

# **San Joaquin River Restoration Program**

## **Addendum to Public Involvement Plan**

### **Environmental Justice**

Executive Order 12898 requires Federal agencies to identify and address disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects of agency programs and activities on minority and low income populations. It is the policy of the California Resources Agency to consider environmental justice in their decision-making process if their actions have an impact on the environment. The five Implementing Agencies are committed to identifying and addressing potential environmental justice issues associated with the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP).

The Implementing Agencies will ensure the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures and income during planning, decision-making, development and implementation of the SJRRP. Strategies in the Public Involvement Plan to ensure that the public, including minority and low-income populations receive appropriate input and involvement may include but are not limited to:

#### **Public Participation**

- Identifying relevant populations that might be adversely affected by programs or projects
- Seeking out and consulting with community groups and leaders to encourage communication and collaboration prior to taking actions that may have an impact on the environment, environmental laws or policies.
- Holding required public meetings, hearings and workshops at times and in locations that encourage meaningful public participation by members of affected communities.
- Fostering broad access to existing and proposed data sets and technology to better identify, analyze, and respond to environmental justice issues.

#### **Public Outreach**

- Broadly distributing public information, in multiple languages if appropriate, to encourage participation in public processes.
- Ensuring that public documents and notices are concise, understandable, and readily accessible to the public, printed in multiple languages, if appropriate.

#### **Awareness**

- Ensure appropriate SJRRP staff are aware of the potential for environmental justice issues so that they are able to identify and consider potential issues and address them through SJRRP activities.

As the Program evolves, alternate strategies to address these considerations may be developed, in order to appropriately respond to specific impacts and effects.