

Reinitiation of Consultation on the Long-Term Operation (ROC on LTO) of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project

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ROC on LTO is comprised of 3 concurrent tracks:

- Track 1:
 - Objectives include political win and increase in water supply
 - Assumptions:
 - No large impacts
 - Limited Scope (operational changes, no changes to upstream operations, no evaluation of “other stressors”)
 - Broad agreement and little controversy
 - 1 year (ending in December 2018) to:
 - complete NEPA (EA or “simple” EIS, but not FONSI or ROD), and
 - submit ESA consultation package [may not be separate Federal action (could be RPA amendment); targeting NLAA, but could be LAA]
 - See schedule for current status
 - Reclamation and CVP/SWP contractors provided lists of ideas for Track 1
- Track 2:
 - NOI issued on 12/29/2017
 - Objectives include maximizing water deliveries and optimizing marketable power generation
 - Assumptions:
 - Primarily qualitative analysis, benefits, and impacts using existing information
 - 18 months (ending in June 2019) to:
 - complete NEPA (EIS, but not ROD), and
 - submit ESA Biological Assessment (for programmatic formal consultation with the expectation of a “3-page BiOp”)
 - See schedule for current status
 - February 28 brainstorming workshop for ideas
- Track 3:
 - Agreements:
 - 12/29/2016 MOU
 - PWA edits to the interagency MOU, currently stalled
 - PMP: Was final, to start the interagency signature process, then PWAs request to be included in the MOU stalled it
 - “Standard” ROC on LTO process, beginning with the development of the proposed action
 - Timeline of 3-5 years
 - ROC Bands: Efforts at the division scale
 - Interagency teams for the American River, Clear Creek, and Trinity River have met.
 - Decision support papers (developed, but on hold for now): various options, with advantages and disadvantages for:
 - Duration of the consultation
 - CWF (operations) to be included or not