Releases)	9.490 TAF	F				
@ Lower San Joaquin River & Delta						
Restoration Flow Potential Recapture	1.031 TAF	As of:	11/29/2016			
Actual Recapture @ PID	0.397 TAF	As of:	11/29/2016			
Actual Recapture @ BCID	0.406TAF	As of:	11/29/2016			
Actual Recapture @ Delta		As of:	11/29/2016			
Actual Lower SJR Recapture	0.8037AF	F				
	Lowe	er SJR Reca	pture updat	ed to	0.833 TAF	
Total Recapture to Date	10.293 <sup>TAF</sup>	F				
POTENTIAL FUTURE RECAPTURE						
Mendota Pool						
November	0.000TAF	F From:	11/29/2016	To:	11/30/2016	
December	0.000TAF	F From:	12/1/2016	To:	12/31/2016	
January	0.000TAF	F From:	1/1/2017	To:	1/31/2017	
February	0.000 TAF	F From:	2/1/2017	To::	2/28/2017	
MP Recapture	0.000TAF	F				
Lower San Joaquin River						
November	0.000 TAF	From:	11/29/2016	To:	11/30/2016	
December	0.000 TAF	F From:	12/1/2016	To:	12/31/2016	
January	0.000 TAF	From:	1/1/2017	To:	1/31/2017	
February	0.000 TAF	F From:	2/1/2017	To:	2/28/2017	
Lower SJR Recapture	0.000TAF	F				
Total Potential Future Recapture	0.000 TAF	F				
Grand Total 2016 Restoration Year Recapture	10.293 TAF	F				
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### **RWA True Up**

- RWA workshop in August 2016
- SJRRP updated and distributed the RWA balances for Contractor review
- Updates and clarifications to RWA impact model methodology have been identified
- QA/QC of RWA balances is ongoing





#### **RWA Balances**

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URFs	-	-	-	-	-	11,101



#### **Stored 2013 Restoration Flows**

Entity	Amount Available in 2016*	Amount Remaining
Meyers Water Bank	768	0
CCID	2,860	0
James ID	0	2,753
Total	3,628 AF	2,753 AF

\* Allocated pro rata to Class 1 contractors



#### **Recaptured 2016 Flows**

Month	Mendota Pool	PID/BCID
July	1,089	0
August	3,019	0
September	2,923	0
October	1,616	0
November	843	833
Total	9,490*	833**

\* Allocated pro rata to Class 1 contractors

\*\* Allocated to participating Class 1 contractors



## What we learned in 2016

- In river coordination is essential; progress on improving relationships
- Frequent collaboration with SCCAO benefits the Program
- Some unresolved sections of Restoration Flow Guidelines; parties willing to address
- Come a long way, but still a lot to learn
- Input from Stakeholders?



# **2017 OUTLOOK**



## 2017 Restoration Year Type



Preliminary Draft, Subject to Revision



#### 2017 Restoration Year

- January 20 Initial RF Allocation
  - Wet restoration year type
  - 673 TAF Friant Dam release / 557 TAF @ GRF
- January 31 RA Recommendation
  - 300 cfs limit below Sack Dam in Spring & Summer
  - Changeover to RFs at end of flood flows
  - 197 TAF scheduled / 359 TAF Unreleased Restoration Flows (URFs)



### 2017 URF Outlook

- 359 TAF Expected with Current RA Flow Schedule
  - Program needs to Allocate URFs quickly to avoid being lost to spill
  - Recipients need to delivery URFs prior to the end of Uncontrolled Season, if not, Water Supply Test will be applied to determine if URFs are still available for delivery
  - All sales in 2017 / no Exchanges



### 2017 URF Outlook

- Tier 1 (\$20 no refunds)
  - Block 1 of 237,500 AF
  - Offered to Class 2 contractors first
  - Early delivery option, but must schedule after all of a contractors 2016 URF supply
  - Subsequent blocks likely
- Tier 2 (Variable Price ~ \$35)
  - Only utilized if Millerton Reservoir is under control
  - Fully schedulable / no risk of spill
  - Price = (275,000 / Runoff in TAF) 40



