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Subject: Fwd: Concepts on RPA Adjustments process
Attachments: 11-10-2016 Shasta RPA adjustments management team meeting.docx

All - sharing with you some back and forth between me and Pablo about the Shasta RPA adjustment. I think we need to adjust our expectation that we are rolling out the RPA adjustment with out creating an opportunity for dialog with the water users and NGOs first. The roll out plan should have an initial set of meetings early week of Jan 9th to share the draft proposal, then an opportunity for truing up the proposal and reaching agreement with Reclamation, then final roll out the week of Jan 16th.
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Pablo -

Thanks for this email. Thanks for sending these earlier attachments again. I have re-read them.

I am attaching the list of metrics that the team seemed to have some agreement on November 10th. I also have Garwin's most recent notes stating an agreement to disagree on some of these items. I am trying to track the conversation and hope there is more agreement than disagreement after over a year of working on these same items. I look forward to receiving your comments on our proposal tomorrow.

I absolutely agree we should have a meeting with the water users in the next two weeks. I would appreciate being able to share this proposal and have direct dialog with them (as well as the NGOs). Here's a couple of scheduling items to respond to:

*** Could we have a meeting with Barry, David, you, me, plus Ron and Jeff on Monday Jan 9th 10 -12, or 3 - 5? Barry will be here for the CalWater Fix meeting. I'd like an opportunity to walk through this language and a presentation we are preparing for the water users, and discuss it.

*** We are holding a time on January 10th 10:30 - 11:30 with NCWA to present the proposed adjustment and seek feedback. Is this on your and Ron's calendar? I am hoping it is. I would appreciate your lead in further scheduling this meeting. I'd like to send out our draft proposal in advance of that meeting. We are planning a powerpoint to walk through it.

Would you like to take the lead on scheduling a larger South of Delta/American water users meeting later in the day on Jan 10th or 11th? I will clear my calendar. We are planning for roll-out on the 13th, but can push it to the following week if we need to make changes to the document prior to release.

As I've said many times, we see this adjustment as part of a phased approach with plenty of dialog with the water users and NGOs, and scientific community over time. I would really like your help in messaging this and making it a reality.

One thing that might be useful to clarify at our level now is the nature of the disagreement over the temperature compliance criteria, including value, averaging period and location. Your attachment says that you agree the location should be over the most downstream redd, which is an area of agreement, and supported by the science reviews. But is it your proposal to meet 56 DAT at the most downstream redd? That would be very unprotective, and I have a hard time thinking your biologists would support that. In fact, I thought we had agreement that 55 7DADM at the most downstream redd was the best metric from a biologist's viewpoint, and our disagreements were mostly about operability/compliance/and redistributed impacts in the system - - which are all legitimate and useful topics for discussion. Our proposal allows a pilot period with a couple of options to try to be responsive to those kinds of concerns. So, please understand that is our intent - - to be responsive to operations concerns and issues that have been raised in the meetings.

Regarding the larger system wide impacts of an adjustment as compared to the current RPA - that is hard to understand, given the way the current RPA allows us room to specify that the temperature compliance location has to be as far downstream as Bend Bridge, and contains seasonal planning, including a system of Keswick releases, to accomplish this. I do agree more modeling would be helpful, and have to express considerable frustration on this. We have asked for you to bring modeling resources to the table for over a year that would help us with this Section 7 process. Do you have modeling resources that would help us make this decision? I'm not aware that the current Shasta RPA has ever really been accurately modeled, and of course agree that the larger CVP/SWP long-term ops consultation is the best way to true up all the system wide effects. We are certainly open to further refinements in the proposed Shasta RPA measures, as we all engage in that larger process.

Please let me know about the meetings/next steps. I am working today, tomorrow, the 27th and 28th, and am generally available for this topic the week of Jan 3 (though need advance planning due to kids in school break).

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On Tue, Dec 20, 2016 at 3:58 PM, ARROYAVE, PABLO <parroyave@usbr.gov> wrote:

Maria: I am forwarding the document we provided to NMFS in October document to you in the context of the RPA adjustment document you sent last Thursday. We are working hard on comments and are very focused on finding common ground and ending up with an adjustment we can all live with as we work towards the larger CVP- and SWP-wide reinitiation of consultation. That said, we are very concerned about some of what we are seeing in the recent NMFS proposal. We think some of the changes could potentially lead to more far-reaching effects than we have previously analyzed, which includes effects to downstream water users and other species.

We feel the recent proposal has significant elements that, in our view, go beyond what we can reasonably expect to address in the adjustment process. We view the RPA adjustment process as an opportunity to address the short-term needs of NMFS-listed species that are reliant on Shasta operations to support portions of their life cycles. As such, we agree that this process can serve as a useful process to provide that support to those species between today and such time as the reinitiation of consultation on the coordinated long-term operation of the CVP and SWP is completed.

You will see our complete comments NLT Thursday. However, in the near future, we have to make time to allow for meaningful input from our stakeholders. We feel that rolling this out to our stakeholders concurrent with the time we conduct media events, for example, will not work. We should discuss this further as we feel a joint meeting in the next couple of weeks between Reclamation, NMFS, and our water users would be most beneficial. Absent creating this opportunity with our stakeholders, we will not be able to participate in or support a media event. Thanks, I look forward to your thoughts on next steps.

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Garwin,

Attached are our concepts on the adjustments process; our apologies again for the time it took to get this to you. Let us know if you have any questions, and we look forward to the meeting tomorrow.

Thanks,

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