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Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2016 1:59 PM
To: Garwin Yip - NOAA Federal
Subject: Re: Status of Reclamation comments on RPA Adjustment Outline/Timeline

Garwin,

There wasn't a whole lot to report out on our discussion at 1pm. Jeff led the call for Reclamation. Other on the line included CVO (Liz, Randy, Katrina, note: Ron was busy at another meeting), BDO (Josh, Janice, Patty, Michelle), and Kaylee from USFWS.

Both CVO and BDO are still working on comments to outline and coordinating the comments among the various staff and offices. Instead of getting us comments by COB yesterday, they are now shooting for Tuesday morning (Monday being a holiday).

Specifically on the outline, for part 1, the background section, Reclamation thinks this should trigger some good discussion to make sure that we are on the same page and have a common understanding of the issues. On some of the statements we made, they would argue or see things differently. However that this shouldn't detract from the proposed adjustments to the RPA.

For part 2, in the research and monitoring section, invites further discussion. Jeff reiterated that in a parallel track, Reclamation is working with the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors on a science plan and that they will share with us. The SRS contractors (and perhaps Reclamation) are meeting with the SWFSC in a couple of weeks to discuss this proposed integrated science work plan. Reclamation also wants to discuss further the proposed changes to the performance measures in RPA Action 1.2.1 and again reiterated that the proposed changes to Actions 1.2.2 to 1.2.4 may be outside the scope of the NEPA analysis, which could change the schedule and process for going about this.

Jeff concluded by saying that we should have more to talk about at the next meeting with the comments back to us and that they'll be in touch.

Let me know if you have any further questions or need anything else.

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On Thu, Oct 6, 2016 at 10:23 AM, Rieker, Jeffrey <riecker@usbr.gov> wrote:
Sounds good; I'll coordinate with Brycen on logistics for today's meeting.

Thanks,
Jeff

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On Wed, Oct 5, 2016 at 10:28 PM, Garwin Yip - NOAA Federal <garwin.yip@noaa.gov> wrote:
Jeff,

Rescheduling will be difficult, and I don't want to lose another week. Brycen will be at the 1 p.m. Shasta RPA adjustments meeting. I think we should keep the meeting, even with limited participation, if not for anything else, to be able to ask clarifying questions based on Reclamation's comments.

-Garwin-

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On Wed, Oct 5, 2016 at 6:54 PM, Rieker, Jeffrey <jrieker@usbr.gov> wrote:
Garwin,

We have been heavily focused on this effort internally this week, but at this moment are continuing to refine some of our comments, and hope to have them to you very soon.

Given that it sounds like you and Brycen may be on travel and/or won't be on the SWIM call tomorrow, I wanted to check on the status of our 1:00 meeting/call. We may have some people that also might not be available, so we'd be open to rescheduling/postponing. As an alternative, we could have a shorter check-in call tomorrow to discuss status and activities. Let us know what might work best for you.

Thanks,
Jeff

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On Mon, Oct 3, 2016 at 7:59 AM, Rieker, Jeffrey <jrieker@usbr.gov> wrote:
Garwin,

We wanted to let you know that based on internal discussions and work through the end of last week, we're not going to be able to get our comments to you by the end of the day today as we had tentatively estimated at our meeting last week. We're currently targeting the end of the day Wednesday to get them to you, and then further discussing at our meeting this Thursday afternoon. We look forward to that discussion; let us know if you have questions or would like to talk before then.

Thanks,
Jeff

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