

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER
RESTORATION PROGRAM



Public Scoping Meetings

August-September 2007



Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Program Overview and History
 - **Implementing Agencies:** Jason Phillips, Reclamation
 - **Settling Parties:** Monty Schmidt, NRDC and Ron Jacobsma, Friant Water Users Authority
 - **Flood Management Coordination:** Paula Landis, DWR
- Open House
 - Visit Stations and Talk with the Program Team
- Public Comment Forum
 - Oral Comments



Purpose of Scoping

Gather public comments,
insights and local information
for the environmental document

Please provide written
comments!



Purpose of Scoping Meeting

PUBLIC

Provide comments on:

- Options
- Alternatives
- Environmental issues
- Local conditions, issues and concerns

AGENCIES

Describe:

- Settlement and program implementation
- Alternatives development and environmental review process
- Public involvement process

Meeting Guidelines

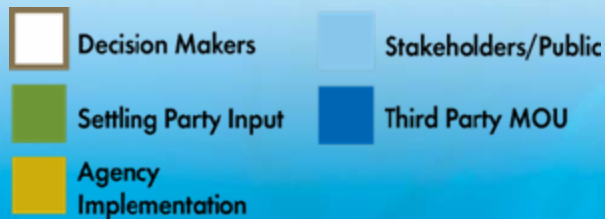
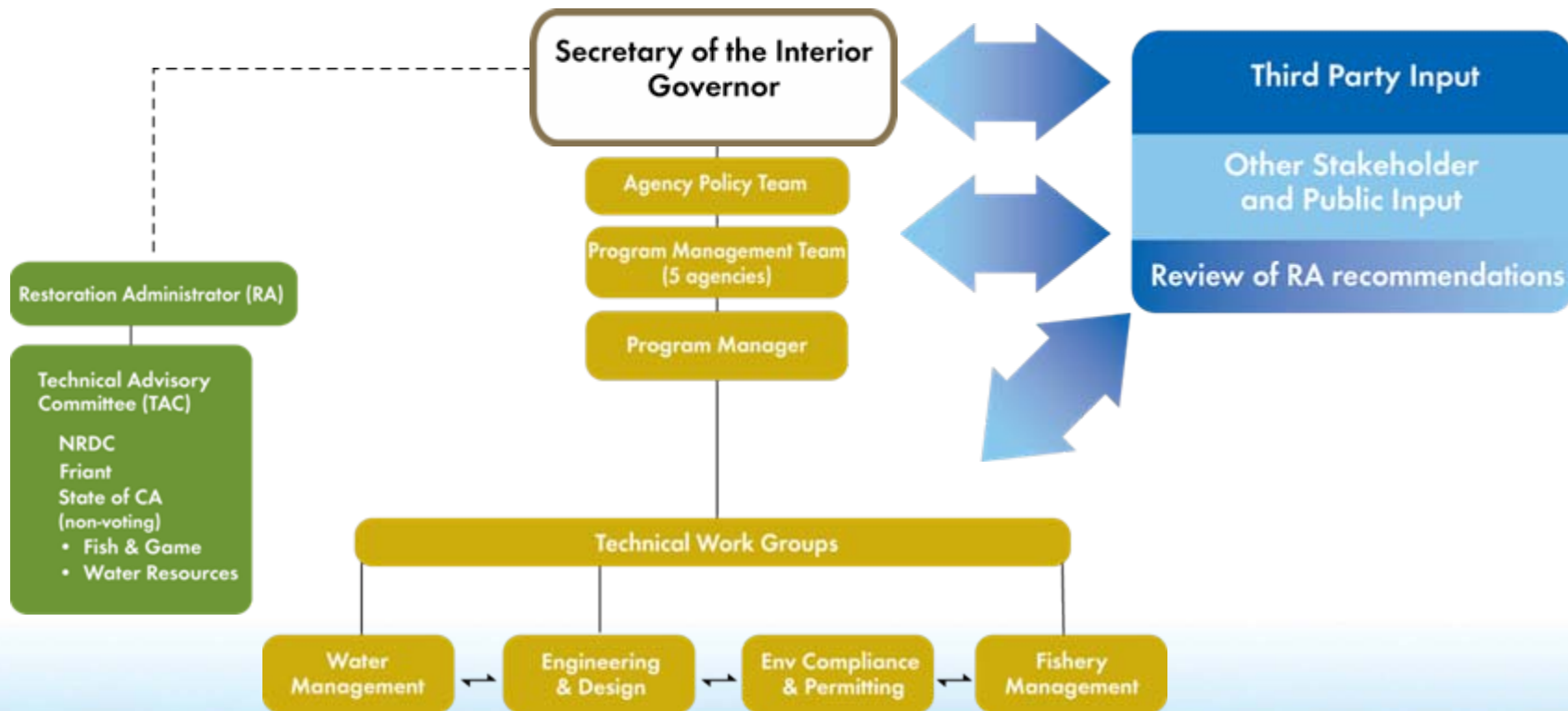
- **Ensure Everyone's Participation**
 - Structured to give everyone an opportunity to participate
- **Respect**
 - Listen carefully to other participants
 - Place cell phones, pagers, etc., on vibrate or silent mode
- **Honor Time Limits**
 - Please keep comments concise so everyone has an opportunity to speak
- **Identify Yourself**
 - State your name and organization or community



