

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, May 15, 2018, 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Bureau of Reclamation, Bay-Delta Conference Room, 801 I Street

Attendees

Ben Nelson, Katherine Sun, Jana Affonso, Armin Halston, Carl Wilcox, Anna Allison, Brooke Jacobs, Garwin Yip, Dan Cordova, Katrina Harrison, Mike Hendrick, Janice Piñero, Harry Spanglet, Mark Westbrook

Track 1 Idea Refinement

- CDFW: Is it a straight 1:1 ratio? Answer: Yes, it includes sales and transfers
- USFWS: What is the updating process? We have notes, we will post workshop notes on the web by the end of the week. All tech teams have had a meeting, updating write-ups, and another workshop in June
- DWR: Confused about 1:1 ratio, does it depend on the Water Year type? Answer: No, 1:1 across the board. Are you considering less than a 1:1? No, just based on science trying to answer how to protect juvenile steelhead.
- CDFW: Must consider impacts of I:E to other species like long-fin smelt and current BiOps. If you change I:E you must consider impacts to listed species. CDFW will send a study on that to Reclamation.
- CDFW is curious how this will effect Delta Smelt since I:E Ratio is the current norm for Delta Smelt. I:E protects the Delta Smelt available habitat, influences X2, so if a change to I:E occurs, what changes would occur to the habitat? This was not analyzed before.
- NMFS: With the I:E ratio link to steelhead survival and resulting exports, the benefit goes to species if there is uncertainty. Consider effects of '09 BiOp, Winter Run at Red Bluff Diversion Dam, the two tails of the bell-shaped curve are important to not perform take as well not just in the peak of the bell curve.
- Share Track 1 outline with Core team.

Technical Teams

- CDFW: is there any storm flex follow-up? CDFW is interested in a storm flex tech team follow up in particular
- USFWS: Is there something we can review to get familiar with the alternatives before the June 7th meeting? Answer: Reclamation will provide goals for power and adaptive management before the June 7th workshop

Admin Record

- USFWS recommends Reclamation setup their Admin Record now in order to prevent a similar situation that's occurring with Cal Water Fix. NMFS used Ricoh Relativity (Document master and

accommodating software included), CDFW used their lawyer. USFWS recommends keeping a list of people involved and possibly investing in sharing a server with *all* documents.

Next Meeting

- Need to schedule a doodle-poll for next meeting. Dates that don't work: 6/5,6/19,7/2 (all week), 5/29; 6/12 and 6/26 are good though.

Action Items

- Post workshop notes by the end of the week
- Share Track 1 outline with Core Team
- Tech tem follow-ups and notes
- Provide the goals for power and adaptive management before June 7th workshop
- Schedule a doodle-poll by the end of the week for next Core Team meeting.