#### How URFs Spill

- 2017 URFs can be delivered throughout UcS
- At end of UcS: URF deliveries + RF @ GRF ≥ Exhibit B hydrograph
  - If not, difference subtracted from undelivered URF volume
  - URFs that have not been allocated (i.e. still held by RA) would likewise be reduced

Date	Default Hydrograph at GRF	2017 RA Schedule at GRF	Volume of URFs that would need to be delivered to avoid spill if UcS ends (GROSS)	Volume of URFs that would need to be delivered to avoid spill if UcS ends (NET)
		Cu	umulative Volume in TAF	
March 1	0	0	0	0
March 16	11.1	12.2	0	0
April 1	54.5	25.2	29.3	27.8
April 16	124.4	37.4	87.0	82.7
May 1	238.9	49.6	189.3	179.8
May 16	292.8	61.8	231.0	219.5
June 1	350.2	74.8	275.4	261.6
June 16	404.1	87.0	317.1	301.2
July 1	457.9	99.2	358.7	340.8



## **Pilot Recapture at Delta Facilities**

- First year Restoration Flows to reach the Delta
- Challenges:
  - Tracking Restoration Flows
  - Consistency with Coordinated Operations Agreement
  - Delta Operational Constraints
- SJRRP and CVO will meet regularly to communicate Restoration Flows and Delta controlling factors to determine amount recaptured





### **Factors Affecting Delta Recapture**

Condition	Factors	Notes	SJRRP Recapture
Facility constraints	Export pumps, San Luis storage, or canal conveyance capacity; maintenance outages	Restoration Flows junior to project water and transfers to CVP SOD	
Delta Salinity	Managed by reducing exports	Additional inflow not much help	None
Delta Outflow	Net Delta Outflow Index (NDOI)		Recapture opportunity consistent with incremental improvement in NDOI
Delta E/I	inflow and reservoir storage	e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	Recapture percentage consistent with D-1641 (if export capacity available)
OMR	NMFS BiOp RPA; determined by gage readings, but may move to an OMR index	COA excess conditions	recapture consistent with incremental improvement, as calculated by OMR Index
ESA take	BiOp RPA; exports may be constrained by take limits	water could affect take	Credit SJRRP to the extent that Restoration Flows can be diverted within constraints





### Delta Factors (cont.)

Condition	Factors	Notes	SJRRP Recapture
D-1641: Vernalis base flow and salinity objectives	New Melones releases made as necessary to meet objective	Melones operations when Vernalis flow objective is controlling; Restoration Flows not obligated to	objectives of D-1641
SJR I/E	NMFS BiOp; exports linked to flow at Vernalis for 60 days in April and May based on the San Joaquin Valley Classification (60-20-20 Index)	the SJR basin when this controls; Restoration Flows junior to	Recapture percentage consistent with NMFS BiOp (if export capacity available)



# **RESTORATION FLOWS GUIDELINES v2.0**



- Kickoff Meeting Aug 23 recommended topics for revision and prioritized tasks
- Small Workgroup met and drafted specific revisions
- Version 2.0 will be approved in February 2017
- Remaining revision topics planned for 2017 and 2018





#### **RFG 2.0: New Exceedance Forecast**

			Date of Allocation Issuance									
	Value (TAF)	January	February	March	April	May	June <sup>2</sup>					
	Above 2200	50	50	50	50	50	50					
	1100 to 2200	75	75	50	50	50	50					
If the 50%	900 to 1099	75	75	75	50	50	50					
forecast is¹:	700 to 899	90	90	75	50	50	50					
15.	500 to 699	90	90	75	50	50	50					
	Below 500	90	90	90	90	75	50					

- Earlier certainty of supply in Wet years, thus earlier release and less flood impacts
- Water provided to the RA when it is most useful
- Avoids forcing a shift of water from Spring to Summer because allocation was too conservative
- Extensive modeling using DWR and NWS forecast history



