

**San Joaquin River Restoration Program
Water Management Work Group
Technical Feedback Meeting
Friday, March 20, 2009
Lamp Liter Inn
Visalia, CA**

MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

Jason Phillips	Reclamation	Dale Brogan	Delano-Earlimart ID
Dave Mooney	Reclamation	Dale Sally	Exeter, Ivanhoe ID
Peter Vorster	The Bay Institute	Dennis Keller	Garfield, Lewis Creek
Ron Jacobsma	FWUA		WD
Steve Ottemoeller	FWUA	Bill Carlisle	South San Joaquin MUD
Lance Johnson	Madera ID	Dale West	Stone Corral ID
Steve Collup	Arvin-Edison WSD	Rod Meade	Restoration Administrator
Sean Geivet	Porterville, Saucelito, Terra Bella ID	Ernie Taylor	DWR
Jerry Ezell	Shafter-Wasco ID	Mark Larsen	Kaweah Delta WCD
Fergus Morrissey	Orange Cove ID	Steve Haze	Sierra RCD, SJVWLF
Aaron Fukuda	Tulare ID	Bill Swanson	MWH
Laurence Kimura	Fresno ID	John Roldan	MWH
		Jeff Payne	MWH

Next Meeting:

April 17, 2009 – Immediately following the joint FWUA/FWA Advisory Committee Meeting in Visalia at the Lamp Lighter Inn (Tentative schedule 12:00pm – 2:00pm)

Summary of Meeting:

Discussion of Title III Guidelines by John Roldan (MWH)

John Roldan asked the group if they had any comments on the draft Title III Guidelines document. Ron Jacobsma, FWUA/FWA, noted that the Friant Districts are currently discussing many of the Title III issues and questions raised at previous Water Management Technical Feedback meetings in their mediation sessions.

Restoration Flow Guidelines and Recovered Water Account by Dave Mooney (Reclamation)

Dave Mooney reported on current progress and next steps on the Restoration Flow Guidelines and Recovered Water Account. Work will continue to be performed in workshops with the Settling Parties.

16(a) Recapture Activities by Dave Mooney (Reclamation)

Dave Mooney discussed the need to identify the required agreements necessary to implement a 16(a) Recapture plan that could potentially take advantage of improved water supply conditions in the Delta due to Restoration releases. Dave reviewed a list of existing Delta agreements and criteria that may need to be modified, as well as an initial list of potential new agreements that may be required.

Dave also discussed the proposed content of the water right petition to the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) regarding the Friant Division water rights. The petition will include the following three items: 1) change in purpose and place of use, 2) protection of restoration releases from downstream diverters, and 3) points of diversion in the San Joaquin River and Delta for recapture activities. Dave indicated that key SWRCB evaluation criteria will include no injury to any legal water user and no adverse environmental impacts. This will require identifying the additional flow that reaches the points of diversion.

The group noted the following:

- The 16(a) activities must be coordinated with the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP).
- The group needs to create a process to identify and obtain desirable proponents for the SWRCB water right petition.