

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


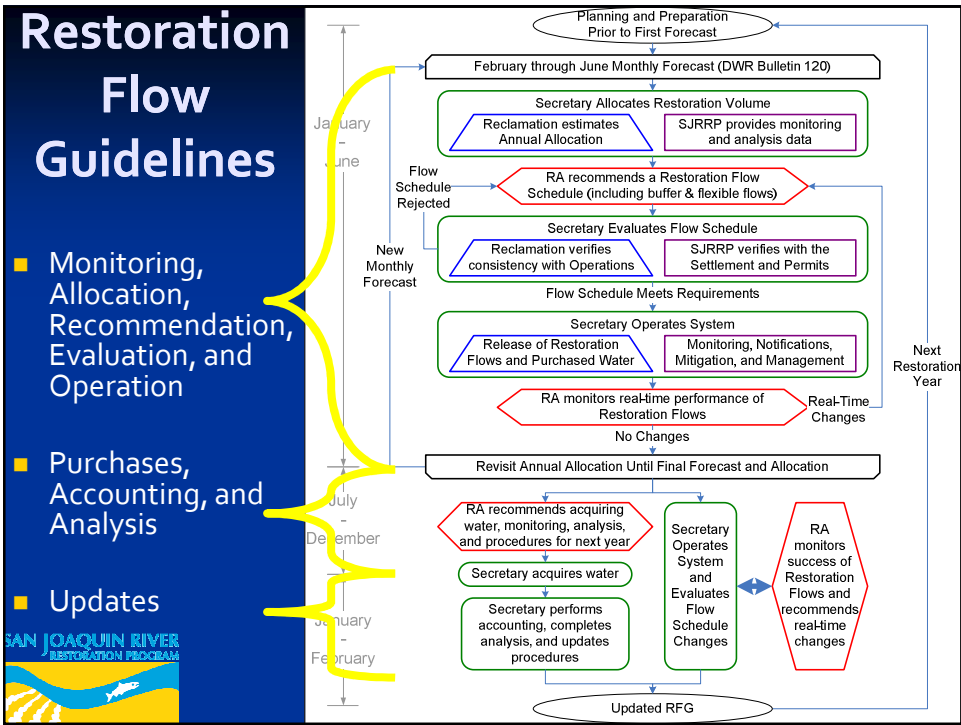


Title III – Project Benefit Methodology ...continued

- 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 & Recovered Water Account

Recovered Water Account

- 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?



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