

Meeting Notes

Reinitiation of Consultation (ROC) on the Coordinated Long-term Operation (LTO) of the Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP): Agency Core Team Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

NMFS, 650 Capitol Mall, Delta Conference Room

Attendees

Marianne Kirkland, Chris Wilkinson, Katherine Sun, Mike Ford, Garwin Yip, Kim Squires, Jana Affonso, Ken Kundargi, Brooke Jacobs, Armin Halston, Ben Nelson, Mark Westbrook

Updates to the LTO Approach

- Reclamation clarified the three tracks of ROC on LTO for the group

Track 1 Ideas and Schedule

- Current list of ideas for Track 1 distributed by Reclamation.
- The list is draft. Ideas may move to Track 2 or 3 depending on complexity
- Initial impressions of Track 1 were that ideas would be discrete actions, has this changed? Actions may be part of an amendment/modification to the existing RPAs.
- Reclamation will ultimately decide the actions for Track 1
- It was suggested that a barrier to reduce density trigger should be considered.
- Mike Ford- Suggested WINN Act Framework as Track 1
- Track 1 feedback from group:
 - An expanded transfer window would need to be a separate action
 - As for the entrainment model, more detail needed on idea
 - As for barriers, are they for Fish or Water Quality? and some proposed barriers are already part of the salmonid RPA not yet completed and Reclamation should not propose to implement the already required ones as though they are new actions.
 - Predation reduction is already required by the salmonid RPA
 - Many of the ideas need further details prior to commenting by group

Track 2 Workshops

- Next meeting on Track 2 will be on March 2 and group should receive an email. Reclamation spoke to February 28th brainstorming meeting.

Draft Species List

- Draft USFWS species list was presented to the group by Reclamation.
- USFWS asked which track or tracks the list applies to. Reclamation list presented only fish and terrestrial species to start the discussions but USFWS would like plants included.
- NMFS provided more guidance on their species list. The agency is looking for a discussion of "fish species of concern per river"
- Scope needs to be determined
- Wait to cut the list down until scope is better known

Decision Support Papers

- It was agreed that the decision support papers are "on hold". NMFS will like notification if it is still necessary for their General Counsel to review.

Action Items

- Reclamation will send out the Track 1 ideas in Word format so the group can comment