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Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018 10:27 AM
To: Maria Rea - NOAA Federal
Cc: Garwin Yip; Eric Danner; Rachel Johnson - NOAA Affiliate; Charlotte Ambrose; Cathy Marcinkevage - NOAA Federal
Subject: Re: Study Info

Hi Maria,

I had a couple of thoughts about the Shasta RPA Amendment science plan (Shasta science plan) as it relates to your recent conversation with Thad and the documents he has shared with you. Mainly that I see the Shasta science plan as an opportunity to identify a collaborative process where by agencies and stakeholders can identify research and monitoring necessary to inform water operations and make funding recommendations (CAMT is proposed as one option, the IICG from the Adaptive Management Program another).

As it stands the Shasta science plan contains specific management questions related to Shasta operations but if the right implementation process is agreed upon I think the same approach could be applied to other regional science plans like the mainstem Sacramento River (SRSC concern) or more broadly to CVP/SWP operations (RoC on LTO concern). We hope to receive useful feedback on the implementation process in the recent draft of the Shasta science plan, which asks for specific comments on the subject. With review and hopefully stakeholder support, the right implementation process might also meet the needs of CDFW and the SRSC as they work on their voluntary agreements. I've heard that the SRSC want to delay that process until a science plan is established to reduce uncertainty regarding any flow concessions. lastly, Roger Cornwell's letter/email to Barry and David seemed to suggest looking at the Shasta RPA Amendment science plan as a starting point for a broader plan ("how that effort [Shasta] could expedite our collective interests in developing a broader collaborative science plan.").

Just my thoughts,
Evan

On Fri, Jan 26, 2018 at 12:52 PM, Maria Rea - NOAA Federal <maria.rea@noaa.gov> wrote:
FYI - I had a long conversation with Thad B. last night re: concerns with this proposal I talked him off a an exchange of letters, which would have been adversarial, and towards a meeting where he and I could listen to ideas on what priorities we should be working on re: our NMFS-Reclamation science plan and how to collaborate when there are scientific disagreements. I also promised I would read the Cramer piece - - which I have briefly. Not sure what to make of it.

That was the best I could do to steer this in a more productive direction - - your thoughts welcome.

- Maria

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From: **Thad Bettner** <tbettner@gcid.net>

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To: "Maria Rea - NOAA Federal" (maria.rea@noaa.gov) <maria.rea@noaa.gov>

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Hi Maria,

Thanks for the call yesterday. Here is the Science Center study and comments on the study.

As you mentioned, it would be good to have a meeting in the latter part of February to get back together, talk about the Shasta RPA Science plan and the study in relation to the plan. I talked to our folks and we are revising the letter to focus on a collaborative effort, bring up the study as one purpose as well as the Science plan for a proposed meeting in February. I will get you a copy of that as well later today.

If it stays dry, I'm guessing we may also need to be talking about 2018 operations.

Thanks again,

Thad

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