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Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 4:04 PM
To: Barry Thom - NOAA Federal
Subject: Fwd: Conversation with Reclamation

Barry,
I told Federico we may also want to discuss this on the Directors call tomorrow.
- Maria

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From: Maria Rea - NOAA Federal <maria.rea@noaa.gov>
Date: July 25, 2018 at 5:58:20 PM EDT
To: Federico Barajas <fbarajas@usbr.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Conversation with Reclamation

Federico -
Thank you for your help yesterday evening. Here is the information I got from Jon Ambrose on on-going work that constitutes a directed work stoppage (as opposed to funding not being allocating for FY19). I got a further text from him that says: "Reclamation currently has awarded DWR 1.7 Million for juvenile fish collectors, and DWR is in the process of awarding some of those funds to a highly specialized subcontractor. John Hannon informed me that he is calling DWR and telling them not to award the sub-contract."

Again, I don't think I have ever in 11 years seen a directed deliberate action not to implement a required RPA. I understand your previous concern that leadership wanted to discuss priority for future consultation. I would appreciate any help you can provide to re-starting currently funded efforts as our leadership discusses future work. I am also concerned about unintended consequences with our discussions on the ROC on LTO consultation.

- Maria

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From: **Jonathan Ambrose - NOAA Federal** <jonathan.ambrose@noaa.gov>

Date: Tue, Jul 24, 2018 at 3:55 PM

Subject: Conversation with Reclamation

To: Maria Rea - NOAA Federal <maria.rea@noaa.gov>

Cc: Steve Edmondson <steve.edmondson@noaa.gov>

Good afternoon Maria. I received a call from John Hannon (Reclamation) today regarding Reclamation's reintroduction efforts for SR winter-run Chinook above Shasta Dam. As you know, Reclamation is working on a pilot fish passage evaluation program pursuant to RPA V in the OCAP biological opinion. The pilot program is well on its way to being implemented with (a) Reclamation's public draft NEPA document complete and ready for release (b) a contract for construction and installation of a head-of-reservoir collector and associated guidance nets is to be awarded in the next two weeks, and (c) ongoing studies in the McCloud River by USGS.

To my surprise, Hannon let me know that DOI had informed Reclamation that all work above Shasta was to stop. Specifically, Reclamation was told that (a) their draft EIS was not going to be released, (b) they were going to inform DWR not to award the contract for the juvenile collector and guidance nets, and (c) no more funding was to be allocated to USGS for their McCloud work.

Hannon said that DOI was awaiting a letter from DOC regarding the pilot project and whether or not this project remained a priority.

I am unclear as to whether or not Reclamation will inform us in writing regarding their new and unexpected position. Obviously, Reclamation will be out of compliance with the jeopardy biological opinion and I defer to you as to next steps. Sorry for this depressing news prior to your A/L. Jon