

**San Joaquin River Restoration Program
Water Management Work Group
Technical Feedback Meeting
Friday, January 9, 2009
Lamp Liter Inn
Visalia, CA**

MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

Jason Phillips	Reclamation	Gary Serrato	Fresno ID
David Mooney	Reclamation	Jerry Ezell	Shafter-Wasco ID
Douglas DeFlitch	Reclamation	Michael Hagman	Lindmore ID
Gary Bobker	The Bay Institute	Dale Brogan	Delano-Earlimart ID
Peter Vorster	The Bay Institute	Keith Norris	Tea Pot Dome WD
Ron Jacobsma	FWUA	Fergus Morrissey	Orange Cove ID
Steve Ottemoeller	FWUA	Doug Welch	Chowchilla WD
Bill Luce	FWUA	Chris Acree	Revive the San
Lance Johnson	Madera ID		Joaquin
Steve Collup	Arvin-Edison WSD	Steve Haze	SJVWLF
Sean Geivet	Porterville, Saucelito,	Bill Swanson	MWH
	Terra Bella ID	John Roldan	MWH
Dan Vink	Lower Tule River,	Dan Steiner	MWH Project Team
	Pixley ID		

Next Meeting:

February 20th 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in Visalia at the Lamp Lighter Inn

Summary of Meeting:

Discussion of Water Management Goal Development by Dan Steiner / John Roldan (MWH Team)

Dan Steiner, MWH Project Team, led a review of the operational and capacity assumptions being incorporated into the 16(b) CalSim analysis. He began with a review of operational assumptions for flood flow diversions at Friant Dam. John Roldan, MWH, followed with a review of capacity assumptions for potential recharge demands, including direct recharge, in-lieu recharge and permanent crop spreading during the dormancy period. Dan concluded the review with a summary of the range of assumed monthly recharge demands and a general overview of 16(b) supply availability and constraints.

The group noted the following:

- The permanent crop recharge demands may be overstated. Participants indicated that flooding of permanent crops during the dormancy period would likely cause disruptions to cultural practices and disease.
- The question was raised whether surplus San Joaquin River flows that cannot be captured through 16(b) operations at Friant Dam can be captured downstream. Does this option fit into the Settlement and should it be covered in the PEIS?

Title III Guidelines by John Roldan (MWH)

John Roldan, MWH, distributed an initial draft of the Title III Guidelines and provided a general overview of the document. The draft document began as the Title XVI Guidelines for Preparing, Reviewing, and Processing Water Reclamation and Reuse Project Proposals, but was revised significantly to incorporate Title III criteria and requirements. It was noted that the Title III Guidelines are to be completed within one year of the passage of the draft legislation. The importance of the guidelines to the Friant districts was emphasized, as they will establish the requirements and procedures to obtain Federal funding for their local groundwater projects.

Action Item: Input was solicited from the group to refine the draft document and assist in the identification and development of additional sections that may be required.