RFG 2.0 Revisions – Dry

#### **Old Forecast Progression**



#### **New Forecast Progression**





### RFG 2.0 Revisions – Normal-Dry



#### New Forecast Progression





#### RFG 2.0 Revisions – Normal-Wet

#### Old Forecast Progression



#### **New Forecast Progression**





**RFG 2.0 Revisions - Wet** 

#### **Old Forecast Progression**



#### **New Forecast Progression**




## **RFG 2.0: Collaborative Forecasting**

- Joint decisions on blending DWR and NWS forecasts
  - Same logic applied to Friant Water Supply as Restoration Allocation
  - SJRRP Exceedance Forecast Progression set by RFGs
  - SCCAO can choose a different Exceedance Forecast (e.g. 75% vs 50% vs 90%)
- SCCAO and SJRRP have been meeting weekly to go over data in detail and set the blending (e.g. 20%/80%)



- Increased or decreased allocations may be scheduled accordingly
  - This does not constitute a flow shift that requires a Water Supply Test
- Flexibility for RA to make daily adjustments without full recommendation
- Final Allocation now made June 30
  - Greater certainty for Friant contractors (supply, URFs)
  - Water after July 1 is of lower value for Restoration Goal
  - Deviation from WY total will be tracked
- Clarity and clean up of Allocation/ Recommendation Process



## **RFG 2.0: Water Supply Test**

- Basic Water Supply Test logic
  - Proposed RA schedule compared to default schedule
  - Increase or advance of flood releases or advance of dead pool would constitute impact
  - Would be applied to shifts within Summer and Winter flow periods
  - Would be applied to shifting water out of Spring and Fall periods beyond the 4 week flexibility already provided for in the Settlement; or shifting water into the Spring and Fall period.
- Sections 6.3 and 6.4 are provisional expire February 28, 2018



- Recovered Water Account (Appendix H)
  - Adjust impact calculation to include URFs
  - Clarify offsets
  - 16(b) water distribution and management
- Forecasting Best Practices (Appendix I)
- Flexible Flow Provisions
  - Moving flows within and between seasons (transfers within the hydrograph)
  - Test for non-impact to Friant water supply
- URFs
- Monitoring



# WATER MANAGEMENT GOAL PROJECTS



- Project Description Technical Memorandum
  - Summarizes the alternative formulation process
  - Documents the alternatives evaluation methods and results
  - Describes the alternatives to be evaluated in the LTRRRF EIS, including the No Action Alternative
  - Serve as the basis for the project description that will appear in the LTRRRF EIS
- TM Available to the Public in March 2017



**Friant-Kern Canal Projects** 

#### **FKC Reverse Flow Pump-Back**

- \$3.3M Financial Assistance Agreement awarded to FWA in August 2016
- RFQ Status

### **FKC Capacity Restoration**

 Starting work with Friant Contractors to determine next steps



## Madera Canal Projects

#### Madera Canal Capacity Restoration

- Feasibility Report and NEPA analysis
  - Settling Party draft Spring 2017
  - Public Draft EA Summer 2017

#### Low Flow Valve

- Contractor has submitted the Design for the new Valve. Minor concession made on the design specifications but will not affect flow in the Canal overall.
- Construction slated to begin Early to Mid summer 2017 following the completion of the Hatchery Water Supply project. Same contractor.



- U.C. Davis has acquired and installed the necessary monitoring equipment.
- Study is underway



### **Tulare ID - Cordeniz Basin**

- 80-acre basin
- Groundbreaking: December 2015
- Complete: Summer 2017

### Shafter-Wasco ID - Madera Avenue Intertie

- 270-acre recharge basin at Kimberlina Rd.
- Environmental work completed and funding awarded
- Three basins are currently constructed and flood
  water turned out into them



### **Pixley ID - Joint Groundwater Bank**

- 560-acre bank; 4.5 mile pipeline to new FKC turnout
- Financial Assistance approved; Revised Draft EA early 2017

### **Porterville ID - In-Lieu Project**

- Area 1: 1,450 acres connected to Wood-Central Ditch
- Area 2: 720 acres connected to FKC
- Financial Assistance awarded, Enviro. Complete
- Construction anticipated to start February/March



## Part III Workshop – May 17

- Future FOA
- Calculating RWA offsets





## **NEXT MEETINGS**



Date	Location
April 21, 2017	Visalia
May 17/18 – Part III Workshop	Fresno/Visalia
September 15, 2017	Sacramento