



# Meeting Notes

## Water Management Technical Feedback

### Friday, July 18, 2014

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*Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sacramento, CA*

#### **Attendees**

Erika Kegal, Reclamation  
Erin Rice, Reclamation  
Margaret Gidding, Reclamation  
Tyler Nunes, Reclamation  
Tom Johnson, Restoration Administrator  
Ron Jacobsma, FWA  
Steve Ottemoeller, FWA

Tom Weddle, IID/EID  
Paul Hendrix, TID  
Ben Swann, CDM Smith  
Charles Gardiner, Catalyst  
Joshua Biggs, MWH  
John Roldan, MWH

#### **On the phone/webinar:**

Mario Manzo, Reclamation  
Jeevan Muhar, AEWS  
Eric Quinley, FWA  
Peter Vorster, TBI

Peter Rietkerk, Patterson ID  
David Weisenberger, Banta-Carbona ID  
Carolyn Yale, Public

#### **Next Meetings**

September 19, 2014, in Visalia, CA  
November 21, 2014, in Visalia, CA  
January 2015, in Reno, NV (Date TBD)

#### **Comments on Recent Meeting Notes**

None.

#### **Water Supply Briefing**

No water supply briefing was provided.

#### **Restoration Flow Releases**

Erika Kegal discussed the status of the Unreleased Restoration Flows (URFs) made available earlier in the year, including the agreements with the Friant Contractors and the amount delivered to date.

#### **Restoration Flow Guidelines**

Erika Kegal reminded the group that the first draft of the Restoration Flow Guidelines was completed at the end of 2013, and highlighted issues that remain to be resolved.

#### **Recapture / Recirculation**

Erika Kegal provided details of the 2013 recapture and recirculation program and an overview and status of the process to finalize the Recapture and Recirculation Plan.

## **Investment Strategy**

John Roldan provided a brief overview of the Investment Strategy process and major deliverables. John also provided a detailed update on the schedule and progress to date on the Draft Investment Strategy, including recent site visits and meetings with the project proponents of the Priority Projects.

## **Part III**

Erika Kegel provided an update on the Friant-Kern Canal Capacity Restoration, Madera Canal Capacity Restoration, and the Friant-Kern Canal Reverse Flow Pump-Back projects. Erin Rice discussed the status of the groundwater projects that received the initial funding awarded under Part III Financial Assistance for Local Projects.

## **Lecture Series: Unreleased Restoration Flows – Lessons Learned**

Erika Kegel reviewed the events in 2014 surrounding the allocation, banking, and conveyance of URFs to the Friant Contractors, and the lessons learned through these activities. Erika presented a proposed concept for future URFs implementation, which included distribution to Friant Contractors on a pro rate share and at a predetermined rate. The group discussed the difficulty in obtaining agreement amongst the Friant Contractors on specific methods of allocating URFs, but felt it would be worthwhile for the Friant Contractors to propose a potential rate table for future purchase and/or exchange of URFs, if possible.

## **Public Comment**

None.

**-Meeting Adjourned-**