

ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR REGIONAL PRE-BRIEF
CSAMP Quarterly Policy Group Meeting

Monday, November 6, 2017
Time: 11:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, Room 1131
Call-in: (800) 356-0123 Conference Code: 808493

11:30 – 12:00 Lunch (provided)

12:00 – 12:15 1. Welcome, Updates and Agenda Review (DiGennaro)

Objective: Agree on meeting agenda.

12:15 – 1:00 2. Winter-run Life Cycle Model Workshops (Marcinkevage, Danner, Harrison, Phyllis)

Objective: Provide an update on workshops to date, and solicit Policy Group input on priority management questions to address using the model.

-NMFS SWFSC engaged with multiple stakeholders; several model revisions will reflect input.
-Reclamation working on increasing stakeholder buy-in.
-CSAMP group charge is to identify what questions are policy or management priorities (regardless of whether model can be used to address them).
-Workshop group has completed management question priority exercise and review of model applicability to each.

1:00 – 1:30 3. Shasta Temperature Management Update (Yip, Rieker)

Objective: Provide an update on the Shasta Temperature Management BiOp amendment process.

-Overview of why a Shasta RPA amendment is needed.
-Comparison of what is in the current RPA, changes proposed in the amendment, and what was included in the 2017 operational study
-Summary of stakeholder engagement process (description of workshops)
-Description of science and monitoring plan

-Outstanding differences of opinion between Reclamation and NMFS:
+Definition of “flexibility:”
=NMFS: many of the proposed adjustments (e.g., storage, temperature, temperature-dependent mortality) are based on water year type with varying levels of protection
=Reclamation: the amendment hardwires operations so that there are no opportunities to adjust operations within a given season
=Resolution in the PPT: The term “flexibility” stayed in, both agencies will explain their interpretation

+Operational vs. pilot study:
=NMFS: uses the term “pilot study” in the draft proposed amendment
=Reclamation: issued an April 12 letter clarifying its commitment to conduct an operational study
=Resolution in the PPT: Study characterized as operational

1:30 – 1:45 Communications Break

1:45 – 2:15 4. Short-term Salmon Action Plan (Pool, Winternitz)

Objective: Provide an update on efforts to develop a Short-term Action Plan for Fall and Late-fall run salmon.

-No ask of CSAMP on this today. CAMT is still discussing.

-Should be worked into process with other actions (e.g., Resiliency Strategy, CVPIA)

-Pool met with NMFS this week. Key NMFS observations:

1. DCC: Issue is straying. DCC is closed more this year, will be informative. NMFS likely more supportive of DCC gate closure than an electric barrier.
2. Coleman Trucking: Generally NMFS supports releases that minimize straying. May be able to support a small study with objective that straying is not increased.
3. Upper Sac Spawning and Rearing: NMFS generally supports; aligns with recovery action.
4. Battle Creek Segregation Weir: NMFS unsure of justification for weir.
5. Coastal Terminal Fishery: Could support if proper site found and effects to other species minimized. To be discussed at Fisherman's Roundtable later in Nov.
6. Sutter Bypass Access: NMFS generally supportive.
7. Preferential CVP Export: NMFS supportive and have proposed previously.
8. Ramping Ops for Redd Dewatering: NMFS generally supportive.
9. Salvage and Hatchery Release Strategies: NMFS generally supportive of improved strategies, is in OCAP RPA.
10. Habitat Restoration: NMFS generally supportive.
11. Clear Creek Restoration: NMFS generally supportive.
12. Yuba River Restoration: NMFS generally supportive.

2:15 – 3:00 5. Fall X2 Process Discussion (DiGennaro)

Objective: Discuss lessons learned from the CSAMP engagement on Fall X2 this year.

3:00 – 4:00 6. Operations Outlook

- a. Current species status (Allen, Rea)

-Winter-run and spring-run Chinook salmon show a decline in returns this year.

- b. Storage and hydrology forecast (Leahigh, Rieker)

- c. BiOp and Delta Smelt Resiliency Strategy actions (Leahigh, Conrad)

- d. WINN Act implementation (Mooney)

Objective: Provide an outlook on 2018 water year and operations.

4:00

Adjourn