Settlement Implementation

1988	Lawsuit filed challenging the Bureau of Reclamation's renewal of the long-term water service contracts between the United States and the Central Valley Project, Friant Division contractors
1992	Congress directs Interior as part of CVPIA to develop comprehensive plan to restore the San Joaquin River
1998	Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals sends the issue of the applicability of Section 5937 of the California Fish and Game Code to the operation of Friant Dam to the District Court
1998-2003	Friant and NRDC engage in settlement negotiations
2003	First round of settlement discussions end. Plaintiffs filed seventh amended complaint
2004	Judge rules that Reclamation violated Section 5937 of the Fish and Game Code
2005-2006	Settlement discussions are reinitiated
2006	Settlement reached with two main goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restoration Goal• Water Management Goal

Program Structure





Proposed Program Funding

Water User/Federal Funding	Lifetime	Annual
CVPIA Friant Surcharge		≈ \$8 M/year
Friant Capital Repayment		≈ \$9 M/year
CVPIA Restoration Funds		up to \$2 M/year
Federal Appropriation	up to \$250 M	
State Bonds (2006)		
Proposition 84	\$100 M	
Proposition 1e	\$100 M	



Program Implementation Process

PROGRAM MILESTONES

STAGE 1

2007

- Complete Final Program Management Plan
- Publish Notice of Intent and Notice of Preparation
- Appoint Restoration Administrator
- Hold Public Scoping Meetings and Issue Public Scoping Report
- Issue Draft Alternatives Report

2008

- Develop Draft Program Environmental Documents
- Issue Stage 1 Program Alternatives Report

2009

- Complete Program Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (PEIS/R)

Stage 1 focuses on program-level planning and environmental review. It will include the identification of significant data needs that will be completed in Stage 2.

STAGE 2

2009

- Initiate Interim Restoration Flows

2012

- Reintroduce Salmon

2013

- Complete Phase 1 River Channel Improvements

Stage 2 will include: the start of interim restoration flows; detailed site-specific environmental review; implementation of high priority river improvements; reintroduction of salmon; and projects to meet water management goal.

STAGE 3

2014

- Initiate Full Restoration Flows

2016

- Complete Phase 2 River Channel Improvements

2025

- Complete All Improvements

During **Stage 3**, the full restoration flows will be initiated along with a long-term monitoring program to measure the performance of implementation.

Program Document

Program Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (PEIS/R)

- **Evaluate** a range of alternatives to achieve Settlement goals
- **Analyze and identify** program-wide impacts
- **Provide basis** for site-specific environmental documents
- **Support** decision-making
- **Focus** on system-wide impacts beyond the Program Area

Environmental Compliance for Site-Specific Projects (As Needed)

- **Developed before implementing actions**
- **Focus** on site-specific impacts
- **In tandem** with or subsequent to the PEIS/R
- **Using information** and decisions developed in the PEIS/R
- **Additional public involvement** activities and comment periods



Public Comments

- The implementing agencies want to hear your comments:
 - What environmental issues and impacts should be evaluated in the environmental review?
 - What local knowledge or information can you provide to assist in the environmental review?
 - What options and alternatives should be considered and evaluated?
 - Fish Restoration (physical changes, flows, etc.)
 - Water Management (water recovery, recirculation, etc.)
 - Flood Management (protection of land uses and natural resources)
 - Other Options?
 - When and how would you like to be informed about and involved in the Program?



Commenting Process

WHEN:

Comments due by Friday, September 21, 2007

HOW:

Comment today at the Scoping Meeting

Comment online: www.restoreSJR.com

Mail comments: Margaret Gidding
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San Joaquin District
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WHAT HAPPENS TO COMMENTS?

Comments will be compiled and addressed in a Scoping Document, provided to interested parties and placed on the Program's website www.restoresjr.com



Stations and Commenting

Station 1: Program & Process

Program, goals, process, timeline, environmental issues, and more

Station 2: Fish Restoration

Fish reintroduction provisions in the Settlement, new flows, and restoration actions

Station 4: Flood Management

Coordination between state flood management program and SJRRP

Station 3: Water Management

Water management provisions in the Settlement, actions, and options

Station 5: Reach-by-Reach Considerations

Key features depicted in each reach, provide your local knowledge

Comment Station:

Provide comments on options/alternatives, environmental issues/impacts, local information, and planning process and public involvement



Ground Rules for Oral Comments

- Any person wishing to make a comment will have an opportunity to do so (3 minutes per person)
- If you'd like to comment, please fill out a speaker's card and hand it to the facilitator
- Please limit comments to matters relating to the San Joaquin River Restoration program
- All comments will be considered equally and recorded by a note-taker.
- Please do not interrupt other people
- Please introduce yourself and tell us your organization, if applicable, before making a comment



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